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BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 921
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike “and Middleton” and substitute “Middleton, Pinsky, and Raskin”; strike beginning with “establishing” in line 3 down through “report;” in line 8; and strike beginning with “requiring” in line 15 down through “Act;” in line 23.

On pages 1 and 2, strike beginning with “establishing” in line 29 on page 1 down through “manner;” in line 5 on page 2 and substitute “authorizing the Small, Minority, and Women-Owned Businesses Account to receive money from the Strategic Energy Investment Fund; requiring any money that the Account receives from the Fund to be used for a certain purpose; authorizing the Maryland Energy Administration to use the Strategic Energy Investment Fund for a certain purpose; requiring the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation to study the workforce development training needs for the clean energy industry in the State; requiring the Department to seek input from certain agencies and stakeholders and identify certain information; requiring the Department to report to the General Assembly on or before a certain date on certain findings and recommendations;”.

On page 2, in line 6, strike “certain terms” and substitute “a certain term”; strike in their entirety lines 9 through 18, inclusive; in line 21, strike “7-703(b)(12)” and substitute “7-703(a)(2)(iii), (b)(12)”; strike in their entirety lines 24 through 28; in line 31, strike the first comma and substitute “and”; in the same line, strike “, and 9-20B-05(f) and (i) through (l)”; after line 33, insert:

“BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – State Government

Section 9-20B-05(f)

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(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)”;

and in line 36, strike “9-20B-05(i)” and substitute “9-20B-05(f-1)”.

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On pages 3 through 5, strike beginning with line 1 on page 3 through line 10 on page 5, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 5, in line 24, after the semicolon insert “AND”.

On pages 5 and 6, strike beginning with the semicolon in line 28 on page 5 down through “**DATA**” in line 4 on page 6.

On page 6, after line 5, insert:

“(a) (2) A renewable energy portfolio standard may not apply to electricity sales at retail by any electricity supplier:

(iii) to a customer served by an electric cooperative under an electricity supplier purchase agreement that existed on October 1, 2004, until the expiration of the agreement, AS THE AGREEMENT MAY BE RENEWED OR AMENDED.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On pages 7 and 8, strike beginning with line 9 on page 7 through line 3 on page 8, inclusive.

On pages 10 and 11, strike beginning with line 28 on page 10 through line 5 on page 11, inclusive.

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On page 11, in lines 6, 8, 23, 24, 27, and 30, in each instance, strike the bracket; in lines 6, 8, 9, 23, 24, 27, and 30, strike “(B)”, “(C)”, “(I)”, “(D)”, “(D)”, “(2)”, and “(2)”, respectively; in line 8, after “(1)” insert “(I)”; in the same line, strike the colon; strike beginning with the semicolon in line 9 down through “SECTION” in line 11; and after line 11, insert:

“(II) THE ACCOUNT MAY RECEIVE MONEY FROM THE STRATEGIC ENERGY INVESTMENT FUND UNDER § 9-20B-05 OF THIS TITLE.”.

On page 12, strike in their entirety lines 3 through 20, inclusive, and substitute:

“(D) ANY MONEY RECEIVED FROM THE STRATEGIC ENERGY INVESTMENT FUND SHALL BE USED TO BENEFIT SMALL, MINORITY, AND WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESSES IN THE CLEAN ENERGY INDUSTRY IN THE STATE.”;

in lines 21 and 28, strike “(F)” and “(G)”, respectively, and substitute “(E)” and “(F)”, respectively; in line 25, strike the brackets; in the same line, strike “(D)”; and strike beginning with “EXCEPT” in line 28 down through the comma in line 30.

On page 13, in line 5, strike the brackets; in line 3, strike “(H)” and substitute “(G)”; and in line 5, strike “(D)(2)”.

On page 14, in line 30, strike the brackets; and strike in their entirety lines 31 and 32.

On page 15, strike in their entirety lines 1 through 5, inclusive; in line 6, strike the brackets; in the same line, strike “(11)”; and strike in their entirety lines 7 through 14, inclusive, and substitute:

“(F-1) THE ADMINISTRATION MAY USE THE FUND, INCLUDING MONEY THAT THE FUND RECEIVES UNDER PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION ORDER

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NUMBER 86372, TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR ACCESS TO CAPITAL FOR SMALL, MINORITY, AND WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESSES IN THE CLEAN ENERGY INDUSTRY UNDER § 9-1A-35 OF THIS TITLE.”.

On pages 15 and 16, strike beginning with line 15 on page 15 through line 9 on page 16, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 16, before line 10, insert:

“SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation shall:

(1) study the workforce development training needs for the clean energy industry in the State;

(2) in conducting the study required under item (1) of this section, seek input from:

(i) State agencies, including the Department of Budget and Management, the Department of Commerce, the Governor’s Office of Minority Affairs, the Maryland Energy Administration, and the Maryland Clean Energy Center;

(ii) clean energy industry stakeholders; and

(iii) any other persons that the Department determines appropriate;

(3) identify:

(i) existing programs that could help address the clean energy industry workforce needs;

(ii) any new program that could be developed to provide workforce development training for the clean energy workforce;

(iii) ways to advance clean energy job training and employment opportunities for:

1. individuals from economically distressed areas; and
2. disadvantaged workers who have barriers to entry into the labor force, including homelessness, prior criminal records, receipt of public assistance, unemployment with no high school education, veterans of the armed forces of the United States, and former foster care youth;

(iv) barriers to entry for small, minority, and women-owned businesses in the clean energy industry;

(v) funding ways that may be used to provide incentives for the development of clean energy workforce development training programs, including through tax credits, grants, or other forms; and

(vi) options for funding sources, including the Strategic Energy Investment Fund, money directed by Public Service Commission orders, and other sources; and

(4) on or before July 1, 2017, report, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the General Assembly its findings and any recommendations.”;

and in lines 10, 13, and 18, strike “2.”, “3.”, and “4.”, respectively, and substitute “3.”, “4.”, and “5.”, respectively.