

Chapter 133

(Senate Bill 52)

AN ACT concerning

State Government – Strategic Energy Investment Program – Reporting

FOR the purpose of altering certain planning and reporting requirements for the Strategic Energy Investment Program; repealing a certain reporting requirement; requiring a certain annual report to be provided to the Strategic Energy Investment Advisory Board; requiring certain information to be included in the annual report; and generally relating to the Strategic Energy Investment Program.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
 Article – State Government
 Section 9–20B–01(a) through (c)
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 Article – State Government
 Section 9–20B–06 and 9–20B–12
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – State Government

9–20B–01.

- (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.
- (b) “Administration” means the Maryland Energy Administration.
- (c) “Board” means the Strategic Energy Investment Advisory Board established under § 9–20B–07 of this subtitle.

9–20B–06.

- ~~(a) On or before September 1, 2009, [and every 3 years thereafter,] the Administration shall develop a plan for expenditures covering the next 3 fiscal years.~~

(A) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2019, THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL DEVELOP A PLAN FOR EXPENDITURES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020 AND A PLAN FOR EXPENDITURES COVERING THE NEXT 3 FISCAL YEARS.

(b) (1) The Administration shall hold one or more public meetings in conjunction with the development of a plan.

(2) The Administration:

(i) shall hold at least four public meetings across the State during the development of the initial plan under subsection (a) of this section, in the eastern, southern, central, and western parts of the State, respectively; and

(ii) is encouraged to solicit input from all regions of the State in developing subsequent plans under this section.

[(3) The Administration shall submit:

(i) each plan to the Board for review in a plan development year; and

(ii) a report to the Board on the implementation of the plan during years other than plan development years.]

9-20B-12.

(a) On or before January 1 of each year, the Administration shall report to the Governor, **TO THE BOARD**, and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of this article, to the General Assembly and the members of the Senate Finance Committee and the House Economic Matters Committee on the uses and expenditures of the Fund from the prior fiscal year.

(b) The report shall include:

(1) a detailed accounting of all amounts received by and disbursed from the Fund, including the amount and recipient of each grant awarded by the Administration, and identifying multiple grants awarded to the same person or the same address;

(2) all amounts used by the Administration for administrative purposes, including the funding source from which each amount was obtained;

(3) programs, projects, and activities included in each category under § 9-20B-05(g) of this subtitle;

(4) the status of programs, projects, activities, and investments implemented with funds from the Fund, including an evaluation of the impact of the

programs, projects, activities, and investments that are directed to low-income or moderate-income residential sectors or to other particular classes of ratepayers;

(5) an estimate of electricity savings from the programs, projects, activities, and investments;

(6) the number of allowances sold in each auction;

(7) the average allowance price from each auction;

(8) an estimate of revenue from future auctions;

(9) an accounting of all amounts received or disbursed by the Fund from all other sources, including money received in accordance with orders issued and settlement agreements approved by the Public Service Commission; [and]

(10) recommendations for changes to the allocation of funds under § 9-20B-05(g) of this subtitle;

(11) THE STATUS OF PROGRAMS AND EXPENDITURES IN THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR; AND

(12) POSSIBLE OR EXPECTED PROGRAM INITIATIVES AND CHANGES IN LATER YEARS.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2019.

Approved by the Governor, April 18, 2019.