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BY: Committee on Ways and Means

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 436
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in lines 2, 3, and 11 and 12, in each instance, strike “Tax Policy, Reform, and Fairness” and substitute “the Economic Future of Western Maryland”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, in line 15, strike “Tax Policy, Reform, and Fairness” and substitute “the Economic Future of Western Maryland”; in lines 17 and 19, in each instance, strike “three members” and substitute “one member”; in line 17, after “Maryland” insert “who is a member of the Western Maryland Delegation”; and in line 19, after “Delegates” insert “who is a member of the Western Maryland Delegation”.

On pages 1 and 2, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 21 on page 1 through line 11 on page 2, inclusive, and substitute:

“(3) the Secretary of Commerce, or the Secretary’s designee;

(4) the Executive Director of the Maryland Technology Development Corporation, or the Executive Director’s designee;

(5) one county elected official serving in Allegany County, Garrett County, or Washington County, appointed by the Maryland Association of Counties;

(6) one municipal elected official serving in Allegany County, Garrett County, or Washington County, appointed by the Maryland Municipal League;

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(7) a representative of Frostburg State University who has relevant experience in economics, economic development, or business, appointed by the President of Frostburg State University;

(8) a representative of the Tri-County Council for Western Maryland, appointed by the Board of Directors of the Council;

(9) one representative of the business community, appointed by the Allegany County Chamber of Commerce;

(10) one representative of the business community, appointed by the Garrett County Chamber of Commerce; and

(11) one representative of the business community, appointed by the Washington County Chamber of Commerce.”.

On page 2, in line 16, strike “Office of the Comptroller and the Department of Budget and Management” and substitute “Department of Commerce”.

On pages 2 and 3, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 23 on page 2 through line 18 on page 3, inclusive, and substitute:

“(1) study the current economic conditions of Western Maryland; and

(2) make recommendations regarding potential methods for the improvement of the economies of Allegany County, Garrett County, and Washington County, including:

(i) opportunities to expand economic activity in technology-based industry, including biotechnology, cybersecurity, energy and energy storage, transportation and logistics, and advanced manufacturing;

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(ii) opportunities to strengthen tourism-related businesses in Western Maryland; and

(iii) strategies to overcome barriers to the creation and expansion of new small businesses in Western Maryland.”.

On page 3, in line 19, strike “December” and substitute “January”; in line 23, strike “2 years” and substitute “1 year”; and in the same line, strike “2022” and substitute “2021”.