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BY: Health and Government Operations Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 1212

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, strike in their entirety lines 2 and 3 and substitute:

“Workgroup to Study Enhanced Opportunities for Socially and Economically Disadvantaged Individuals in the State”;

strike beginning with “requiring” in line 4 down through “preferences” in line 13 and substitute “establishing the Workgroup to Study Enhanced Opportunities for Socially and Economically Disadvantaged Individuals in the State; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Workgroup; prohibiting a member of the Workgroup from receiving certain compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses; requiring the Workgroup to study certain procurement preference programs, enhanced job opportunities for certain individuals, certain existing methods for enhancing opportunities for certain individuals in other states and governmental entities, certain existing research, the effect of certain additional or enhanced programs on existing State law, and certain other matters; requiring the Workgroup to report its findings and recommendations to certain persons by a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Workgroup to Study Enhanced Opportunities for Socially and Economically Disadvantaged Individuals in the State”; and strike in their entirety lines 14 through 24, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On pages 1 through 4, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 25 on page 1 through line 18 on page 4, inclusive, and substitute:

“SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That:

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(a) There is a Workgroup to Study Enhanced Opportunities for Socially and Economically Disadvantaged Individuals in the State.

(b) The Workgroup consists of the following members:

(1) one member of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of the Senate;

(2) one member of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of the House;

(3) the Secretary of General Services, or the Secretary's designee;

(4) the Secretary of Labor, or the Secretary's designee;

(5) the Secretary of Transportation, or the Secretary's designee; and

(6) the following appointed members, each of whom shall have experience with business or State contracting, and, to the extent practicable, reflect the racial, gender, and geographic diversity of the State, including:

(i) two members appointed by the President of the Senate;

(ii) two members appointed by the Speaker of the House; and

(iii) two members appointed by the Governor.

(c) The Governor shall designate the chair of the Workgroup.

(d) The Department of Legislative Services shall provide staff for the Workgroup.

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(e) A member of the Workgroup:

(1) may not receive compensation as a member of the Workgroup; but

(2) is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

(f) The Workgroup shall study:

(1) the expansion of the Minority Business Enterprise program for prime contractors and subcontractors;

(2) the establishment of a program that provides a procurement preference to entities that hire employees from economically depressed areas in the State;

(3) enhancing job opportunities for socially and economically disadvantaged individuals;

(4) what other states and governmental entities have done to enhance opportunities for socially and economically disadvantaged individuals;

(5) existing research on ways to enhance opportunities for socially and economically disadvantaged individuals;

(6) the effect that additional State programs or the enhancement of existing programs would have on existing State law;

(7) the use of the definition of “economically disadvantaged individual” in State law and its effect on State programs, including whether a new definition should be enacted; and

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(8) anything else the Workgroup considers relevant.

(g) On or before December 31, 2021, the Workgroup shall report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2021. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and 1 month and, at the end of June 30, 2022, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.”.