

SB0913/177672/1

BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 913
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 3, after “**Program**” insert “**and Study on Maryland Energy Assistance Program Eligibility**”; in line 9, after “regulations;” insert “requiring the Department to conduct a certain feasibility study for establishing automatic eligibility and approval for a household to participate in the Maryland Energy Assistance Program under certain circumstances; requiring the Department, in conducting the study, to conduct a cost–benefit analysis; requiring the Department to submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date;”; in line 10, strike “and” and substitute a comma; and in line 11, after “Program” insert “, and the Maryland Energy Assistance Program”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, after line 28, insert:

“SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(a) The Department of Human Services shall study and make recommendations on the feasibility of establishing automatic eligibility and approval for a household to participate in the Maryland Energy Assistance Program if the household is receiving or eligible to receive Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits under State and federal law.

(b) In conducting the study required under subsection (a) of this section, the Department shall conduct a cost–benefit analysis.

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

and in line 29, strike “2.” and substitute “3.”.