HOUSE BILL 1032

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A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

State Highway Administration – Highway Cleanup – Records and Reporting

FOR the purpose of requiring the State Highway Administration to keep and maintain certain records about highway cleanup on State highways; requiring the Administration to report certain records on highway cleanup under certain State–county agreements to the General Assembly by a certain date annually; requiring the Administration to publish on its website certain highway cleanup schedules and certain related information by a certain date annually; and generally relating to record keeping and reporting on highway cleanup by the State Highway Administration.

BY adding to

Article – Transportation
Section 8–638
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

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

Article – Transportation

8–638.

(A) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL KEEP AND MAINTAIN RECORDS THAT SHOW IN DETAIL ALL PROCESSES, PROCEDURES, AND EXPENDITURES MADE TO MAINTAIN CLEAN HIGHWAYS IN THE STATE IN ACCORDANCE WITH ANY AGREEMENTS WITH A COUNTY OR MULTIPLE COUNTIES, AND THAT INCLUDE:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.
(1) A statewide summary of all county and multicounty agreements that require the Administration to conduct litter removal, street cleaning, and related activity on State highways in each county;

(2) A summary of each county and multicounty agreement that includes:

   (I) A full list of all highway cleanup projects;

   (II) Costs incurred for each project;

   (III) Schedules for each project; and

   (IV) The number of Administration employees, contractors, and vehicles assigned to each project; and

(3) A full report on the Administration’s highway cleanup processes, including:

   (I) The process by which highway cleanup sites in each county are selected and the assets are provided to conduct the cleanup;

   (II) Information on how the Administration selects the order in which highways are to be cleaned;

   (III) Information on how resources are allocated on both a county and statewide basis, to determine which highway cleanup sites and counties have received priority status;

   (IV) A summary of all highway cleanup rules, regulations, and procedures for the following:

       1. Litter removal;

       2. Landscaping, mowing, and related efforts;

       3. Street sweeping and ditch or culvert cleaning; and

       4. Winter operations, including snow removal, anti-icing efforts, and road salt dispersion;
(V) 1. A. A DESCRIPTION OF THE PROCESSES AND DUTIES OF THE ADMINISTRATION’S OFFICE OF MAINTENANCE, DIVISION OF HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE – MAINTENANCE OPERATIONS; AND

B. A SUMMARY OF THE OFFICE’S OVERSIGHT OF LITTER CONTROL PROGRAMS; AND

2. A SUMMARY OF HOW THE OFFICE’S CURRENT PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT, RESOURCE ANALYSIS, AND SURVEY RESOURCES MAY BE USED TO:

A. INFORM AND IMPROVE HIGHWAY CLEANUP EFFORTS;

B. INCREASE TRANSPARENCY FOR HIGHWAY CLEANUP PROJECTS; AND

C. ENSURE THAT EACH COUNTY IS RECEIVING AN EQUITABLE LEVEL OF HIGHWAY CLEANUP RESOURCES; AND

(vi) ALL INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON POSTCLEANUP PROCESSES, INCLUDING HOW THE ADMINISTRATION DETERMINES WHETHER A CLEANUP PROJECT IS COMPLETE.

(B) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2022, AND EACH DECEMBER 31 THEREAFTER, THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL PUBLISH ON ITS WEBSITE BY COUNTY:

(1) A FULL LIST OF EXISTING AND SCHEDULED HIGHWAY CLEANUP PROJECTS; AND

(2) ALL HIGHWAY CLEANUP SCHEDULES AND NOTICES.

(C) ON OR BEFORE FEBRUARY 1, 2023, AND EACH FEBRUARY 1 THEREAFTER, THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2–1257 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THE RECORDS REQUIRED TO BE KEPT UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION FOR THE PREVIOUS CALENDAR YEAR.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2022.