

**HB0124/813824/1**

BY: Health and Government Operations Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 124  
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, after “Speaker” insert “and Delegates Alston, Bagnall, Bhandari, Cullison, Guzzone, Hill, S. Johnson, Kaiser, Kerr, R. Lewis, Lopez, Martinez, Pena–Melnyk, Rosenberg, Taveras, White, and Woods”.

On page 2, in line 12, strike “7–212(c)(1) and (3),”; in line 13, strike “24–703.1(a)” and substitute “24–703.1”; and after line 25, insert:

“BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Environment

Section 2–1304

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2013 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Environment

Section 9–204(n)(5), 9–1605.2(j)(6)(ix) and (k)(1) and (3), 9–1702(e), 9–1702.1(b),  
and 9–1724.1(e)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2014 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Environment

Section 9–1605.2(h)(9)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2014 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)”.

On page 3, after line 5, insert:

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“BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article - Public Safety  
Section 1-307(b)(3)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2022 Replacement Volume)”;

and after line 10, insert:

“BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article - Real Property  
Section 8-907  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)”.

On page 4, after line 36, insert:

“BY repealing  
Chapter 80 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2014  
Section 3”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On pages 8 and 9, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 17 on page 8 through line 4 on page 9, inclusive.

On page 11, in lines 8 and 24, in each instance, strike the brackets; in lines 8 and 9, strike “**MARYLAND LONGITUDINAL DATA SYSTEM CENTER**”; and in lines 24 and 25, strike “**MARYLAND LONGITUDINAL DATA SYSTEM CENTER**”.

On pages 11 and 12, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 27 on page 11 through line 3 on page 12, inclusive.

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On page 12, strike beginning with “alter” in line 5 down through “requirement” in line 7 and substitute “repeal the requirement that the Maryland Higher Education Commission compile, submit, and publish the reports compiled under this subsection, as the Maryland Longitudinal Data System Center advises this report duplicates an existing reporting requirement while retaining the Maryland Higher Education Commission’s role in collecting this data from the institutions of higher education”.

On page 13, in line 13, after “(a)” insert “**(1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.**”

**(2) “FOSTER CARE RECIPIENT” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 15-106.1 OF THIS ARTICLE.**

**(3) “HOMELESS YOUTH” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 15-106.1 OF THIS ARTICLE.**

**(B)**”;

after line 24, insert:

**“(b) (1) The Center, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE COMMISSION, shall develop a clear and easy-to-understand graphic data dashboard that is published annually on the Center’s website with information[, disaggregated by county,] regarding the experience of [former children in out-of-home placements] FOSTER CARE RECIPIENTS AND HOMELESS YOUTH and how out-of-home placement affected participation in higher education.**

**(2) THE INFORMATION IN THE DATA DASHBOARD UNDER THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE DISAGGREGATED BY THE COUNTY, AGE, RACE, AND ETHNICITY OF THE FOSTER CARE RECIPIENTS AND HOMELESS YOUTH.**

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[(2)] (3) The data dashboard required under this subsection shall include information on:

(i) The rate of enrollment in institutions of higher education by placement;

(ii) The type of institution of higher education in which [children in out-of-home placements] **FOSTER CARE RECIPIENTS AND HOMELESS YOUTH** are enrolled;

(iii) The type of financial support provided to [children in out-of-home placements] **FOSTER CARE RECIPIENTS AND HOMELESS YOUTH** enrolled in an institution of higher education, **INCLUDING THE NUMBER THAT:**

1. **RECEIVED A TUITION EXEMPTION DURING THE PREVIOUS ACADEMIC YEAR; AND**

2. **PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED A TUITION EXEMPTION AT ANY POINT DURING THEIR ENROLLMENT AT THE INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION BUT DID NOT RECEIVE THE TUITION DURING THE PREVIOUS ACADEMIC YEAR; and**

(iv) The graduation rate for [children in out-of-home placements] **FOSTER CARE RECIPIENTS AND HOMELESS YOUTH** from institutions of higher education.

[(3)] (4) On or before December 15, 2021, and each December 15 thereafter, the Center shall send to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly a copy of the data dashboard published under this subsection, as the dashboard appeared on the date it is sent.”;

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in line 26, strike “This” and substitute “The”; in the same line, after “requirement” insert “in the former subsection (a) of this section”; and in line 28, after “sufficient.” insert “The reporting requirement in former subsection (b) of this section is updated to combine duplicative reporting requirements required of the Maryland Higher Education Commission under § 15–106.1 of the Education Article and the Maryland Longitudinal Data System Center under this section.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 14, after line 6, insert:

**“Article – Environment**

2–1304.

(a) On or before [November] DECEMBER 15 of each year, the Commission shall report to the Governor and General Assembly, in accordance with § 2–1257 of the State Government Article, on the status of the State’s efforts to mitigate the causes of, prepare for, and adapt to the consequences of climate change, including future plans and recommendations for legislation, if any, to be considered by the General Assembly.

(b) The report due on or before [November] DECEMBER 15, 2023, and each subsequent report shall include an analysis, prepared by the Department, of:

(1) The total amount of State money spent on measures to reduce greenhouse gases and, to the extent practicable, co–pollutants, during the immediately preceding fiscal year; and

(2) The percentage of that funding that benefited disproportionately affected communities identified according to the methodology adopted by the Department under § 1–702 of this article.

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(n) (5) [Beginning September 1, 2000] ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31 EACH YEAR, the Department shall [annually] submit, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government Article, a report of the activities undertaken and the progress made in accordance with this section to:

(i) The House Environmental Matters Committee; and

(ii) The Senate Education, [Health] ENERGY, and [Environmental Affairs] THE ENVIRONMENT Committee.

9-1605.2.

(h) (9) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31 EACH YEAR, THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1257 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, TO THE HOUSE ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS COMMITTEE AND THE SENATE EDUCATION, ENERGY, AND THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE ON:

(I) EACH PROJECT FUNDED UNDER PARAGRAPH (5)(IV)2 OF THIS SUBSECTION; AND

(II) A SUMMARY OF ANY IMPACTS THAT THE FUNDING USED FOR THESE PROJECTS HAD ON OVERALL FUNDING FOR UPGRADING INDIVIDUAL ON-SITE SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEMS WITH BEST AVAILABLE TECHNOLOGY FOR NITROGEN REMOVAL.

(i) (6) The Committee shall:

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(ix) [Beginning January 1, 2006, and every year thereafter] ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31 EACH YEAR, report to the Governor and, subject to § 2–1257 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly on its findings and recommendations.

(k) (1) [Each] ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31 EACH year, the Department and the Department of Planning shall jointly report on:

(i) The impact that a wastewater treatment facility that was upgraded to enhanced nutrient removal during the calendar year before the previous calendar year with funds from the Bay Restoration Fund had on growth within the municipality or county in which the wastewater treatment facility is located; and

(ii) Each privately owned wastewater facility to which the Department provided funding under subsection (i)(12) of this section in the immediately preceding 12 months and the reasons for providing the funding.

(3) The Department and the Department of Planning shall submit the report required under paragraph (1) of this subsection to the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House, the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee, the Senate Education, [Health] ENERGY, and [Environmental Affairs] THE ENVIRONMENT Committee, the House Appropriations Committee, the House Environment and Transportation Committee, and the Governor, in accordance with § 2–1257 of the State Government Article.

9–1702.

(e) [Beginning on January 1, 1990] ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2024, and [biannually] EVERY 2 YEARS thereafter, the Office shall, in coordination with the Maryland Environmental Service, study and report to the Governor and, subject to § 2–1257 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly on:

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(1) The identification and location of recycling centers, including an analysis of existing recycling centers and the need to expand these facilities or construct new recycling centers;

(2) Programs necessary to educate the public on the need to participate in recycling efforts;

(3) The economics and financing of existing and proposed systems of waste disposal and recycling;

(4) State procurement policies for the purchase of recycled materials;

(5) Programs necessary to reduce the amount of solid waste generated for disposal by a State agency or unit;

(6) The liaison role with local governments, the federal government, and the private sector;

(7) The percentage reduction in the amount of solid waste that has been achieved by each county; and

(8) Economically feasible methods for the recycling of scrap automobile tires, batteries, and white goods.

9-1702.1.

(b) On or before [September 1] **DECEMBER 31 EACH YEAR, BEGINNING IN 2022,** [and each September 1 thereafter,] the annual Maryland solid waste management and diversion report required under § 9-204(n) of this title shall include the activities conducted under this section.



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9-1724.1.

(e) On or before December [1] 31 EACH YEAR, BEGINNING IN 2023, [and each December 1 thereafter,] the Department shall report to the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government Article, on the implementation of this section, including the impacts on waste diversion in the State.”.

On page 26, after line 4, insert:

**“Chapter 80 of the Acts of 2014**

[SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That beginning December 1, 2015, the Department of the Environment shall submit a report each year, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the House Environmental Matters Committee and the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee, on:

(1) each project funded under § 9-1605.2(h)(5)(iv)2 of the Environment Article, as enacted by Section 1 of this Act; and

(2) a summary of any impacts that the funding used for these projects had on overall funding for upgrading individual on-site sewage disposal systems with best available technology for nitrogen removal.]”.

**AMENDMENT NO. 4**

On page 17, after line 9, insert:

“1-307.

(b) The report submitted under subsection (a) of this section shall provide the following information:

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(3) for the annual reports submitted in [2022] 2023 through [2027] 2028:

(i) an update on the progress of each county in transitioning to next generation 9-1-1 technology, including compliance with cybersecurity standards and meeting goals of interoperability and geographic information system mapping integration;

(ii) the following personnel information for each county public safety answering point:

1. staffing and vacancy levels;
2. a summary of the county's efforts to find, hire, and retain qualified personnel;
3. an update on training of public safety answering point personnel under § 1-306 of this subtitle; and
4. incidence of workers' compensation claims by public safety answering point personnel;

(iii) an update on audits conducted by the Comptroller of fee collection and remittances, including whether fees collected are sufficient to cover each county's operational costs for the 9-1-1 system and any measures recommended or implemented to address cost shortages;

(iv) annual incidents of unnecessary requests for emergency services made to 9-1-1 for the purpose of dispatching an unneeded emergency response and any resulting bodily harm or death;

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(v) incidence and interval data relating to 9-1-1 outages or the absence of 9-1-1 specialists to receive requests for emergency services; and

(vi) an update on integration of the 9-1-1 system with 9-8-8 and 2-1-1 and the impact on 9-1-1 operations and capacity.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 17, after line 25, insert:

**“Article – Real Property**

8-907.

On or before August 31 each year, MSLC shall report to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly:

(1) The number of covered individuals provided legal representation during the previous [calendar] FISCAL year;

(2) Information on and metrics evaluating case outcomes; and

(3) A summary of the engagement and education of tenants.”.