

HB0541/463621/1

BY: Health and Government Operations Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 541

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, at the top of the page, insert “EMERGENCY BILL”; and in the sponsor line, strike “**and Woods**” and substitute “**Woods, Alston, Bhandari, Cullison, S. Johnson, Kaiser, Kerr, Lopez, Martinez, Pena–Melnyk, Ross, Taveras, White Holland, and Woorman**”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 9, in line 8, strike “January 1, 2026” and substitute “July 1, 2025”; in line 14, strike the second comma and substitute “:

(a) On or before January 1, 2027, the Department of Commerce shall report to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government Article, on the following information for fiscal year 2026:

(1) the number of nonprofit organizations that received technical assistance from the navigator in accordance with Section 1 of this Act;

(2) the total number of grant applications completed and submitted by nonprofit organizations in the State as a result of receiving technical assistance from the navigator in accordance with Section 1 of this Act;

(3) the total amount of grant funds awarded to nonprofit organizations in the State as a result of receiving technical assistance from the navigator in accordance with Section 1 of this Act; and

(4) any findings and recommendations of the Department regarding the implementation of Section 1 of this Act.

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(b) The Department shall collect sufficient information from the nonprofit organizations that receive technical assistance in accordance with Section 1 of this Act to complete the report required under subsection (a) of this section.

SECTION 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That,";

and in line 15, strike "shall take effect July 1, 2025" and substitute "is an emergency measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety, has been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is enacted. It shall remain effective through June 30, 2027, and, at the end of June 30, 2027, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect".