HOUSE BILL 855

P1, F2, C8 5lr2790 By: Delegate Hill Introduced and read first time: January 30, 2025 Assigned to: Health and Government Operations Committee Report: Favorable House action: Adopted Read second time: March 1, 2025 CHAPTER AN ACT concerning Workgroup on Establishing a Science and Technology Best Practices and **Innovation Network - Alterations** FOR the purpose of altering the membership of the Workgroup on Establishing a Science and Technology Best Practices and Innovation Network; extending the Workgroup; and generally relating to the Workgroup on Establishing a Science and Technology Best Practices and Innovation Network. BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, Chapter 448 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2024 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows: Chapter 448 of the Acts of 2024 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That: There is a Workgroup on Establishing a Science and Technology Best Practices and Innovation Network.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

The Workgroup consists of the following members:

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

<u>Underlining</u> indicates amendments to bill.

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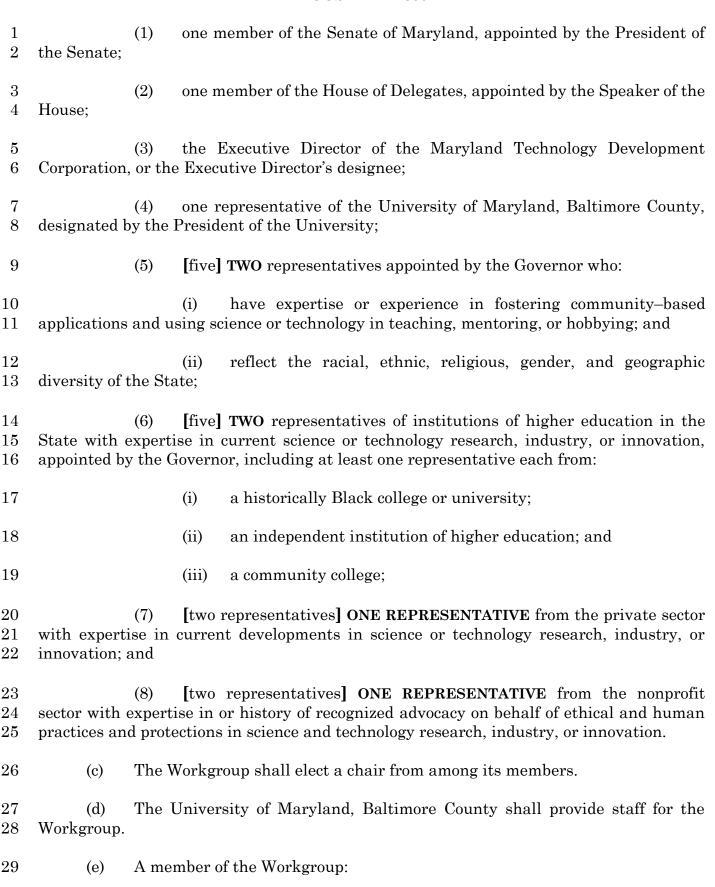
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Strike out indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.

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

- 1 (2)is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State 2 Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget. 3 (f) The Workgroup shall: 4 identify and analyze options for establishing and maintaining an open access science, technology, and innovation network or hub of citizen scientists and experts 5 in science, technology, and industry to: 6 7 facilitate noninstitutional voluntary collaboration; (i) 8 (ii) facilitate the open exchange of ideas and nonproprietary state-of-the-art and evidence-based data and information; and 9 10 (iii) promote solution development and decision making based on 11 sound science, innovation, and best practices; 12 (2) identify and evaluate methods for: 13 (i) establishing a digital or virtual referral network of experts in 14 science, technology, and industry, including expansion of existing entities and networks; 15 (ii) registering expert participants; and 16 making network expertise available to the public; and (iii) 17 make recommendations regarding the establishment of a science and (3)18 technology best practices and innovation network. 19 On or before December 1, [2024] **2026**, the Workgroup shall report its findings (g) 20 and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State 21Government Article, the General Assembly. 22SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 23 1, 2024. It shall remain effective for a period of [1 year] 3 YEARS and 1 month and, at the 24end of June 30, [2025] 2027, this Act, with no further action required by the General 25Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.
- SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2025.