

SENATE BILL 654

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By: **Senator Rosapepe**

Introduced and read first time: January 25, 2025

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission – Raw Water Pipeline Project –**
3 **Audit**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission to retain
5 and consult with an independent third-party auditor to conduct an audit of a certain
6 raw water pipeline project; requiring the auditor to consult with the Office of
7 Legislative Audits in conducting the audit; and generally relating to audits of
8 Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission projects.

9 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
10 That:

11 (a) The Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission shall retain and consult
12 with an independent third-party auditor to conduct an audit of the Commission's raw water
13 pipeline project, Contract No. BF1582E91, that extends from the Rocky Gorge Pumping
14 Station on Brooklyn Bridge Road to the Patuxent Water Filtration Plant on Sandy Spring
15 Road.

16 (b) In conducting the audit, the third-party auditor shall be required to consult
17 with the Office of Legislative Audits.

18 (c) The audit shall provide:

19 (1) a detailed timeline of the project;

20 (2) the reasons why the project has been delayed past its completion date
21 of March 2023;

22 (3) a detailed accounting of the costs associated with the project; and

23 (4) any other items recommended by the Office of Legislative Audits.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That on or before October 1, 2026,
2 the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission shall report the findings of the audit to
3 the Senate Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee and the House Economic
4 Matters Committee, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government Article.

5 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
6 October 1, 2025. It shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and, at the end of September
7 30, 2027, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be
8 abrogated and of no further force and effect.