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Senate Bill 153 (Senator Simonaire)
Education, Energy, and the Environment

**Senate Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee and House
Environment and Transportation Committee - Code References - Revisions**

This bill alters terminology throughout the Maryland Annotated Code to reflect (1) the renaming of the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee to be the Senate Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment, and (2) the renaming of the House Environmental Matters Committee to be the House Environment and Transportation Committee. The bill also clarifies which standing committees of the General Assembly must receive specified reports and assign members to a specified oversight committee by reflecting the changes in subject matter jurisdiction for the Senate Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment and the Senate Finance Committee.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The bill is technical in nature and has no effect on governmental operations or finances.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: Both the House of Delegates and the Senate of the Maryland General Assembly may establish standing committees under the rules of their respective chambers. Generally, each standing committee oversees potential legislation and issue

areas based on specified subject matter. In addition, each chamber may reorganize their respective standing committees and the issue areas each standing committee oversees.

The Senate Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (commonly known as EEE) was reorganized and renamed in December 2022 from the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee. As part of this reorganization, all health matters previously overseen by EEE were transferred to the Senate Finance Committee. The House Environment and Transportation Committee was reorganized and renamed at the start of the 2015 legislative session from the Environmental Matters Committee.

Additional Information

Recent Prior Introductions: Similar legislation has not been introduced within the last three years.

Designated Cross File: None.

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