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BY: Budget and Taxation Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 459
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike “**Senator Rosapepe**” and substitute “**Senators Rosapepe, Augustine, Guzzone, Hettleman, King, Lewis Young, McCray, and Zucker**”; in line 2, strike “**Local**” and substitute “**Maryland**”; in line 3, strike “**Newspapers**” and substitute “**News**”; in line 5, strike “print and digital”; in line 6, after “organizations;” insert “**authorizing a unit of State government to consult with a certain organization under certain circumstances;**”; and in lines 6 and 7, in each instance, strike “local” and substitute “**Maryland**”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, in line 17, strike “**LOCAL**” and substitute “**MARYLAND**”.

On page 2, in line 11, strike “**LOCAL**” and substitute “**MARYLAND**”; in line 22, strike “**AND**”; in line 24, strike the comma and substitute “**AND IS NOT AN ENTITY DESCRIBED IN ITEM (III) OR (IV) OF THIS PARAGRAPH:**

1.”;

in line 25, strike “**LOCAL OR STATE**” and substitute “**MARYLAND**”; in line 26, after “**SERVICE**” insert “**; OR**

2. HAS RECEIVED A COMMUNITY SERVICE GRANT FROM THE CORPORATION FOR PUBLIC BROADCASTING PRIOR TO 2026; AND

(VII) AN ENTITY THAT:

1. IS A BROADCAST STATION AS DEFINED UNDER SECTION 3 OF THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1934; AND

2. HAS A COMMUNITY LICENSE IN MARYLAND ASSIGNED BY THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION;

and in line 27, strike “LOCAL” and substitute “MARYLAND”.

On page 3, in line 6, strike “TO BE PUBLISHED OR BROADCAST” and substitute “WITH THE PRIMARY AUDIENCE FOCUS”; in the same line, after “OUTSIDE” insert “OF”; in lines 6 and 12, in each instance, strike “PRINT OR DIGITAL”; in line 8, strike “OR”; in line 9, after “RECRUITMENT” insert “; OR”

(3) ECONOMIC INVESTMENT;

in line 10, after “(C)” insert “(1)”; in line 12, strike “LOCAL” and substitute “MARYLAND”; and after line 13, insert:

“(2) A UNIT SHALL PRIORITIZE THE USE OF MARYLAND NEWS ORGANIZATIONS THAT HAVE A PRIMARY MISSION OF REPORTING ON AND SERVING UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES IN MARYLAND.

(D) A UNIT MAY CONSULT WITH A THIRD-PARTY NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION TO PREPARE AND MAINTAIN A LIST OF ELIGIBLE LOCAL NEWS ORGANIZATIONS UNDER THIS SECTION.”.