

# HOUSE BILL 937

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Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Workgroup to Study Youth Camp and RV Park Emergency Preparedness –**  
3 **Established**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing the Workgroup to Study Youth Camp and RV Park  
5 Emergency Preparedness; and generally relating to the Workgroup to Study Youth  
6 Camp and RV Park Emergency Preparedness.

7 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
8 That:

9 (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

10 (2) “RV park” means a designated area with sites for temporary overnight  
11 or seasonal use of:

12 (i) a camping trailer as defined in § 11–106 of the Transportation  
13 Article; or

14 (ii) a park model recreation vehicle as defined in § 11–144.1 of the  
15 Transportation Article.

16 (3) “Youth camp” has the meaning stated in COMAR 10.16.06.02.

17 (b) There is a Workgroup to Study Youth Camp and RV Park Emergency  
18 Preparedness.

19 (c) The Workgroup consists of the following members:

20 (1) one member of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of  
21 the Senate;

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1                   (2)     one member of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of the  
2 House;

3                   (3)     the Secretary of the Environment, or the Secretary's designee;

4                   (4)     the Secretary of Health, or the Secretary's designee;

5                   (5)     the Secretary of Emergency Management, or the Secretary's designee;

6                   (6)     the State Fire Marshal;

7                   (7)     one representative of the Youth Camp Safety Advisory Council; and

8                   (8)     the following members, appointed by the Governor:

9                           (i)     two representatives who are actively engaged in the ownership  
10 or management of a youth camp; and

11                           (ii)    two representatives who are actively engaged in the ownership  
12 or management of an RV park.

13           (d)     The Governor, in coordination with the President of the Senate and the  
14 Speaker of the House, shall designate the chair of the Workgroup.

15           (e)     The Department of the Environment shall provide staff for the Workgroup.

16           (f)     A member of the Workgroup:

17                   (1)     may not receive compensation as a member of the Workgroup; but

18                   (2)     is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State  
19 Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

20           (g)     (1)     The Workgroup shall:

21                           (i)     if applicable, study model local emergency preparedness policies  
22 in the State for youth camps and RV parks;

23                           (ii)    review recently enacted legislation in other states that addresses  
24 emergency preparedness policies for youth camps and RV parks, including in California  
25 and Texas;

26                           (iii)   create an inventory, disaggregated by county, of all youth camps  
27 and RV parks in the State; and

1 (iv) make recommendations regarding potential legislation to  
2 address statewide emergency preparedness policies for youth camps and RV parks.

3 (2) In creating the inventory required under paragraph (1)(iii) of this  
4 subsection, the Workgroup shall seek input from county and other local governments,  
5 tourism agencies, and entities responsible for permitting youth camps and RV parks in the  
6 State.

7 (h) On or before December 31, 2027, the Workgroup shall report its findings and  
8 recommendations to the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State  
9 Government Article.

10 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
11 October 1, 2026. It shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and, at the end of September  
12 30, 2028, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be  
13 abrogated and of no further force and effect.