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**BILL NO.:**            **HB 836**

**TITLE:**                Sewage Treatment Plants - Effluent Discharges - Impacts on  
Midge Populations

**SPONSOR:**          Delegate Grammer

**COMMITTEE:**        Environment and Transportation

**POSITION:**         **SUPPORTS**

**DATE:**                February 26, 2020

Baltimore County **SUPPORTS** HB 836 – Sewage Treatment Plants - Effluent Discharges - Impacts on Midge Populations. This legislation would require the Department of the Environment to monitor effluent discharged from sewage treatment plants to evaluate its impact on midge populations nearby.

Baltimore County has begun implementation of massive overhauls to our sewage facilities and wastewater treatment plants. The renovations range from infrastructural improvements to developing and executing total maximum daily load (TMDL) implementation plans to improve the quality of the water discharged by our plants. Southeastern Baltimore County’s waterfront communities have been plagued by nuisance midges, a species that multiplies quickly and negatively impacts the quality of life for any resident living near the water.

This bill would further Baltimore County’s environmental policy objectives by monitoring effluent from wastewater treatment plants, which can contain nutrients that aid the midge’s population growth, and would provide vital information to develop and execute the County’s TMDL implementation plans.

Accordingly, Baltimore County requests a **FAVORABLE** report on HB 836. For more information, please contact Chuck Conner, Chief Legislative Officer, at 443-900-6582.