

HB161 implements recommendations of the State Transparency and Accountability Reform (STAR) Commission, a bipartisan commission convened in 2021 to review and investigate the operations and structures of quasi-governmental agencies in Maryland. The commission recommended that all quasi-governmental agencies receive a sunset review periodically, approximately once every eight years, as a matter of routine. The Northeast Maryland Waste Disposal Authority, one of the quasi-governmental agencies the Commission reviewed, was specifically named in Appendix E of the commission's report as deserving further consideration by the legislature.

HB161 fulfills the STAR Commission's recommendations by directing the Department of Legislative Services to conduct a review of the Waste Disposal Authority and return data and recommendations to the legislature regarding its future.