



**The Maryland Department of the Environment  
Secretary Serena McIlwain**

***House Bill 937***

***Workgroup to Study Youth Camp and RV Park Emergency Preparedness Natural Resources -  
Riverine Siting and Design Criteria - Requirements***

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The Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) offers the following **INFORMATIONAL** testimony on HB 937.

**Bill Summary**

House Bill 937 creates a Workgroup to Study Youth Camp and RV Park Emergency Preparedness. MDE would staff the Workgroup. The Workgroup would: (1) if applicable, study model local emergency preparedness policies in the State for youth camps and RV parks; (2) review recently enacted legislation in other states that addresses emergency preparedness for youth camps and RV parks; (3) create an inventory of all youth camps and RV parks in the State; (4) make recommendations regarding potential legislation to address statewide emergency preparedness policies for youth camps and RV parks. The Workgroup will report its findings and recommendations to the Maryland General Assembly by December 31, 2027.

**Key Points**

MDE staff lack the technical expertise to support the Workgroup and do not have the regulatory authority to oversee youth camps or RV parks. The bill primarily deals with emergency management, youth camps, and RV parks - none of which are within MDE's scope of expertise. Aside from these jurisdictional and staffing concerns, MDE has no objections to the bill.

MDE appreciates the opportunity to offer this **INFORMATIONAL** testimony for HB 937 and is available for questions.