



2020 General Assembly Session

Bills of Interest

As of February 14, 2020

SENATE BILLS

**SB 414**

Senators Kramer and Carter

**STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT – CHESAPEAKE BAY WATERSHED STATES – EXPENSES AND CONTRACTS (QUIT POLLUTING MY BAY ACT OF 2020)**

Requiring the Standard State Travel Regulations to prohibit the reimbursement for travel expenses to a certain state for which the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has identified two or more pollution source sectors at a backstop actions level of oversight; prohibiting a public body from awarding a certain procurement contract to a business from a state for which the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has identified two or more pollution source sectors at a backstop actions level of oversight under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

SF, § 10-203 - amended and §§ 17-901 and 17-902 - added

Committee: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Bill Hearing: Thursday, 3/5 at 1:00 p.m.

Position: recommend **No Position**

**SB 495** / HB 1035

Senators Eckardt, Hough and Young

**BAY RESTORATION FUND – USE OF FUNDS – MUNICIPAL WASTEWATER FACILITIES**

Expanding the authorized uses of the Bay Restoration Fund to include certain costs associated with the connection of a property using an on-site sewage disposal system to an existing municipal wastewater facility that has signed a funding agreement with the Department of the Environment and is under construction to achieve enhanced nutrient removal or biological nutrient removal level treatment; specifying that these costs may be provided only if certain conditions are met; terminating the Act after September 30, 2024; etc.

Effective Date: October 1, 2020

EN, § 9-1605.2(h)(2) and (5) - amended

[Fiscal and Policy Note](#) re SB 495

Committee: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Bill Hearing: Tuesday, 2/11 at 1:00 p.m. (view committee hearing [here](#))

Position: Recommend **SUPPORT**



[SB 955](#) / HB 1465

Senator Hershey, et al (Bailey, Beidle, Carozza, Eckardt, Edwards, Elfreth, Gallion, Hester, Jennings, Kramer, Lam, Lee, Ready, Salling, Washington and West)

**FEDERAL CLEAN WATER ACT – AUTHORITY OF STATE**

Prohibiting the State from entering into an agreement that waives the State’s authority under § 401 of the federal Clean Water Act as part of exercising the State’s authority and carrying out the State’s duties under the federal Clean Water Act and State law, including the State’s authority and duties related to the federal relicensing of the Conowingo Dam.

EMERGENCY BILL (effective upon passage and Governor’s approval; must pass by a 3/5 majority vote in each chamber)

EN, § 9-353 - added

Committee: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Bill Hearing: 2/19 at 1:00 p.m.

Position: **SUPPORT** (as means of leverage for State of Maryland re Conowingo factor)

HOUSE BILLS

[HB 1035](#) / SB 495

Delegates Adams, Anderton and Stein

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[Fiscal and Policy Note](#) re SB 1035

Committee: Environment and Transportation

Bill Hearing: Friday, 2/28 at 1:00 p.m.

Position: Recommend **SUPPORT**



**HB 1465** / SB 955

Delegate Jacobs, et al (Stewart, Acevero, Adams, Anderton, Arentz, Arian, Boteler, Boyce, Buckel, Carr, Charkoudian, Ciliberti, Clark, Corderman, Fraser-Hidalgo, Ghris, Grammer, Hartman, Healey, Hornberger, Kelly, Kipke, Korman, Krebs, Lehman, R. Lewis, Long, Mautz, McComas, McKay, Metsgar, Mon, Otto, Reilly, Rogers, Ruth, Saab, Szeliga, Terrasa, Valentino-Smith, Wilkens and Wivell)

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Committee: Environment and Transportation

Bill Hearing: Wednesday, 3/4 at 1:00 pm

Position: **SUPPORT** (as means of leverage for State of Maryland re Conowingo factor)