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Third Reader

House Bill 578
Economic Matters

(Delegate D.E. Davis)

Finance

Public Utilities - Annual Reports

This bill delays the due dates for specified annual reports required of the Public Service Commission (PSC) and the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD). The delays range from one to two months. The contents of the reports are unchanged. **The bill takes effect June 1, 2021.**

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The bill is administrative in nature and does not materially affect State finances or operations.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: PSC is required to submit various reports to the General Assembly, many on an annual basis. Those affected by the bill are (1) PSC's general annual status report; (2) a report on energy efficiency (in consultation with the Maryland Energy Administration); and (3) a report on the Electric Universal Service Program (EUSP), which includes information from the Office of Home Energy Programs in the Department of Human Services. DHCD likewise has various annual reporting requirements, including the report affected by the bill related to low-income residential weatherization. However, that reporting requirement can be satisfied by DHCD requesting that PSC include the required information as part of its EUSP report and providing the information to PSC.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Designated Cross File: SB 428 (Senator Kelley) - Finance.

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