

SB0026/703824/1

BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 26
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike “**Senator Augustine**” and substitute “**Senators Augustine and Hester**”; in line 3, strike “**and Social Services Programs – Eligibility and Enrollment**” and substitute “**and Workgroup on Low-Income Utility Assistance**”; strike beginning with “requiring” in line 7 down through “program;” in line 11 and substitute “requiring the Workgroup on Low-Income Utility Assistance to submit a final report to certain committees of the General Assembly on or before a certain date with certain recommendations;”; in line 12, strike “eligibility for and enrollment in”; in line 13, strike “and social services programs” and substitute “the Maryland Children’s Health Program, and the Workgroup on Low-Income Utility Assistance”; and strike in their entirety lines 24 through 27, inclusive.

On page 2, strike in their entirety lines 1 through 11, inclusive; and after line 11, insert:

“BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Chapter 638 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2021
Section 3(a)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Chapter 638 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2021
Section 3(g)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Chapter 639 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2021
Section 3(a)

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BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
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Section 3(g)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in line 29, strike “A WAIVER” and substitute “ONE OR MORE WAIVERS”; and in line 33, after “PROGRAM” insert “, PROVIDED THAT THE DEPARTMENT MAY PROPOSE OR IMPLEMENT THE USE OF EXPRESS LANE ELIGIBILITY FOR RENEWALS BEFORE PROPOSING OR IMPLEMENTING THE USE OF EXPRESS LANE ELIGIBILITY FOR INITIAL ENROLLMENT”.

On pages 3 through 5, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 1 on page 3 through line 6 on page 5, inclusive.

On page 5, after line 6, insert:

“Chapter 638 of the Acts of 2021

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(a) There is a Workgroup on Low–Income Utility Assistance.

(g) **(1)** The Workgroup shall submit [a] AN INITIAL report of the study, findings, and recommendations, including recommended legislation and regulatory changes, to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Economic Matters Committee, in accordance with § 2–1257 of the State Government Article, on or before January 1, 2022.

(2) THE WORKGROUP SHALL SUBMIT A FINAL REPORT OF THE STUDY, FINDINGS, AND RECOMMENDATIONS, INCLUDING RECOMMENDED LEGISLATION AND REGULATORY CHANGES, TO THE SENATE FINANCE

COMMITTEE AND THE HOUSE ECONOMIC MATTERS COMMITTEE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1257 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2024.

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