

HB0826/243426/1

BY: Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 826
(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 3, before “**Interdepartmental**” insert “**Repeal of**”; in line 4, strike “- **Repeal and Definitions**” and substitute “**and Establishment of the Governor’s Subcabinet on Socioeconomic Procurement Participation**”; in line 7, after “Affairs;” insert “establishing the Governor’s Subcabinet on Socioeconomic Procurement Participation to study and make recommendations on socioeconomic procurement in the State; requiring the Subcabinet to conduct certain meetings and report annually to the Governor”; strike beginning with “altering” in line 7 down through “Office” in line 8; and after line 20, insert:

“BY adding to

Article – State Government

Section 9–303.1

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, strike in their entirety lines 6 and 7 and substitute:

“**(B) “GOVERNOR’S SUBCABINET” MEANS THE GOVERNOR’S SUBCABINET ON SOCIOECONOMIC PROCUREMENT PARTICIPATION.**”;

in line 8, strike the bracket; strike beginning with “A” in line 12 down through “**DISABILITIES**” in line 17 and substitute “**A SHELTERED WORKSHOP FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES**”; in line 27, strike the brackets; and in the same line, strike “**(C)**”.

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On page 3, in line 1, strike the brackets; in the same line, strike “(D)”; and after line 21, insert:

“9-303.1.

(A) THERE IS A GOVERNOR’S SUBCABINET ON SOCIOECONOMIC PROCUREMENT PARTICIPATION.

(B) THE GOVERNOR’S SUBCABINET IS COMPOSED OF:

(1) THE SPECIAL SECRETARY OF THE GOVERNOR’S OFFICE OF SMALL, MINORITY, AND WOMEN BUSINESS AFFAIRS, WHO SHALL SERVE AS CHAIR OF THE SUBCABINET;

(2) THE SECRETARY OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT, OR THE SECRETARY’S DESIGNEE;

(3) THE SECRETARY OF COMMERCE, OR THE SECRETARY’S DESIGNEE;

(4) THE SECRETARY OF GENERAL SERVICES, OR THE SECRETARY’S DESIGNEE;

(5) THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH, OR THE SECRETARY’S DESIGNEE;

(6) THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, OR THE SECRETARY’S DESIGNEE;

(7) THE SECRETARY OF HUMAN SERVICES, OR THE SECRETARY'S DESIGNEE;

(8) THE SECRETARY OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, OR THE SECRETARY'S DESIGNEE;

(9) THE SECRETARY OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES, OR THE SECRETARY'S DESIGNEE;

(10) THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION, OR THE SECRETARY'S DESIGNEE;

(11) THE SECRETARY OF VETERANS AND MILITARY FAMILIES, OR THE SECRETARY'S DESIGNEE;

(12) THE CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER FOR THE STATE, OR THE CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER'S DESIGNEE;

(13) THE MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE OMBUDSMAN, OR THE OMBUDSMAN'S DESIGNEE; AND

(14) ANY OTHER HEAD OF A DEPARTMENT OR AGENCY THAT IS ACCOUNTABLE TO THE GOVERNOR, AS DEEMED NECESSARY BY THE GOVERNOR.

(C) THE GOVERNOR'S SUBCABINET SHALL:

(1) MEET:

(I) A MINIMUM OF ONCE EACH QUARTER; AND

(Over)

(II) AT A FREQUENCY DEEMED APPROPRIATE BY THE CHAIR;

(2) STUDY SOCIOECONOMIC PROCUREMENT PROGRAMS IN OTHER STATES TO IDENTIFY SUCCESSES AND BEST PRACTICES;

(3) DEVELOP ACCOUNTABILITY MEASURES FOR PROCUREMENT FORECASTS, STRATEGIC PLANS, PROCUREMENT REVIEW GROUP PROCESSES, AND LIAISON OFFICER ACCOUNTABILITY;

(4) WORK WITH THE OFFICE OF STATE PROCUREMENT TO IMPLEMENT PROCESS IMPROVEMENTS THAT DIRECTLY IMPACT SOCIOECONOMIC PROCUREMENT BUSINESSES' ABILITY TO FAIRLY COMPETE FOR AND UNDERSTAND STATE CONTRACTING OPPORTUNITIES;

(5) IDENTIFY AND RECOMMEND STATUTORY AND REGULATORY REFORMS TO STRENGTHEN AND IMPROVE THE STATE'S SOCIOECONOMIC PROCUREMENT PROGRAMS; AND

(6) RECOMMEND ACTIONS TO MAKE IMPROVEMENTS TO THE SMALL BUSINESS RESERVE PROGRAM, THE MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM, AND THE VETERAN SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM.

(D) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2025, AND EACH DECEMBER 1 THEREAFTER, THE GOVERNOR'S SUBCABINET SHALL REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR ON THE GOVERNOR'S SUBCABINET'S ACTIVITIES, PROGRESS, AND RECOMMENDATIONS."