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AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 753

(First Reading File Bill)

In line 7, strike “30” and substitute “60”; in line 11, strike “the” and substitute “aggregate survey results reporting” and strike “age,”; in line 12, strike “socioeconomic status, of each recipient” and substitute “veteran status of recipients”; strike beginning with “in the State” in line 12 down through “COVID-19” in line 14 and substitute “disbursed by the Maryland Department of Commerce to for-profit private businesses under the Department’s COVID-19 Small Business Emergency Relief Loan and Grant Funds”; in line 15, after “contain” insert “each recipient’s name, the amount the recipient received in assistance from the Funds described in paragraph (1) of this Section, and”; after line 15, insert “(3) the information described in paragraphs (1) and (2) of this Section shall be made publicly available on the website of the Maryland Department of Commerce.”

EXPLANATION:

Changes the mandatory submission date from 30 to 60 days after enactment of the bill to allow time for formatting and ensuring data is up to date and accurate.

Commerce has already started gathering and posting data on its Covid-19 Emergency Relief Grant and Loan Fund program recipients. Follow up surveys to the more than 13,000 recipients has allowed the Department to enhance its data. To avoid revealing personally identifiable information, all data on race, ethnicity, gender and veteran status has been provided in an aggregate form. The amendment codifies Commerce existing reporting.

Commerce is unable to report on any other assistance program outside of the emergency relief programs it administers. This amendment clarifies that the report mandated by this bill will focus on Commerce emergency relief programs.

Commerce will provide on its website a list containing the business name, the geographic location, the amount of relief provided, and the fiscal year of the relief.