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## **SENATE BILL 801 State Health Plan – Chesapeake Bay Commission – Retirees (Guzzone)**

### **STATEMENT OF INFORMATION**

**DATE:** March 29, 2022

**COMMITTEE:** House Appropriations

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** SB 801, as amended, includes the Chesapeake Bay Commission (Commission) as an eligible entity to enroll in the State's retiree health plan.

**EXPLANATION:** DBM's Employee Benefits Division is charged with administering the State Employee and Retiree Health and Welfare Benefits Program (Program). The Commission's active employees currently participate in the State's health plan and the Commission pays the employer share of health benefits.

At the request of DBM, the bill is amended to require the Commission to pay the employer share of retiree health benefits – this is the case with all other agencies and satellite entities and the amendment merely conforms the bill to other statutes governing satellite entities that participate in the State Program. Without the amendment, the bill would have created a precedent-setting policy, allowing all other entities to seek similar treatment.

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