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(Senate Joint Resolution No. 12)

A Senate Joint Resolution concerning

Publicly Owned Sewage Treatment Works

FOR the purpose of requesting the Governor and the Legislative Policy Committee to establish a committee to study certain facets of the anticipated sewage treatment needs in the State and the funding needed to accomplish that purpose.

WHEREAS, The Maryland General Assembly's concern over the continued health of the Chesapeake Bay prompted the passage of comprehensive initiatives in 1984 aimed at restoring water quality in the Chesapeake Bay; and

WHEREAS, The provision of adequate sewage treatment is essential to reducing the levels of nutrients and other pollutants entering the Chesapeake Bay; and

WHEREAS, It is important that the State of Maryland, in partnership with local governments, assure the availability of adequate funding to meet anticipated sewage treatment needs; and

WHEREAS, Private sector involvement in the provision of sewage treatment needs may, in some circumstances, be advantageous; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Legislative Policy Committee and the Governor are requested to establish a committee to study anticipated sewage treatment needs in Maryland, to examine alternative means of assuring that adequate funding is available to address sewage treatment needs, and to study the potential for private sector involvement in the funding, construction, and operation of sewage treatment plants; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Committee be composed of:

(1) 2 members of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of the House, and 2 members of the Senate, appointed by the President of the Senate;

(2) 2 representatives of local government, appointed by the Governor;

(3) 1 member from the Office of Environmental Programs in the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, appointed by the Governor;