

(3) THE JOINT COMMITTEE MAY STUDY AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE LEGISLATIVE POLICY COMMITTEE ON ANY OTHER AREA OF THE CHESAPEAKE BAY CRITICAL AREA PROTECTION PROGRAM IT CONSIDERS APPROPRIATE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(a) The Joint Committee on Chesapeake Bay Critical Areas shall meet with the Critical Areas Commission, representatives of counties and municipalities having land within the critical areas, and any other interested parties to study and determine:

(1) Whether adequate flexibility exists under the current criteria to meet the special characteristics and needs of the individual counties and municipalities having land within the critical areas;

(2) Whether the current timetable for review of approved local critical area protection programs is adequate to meet the special characteristics and needs of the individual counties and municipalities having land within the critical areas; and

(3) Whether the criteria need to be strengthened in any area so as to make the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area Protection Program more effective in the protection of the water quality and habitat of the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries.

(b) The Joint Committee shall study and determine the appropriate future role of the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area Commission, including:

(1) Whether the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area Commission should remain an autonomous organization or be incorporated into an existing executive agency;

(2) How long the current oversight role of the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area Commission should continue; and

(3) Whether the current appeal process is the most effective appeal process to meet the goals of the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area Protection Law.

~~(c) -- The -- Joint -- Committee -- may -- also -- study -- any -- other -- area -- of -- the -- Chesapeake -- Bay -- Critical -- Area -- Protection -- Program -- it -- considers -- appropriate --~~

(d) (c) The Joint Committee shall report its preliminary findings and recommendations to the Legislative Policy Committee on or before January 1, 1989.