

WHEREAS, That report clearly indicates that the water and sewer pollution will last for decades and will cost millions of dollars to solve; and

WHEREAS, The redesign, modification, repair, and improvement of sewerage systems will challenge architects and engineers; and

WHEREAS, The State, counties, and municipalities will need to address this issue continually; and

WHEREAS, Clean water is essential for all life and human activity; now, therefore,

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

(a) There is a State Advisory Council on Water Security and Sewerage Systems.

(b) The Advisory Council shall consist of the following members:

(1) two members of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of the House;

(2) two members of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of the Senate;

(3) the Secretary of the Environment, or the Secretary's designee;

(4) The Secretary of Planning, or the Secretary's designee;

(5) The Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, or the Secretary's designee;

(4) (6) one representative from the Chesapeake Bay Commission, designated by the Chesapeake Bay Commission;

(5) (7) one representative from the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, designated by the Chesapeake Bay Foundation;

(6) (8) two representatives from the environmental community, appointed by the Governor, one of which shall represent ~~safe waterways~~ Safe Waterways in Maryland (SWIM);

(7) (9) two representatives designated by the Maryland Association of Counties, of which one shall represent a county with a combined sewerage system;

(8) (10) two representatives designated by the Maryland Municipal League, of which one shall represent a municipal corporation with a combined sewerage system;

(9) (11) one representative of the Chesapeake Bay Program Office of the United States Environmental Protection Agency; ~~and~~