

RMC Legislative Committee
Monday, March 11, 2019
3:00pm-4:00pm
Conference Call
Meeting Minutes

Participants:

Lindsay Thompson, Co-Chair
Odette Ramos, Co-Chair
Josh Bollinger
Debbie Bowden
Delegate Andrew Cassilly
Josh Hastings
Beth Hill

Kim Kratovil
Steve McHenry
Don Mulrine
Greg Padgham
Rick Pollitt
Alice Settle-Raskin
Cassie Shirk
Scott Warner

RMC Staff:

Charlotte Davis, Executive Director
Meredith Donaho, Program Administrator
Amanda Clevenger, Administrative Assistant

The meeting was called to order at approximately 3:01 pm.

Minutes

The meeting minutes from the February 25, 2019 Legislative Committee were shared. Co-Chair Lindsay Thompson requested changes and approval of the minutes. No changes were requested. The meeting minutes from February 25, 2019 were unanimously accepted.

Legislative Tracking

Copies of the legislative tracking as of March 11, 2019 were shared. The following legislation was discussed for consideration:

- a. HB405/SB213 – Natural Resources – State Lakes Protection and Restoration Fund – Mandatory Funding and Repeal of Termination Date. This bill increases the mandated appropriation to the State Lakes Protection and Restoration Fund, from \$1 million to \$3 million. The bill also repeals the June 30, 2022, termination date of Chapter 698 of 2018, making specified changes under Chapter 698 permanent. **The Committee agreed to continue to monitor the bill.**
- b. HB1226/SB558 - Community Career Centers for 21st-Century Jobs. This bill provides \$45.0 million in State and local funds to local workforce development boards (LWDBs) annually beginning in fiscal 2021 to support career counseling and job matching services for high school students. **The Committee agreed to continue to monitor the bill.**
- c. SB99/HB639 - Public Safety – Buildings Used for Agritourism. This bill adds certain counties to the list of counties that exempt agricultural buildings used for

agritourism from certain building performance standards; and exempting a building used for agritourism in certain counties from a building permit requirement under certain circumstances. **The Committee agreed to submit a letter of support.**

- d. SB1028 - Rural Health Care Scholarship and Grant Program – Established. This bill establishes the Rural Health Care Scholarship and Grant Program to increase the availability of primary health care in rural areas of the State by providing financial assistance to certain students and health care professionals; requires a recipient of a certain scholarship or grant award to provide certain health-related services in a rural area of the State for 1 year for each year the individual received the award; and, requires funds for the Program to be provided in the Governor's annual budget for the Higher Education Commission. **The Committee agreed to submit written support testimony.**
- e. SB1029 - Rural Public Institutions of Higher Education - Nurse Practitioner and Physician Assistant Students – Recruitment. This bill requires each public institution of higher education located in a rural area of the State to develop and implement a program to recruit nurse practitioner and physician assistant students; requires the program to include an implementation strategy and a certain timeline; requires each institution to submit a program summary to its governing body on or before July 1 each year; and, requires each governing body to submit a progress report to the Maryland Higher Education Commission on or before September 1 each year. **The Committee agreed to submit written support testimony.**
- f. SB1040/HB1407 – Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act of 2019. This bill executes actions to provide mandate relief, contain costs, and reduce future year general fund expenditures. **The Committee agreed to continue to monitor.**
- g. SB1030/HB1413 – The Blueprint for Maryland’s Future. This bill establishes The Blueprint for Maryland’s Future as State education policy, based on the recommendations of the Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education (Commission). The bill establishes specified programs and provides funding in fiscal 2020, and mandates funding in fiscal 2021, totaling approximately \$325 million. The bill also extends specified grants that are scheduled to expire under current law. In addition, the Governor must appropriate \$387.0 million in fiscal 2021 to the Commission special fund. **The Committee agreed to continue to monitor.**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 3:32 pm.

Next meeting: Monday, March 25, 2019, 3pm-4pm, Conference