

SENATE BILL 650

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By: **Senator Klausmeier (By Request – Baltimore County Administration)**

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Workgroup to Evaluate the Establishment of a Regional Waste Disposal Facility**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of the Environment to convene a workgroup
4 to evaluate the establishment of a regional waste disposal facility to serve Anne
5 Arundel County, Baltimore City, Baltimore County, Carroll County, Harford
6 County, and Howard County; providing for the composition of the workgroup;
7 requiring the workgroup to report certain findings and recommendations to the
8 Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date; and generally
9 relating to a workgroup to evaluate the establishment of a regional waste disposal
10 facility.

11 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
12 That:

13 (a) The Department of the Environment shall convene a workgroup to evaluate
14 the establishment of a regional waste disposal facility to serve Anne Arundel County,
15 Baltimore City, Baltimore County, Carroll County, Harford County, and Howard County.

16 (b) The workgroup convened under subsection (a) of this section shall include:

17 (1) six representatives of local government, including one representative
18 each from Anne Arundel County, Baltimore City, Baltimore County, Carroll County,
19 Harford County, and Howard County;

20 (2) one representative of the recycling industry;

21 (3) one representative of the waste diversion industry;

22 (4) one representative of the Northeast Maryland Waste Disposal
23 Authority; and

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



(5) one representative of the Maryland Environmental Service.

(c) (1) On or before December 1, 2021, the workgroup shall report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.

(2) The report required under this subsection shall include proposals:

(i) for the siting of a regional waste disposal facility;

(ii) for sharing costs associated with establishing a regional waste disposal facility;

(iii) for developing service networks;

(iv) that consider modern technology;

(v) that consider consolidation needs, including common solutions for disposal;

(vi) that provide a commitment to phase out incineration;

(vii) that focus on recycling, reuse, and composting; and

(viii) that advance principles of zero waste.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2021.