

**HB0587/613929/1**

BY: Budget and Taxation Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 587  
(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 3, after the second “**Authority**” insert “– **Study and Report**”; and strike beginning with “authorizing” in line 4 down through “Authority;” in line 8 and substitute “establishing a workgroup to review the procurement procedures for capital expenditures in connection with State roads, bridges, or highways and to issue a certain report making certain recommendations;”.

On pages 1 and 2, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 11 on page 1 through line 4 on page 2, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On pages 2 through 6, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 5 on page 2 through line 26 on page 6, inclusive, and substitute:

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

- (a) There is a Workgroup on Transportation Contract Approval Authority.
- (b) The Workgroup consists of the following members:
  - (1) one member of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of the House;
  - (2) one member of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of the Senate;
  - (3) the Comptroller, or the Comptroller’s designee;
  - (4) the State Treasurer, or the State Treasurer’s designee;

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- (5) the Secretary of Transportation, or the Secretary's designee;
- (6) the Secretary of Social and Economic Mobility, or the Secretary's designee;
- (7) a representative appointed by the Maryland Association of Counties;  
and
- (8) the following members appointed by the Governor:
  - (i) a representative of the engineering and design services industry;
  - (ii) a representative of the transportation construction and materials industry;
  - (iii) a member of the business community who has been certified as a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise and as a Minority Business Enterprise; and
  - (iv) a representative of a State labor organization.
- (c) The Governor shall designate the chair of the Workgroup.
- (d) The Department of Transportation and the Board of Public Works shall jointly provide staff for the Workgroup.
- (e) A member of the Workgroup:
  - (1) may not receive compensation as a member of the Workgroup; but
  - (2) is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.
- (f) The Workgroup shall:
  - (1) study the existing approval authority structure for capital expenditures by the Department of Transportation and the Maryland Transportation

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Authority in connection with State roads, bridges, or highways, including a review of the justifications for the existing approval authority structure and whether the structure continues to provide public benefit;

(2) study the effect of altering the approval authority structure for capital expenditures by the Department of Transportation and the Maryland Transportation Authority in connection with State roads, bridges, or highways, including whether to require approval of the award of new contracts and change orders for these projects by the Board of Public Works process;

(3) study the purpose, impact, and public value of the Board of Public Works' approval process for capital expenditures by the Department of Transportation and the Maryland Transportation Authority in connection with State roads, bridges, or highways;

(4) analyze alternative options for review and approval by the Board of Public Works for the award of new contracts and change orders for road, bridge, or highway projects that include:

(i) advance notice and opportunity to review and comment on upcoming contracts conducted by the Department of Transportation or the Maryland Transportation Authority, and the appropriate stage of the contract for these activities;

(ii) public reporting of contract and change order awards made by the Department of Transportation or the Maryland Transportation Authority; or

(iii) appropriate thresholds for new contracts and contract change orders or modifications related to capital expenditures by the Department of Transportation and the Maryland Transportation Authority in connection with State roads, bridges, or highways;

(5) examine the impact on contract award and completion timeline;

(6) evaluate the effect of expanding the current delegated authority for capital expenditures by the Department of Transportation and the Maryland Transportation Authority in connection with State roads, bridges, or highways to contracts and change orders for maintenance and capital construction to support service

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on Maryland Transit Administration fixed guideway systems and associated transit facilities and vehicles; and

(7) evaluate the impact of the existing approval authority structure and any alternative approval authority structures on the ability to secure federal funding for roads, bridges, or highways.

(g) On or before December 1, 2026, the Workgroup shall report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with Section 2-1257 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.”.

On page 6, in line 27, strike “July” and substitute “June”; and in line 28, after “2026.” insert “It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and 1 month and, at the end of June 30, 2027, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.”.