

**SB0983/163021/1**

BY: Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 983  
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, after “**Objections**” insert “**Process Alteration and Study**”; and in line 6, after “program;” insert “requiring the Program Review Process Advisory Council to study and make recommendations on extending the objection process for proposed academic programs to include certain new undergraduate programs with consideration of certain legal precedence regarding unnecessary program duplication.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, after line 6, insert:

“SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(a) The Program Review Process Advisory Council within the Maryland Higher Education Commission shall study and make recommendations on extending the objection process for proposed academic programs under § 11–206.1 of the Education Article to include new undergraduate programs proposed by a public institution of higher education or a private nonprofit institution of higher education with consideration of relevant federal and State legal precedence regarding unnecessary program duplication.

(b) On or before December 31, 2026, the Program Review Process Advisory Council shall submit a report on its findings and recommendations to the Senate Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee and the House Appropriations Committee, in accordance with § 2–1257 of the State Government Article.”;

in line 7, strike “2.” and substitute “3.”; and in line 8, after “2026.” insert “It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of June 30, 2027, this Act, with no further

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action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.”.