

SENATE BILL 839

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By: **Senators Klausmeier, Benson, Ferguson, Garagiola, Glassman, Kittleman, Madaleno, Manno, Middleton, Ramirez, Rosapepe, and Simonaire**

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Assigned to: Rules

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **General Assembly and Department of Legislative Services – Reduction in**
3 **Paper Use**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Legislative Policy Committee to study how the
5 amount of paper used by the General Assembly and the Department of
6 Legislative Services can be reduced by a certain percentage by a certain year by
7 changing certain rules, procedures, and provisions of law; requiring the
8 Committee to prepare certain bills and rule changes prepared for introduction
9 or consideration by the General Assembly in a certain Session; and generally
10 relating to the reduction in the amount of paper used by the General Assembly
11 and the Department of Legislative Services.

12 Preamble

13 WHEREAS, It is the intention of the General Assembly that the amount of
14 paper used by the Senate, the House of Delegates, and the Department of Legislative
15 Services be reduced by 80% by 2018; and

16 WHEREAS, Reducing the amount of paper used by the General Assembly and
17 the Department of Legislative Services would save upwards of \$200,000 per year
18 based on current paper use; and

19 WHEREAS, The reduction would also benefit the environment; now, therefore,

20 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
21 MARYLAND, That the Legislative Policy Committee shall:

22 (1) study issues concerning the amount of paper used by the General
23 Assembly and the Department of Legislative Services to determine how the amount of
24 paper used can be reduced by 80% by the beginning of 2018 through changes in:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



- 1 (i) the rules of both houses of the General Assembly;
- 2 (ii) the procedures of the standing committees of both houses of
3 the General Assembly; and
- 4 (iii) laws governing the procedures of the General Assembly or
5 the Department of Legislative Services; and
- 6 (2) prepare for introduction or consideration by the General Assembly
7 in the 2016 Session any bill or rule change necessary to reduce the use of paper.

8 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
9 October 1, 2013.