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CHAPTER 230

1 AN ACT concerning

2                                   **Task Force to Study the State's Retiree Health Insurance Liabilities -**  
3                                   **Extension of Final Reporting Date**

4 FOR the purpose of altering the date by which the Task Force to Study the State's  
5 Retiree Health Insurance Liabilities is required to report its findings and  
6 recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly; and generally  
7 relating to an extension of the reporting requirement for the Task Force to Study  
8 the State's Retiree Health Insurance Liabilities.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
10 Chapter 348 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2002  
11 Section 1

12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
13 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

14                                   **Chapter 348 of the Acts of 2002**

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

17 (a) There is a Task Force to Study the State's Retiree Health Insurance  
18 Liabilities.

19 (b) The Task Force shall consist of the following members:

1 (1) three members from the House of Delegates, appointed by the  
2 Speaker of the House; and

3 (2) three members from the Senate, appointed by the President of the  
4 Senate.

5 (c) The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Delegates  
6 shall jointly designate the Chairman of the Task Force.

7 (d) The Task Force shall:

8 (1) review the report prepared by the Department of Legislative  
9 Services, included in the Joint Committee on Pensions Report of the 2000 Interim,  
10 which included a survey of the various approaches other states have taken with  
11 regard to the issue of retiree health care;

12 (2) review different approaches which address the issue of retiree health  
13 care for the State and that would meet the State's needs and fiscal resources;

14 (3) commission an actuarial valuation of the liabilities associated with  
15 the retiree health insurance subsidy, with the costs of the valuation to be borne by the  
16 State Retirement and Pension System; and

17 (4) develop options and a recommendation to address this issue by the  
18 start of the General Assembly's [2003] 2004 session, and evaluate the costs associated  
19 with each option.

20 (e) The Task Force shall be staffed by personnel from the Department of  
21 Legislative Services, and notice of each meeting of the Task Force shall be made  
22 public by delivering a copy of the meeting notice to the Legislative Information  
23 Officer, Room B-6, Department of Legislative Services, Legislative Services Building,  
24 90 State Circle, Annapolis, Maryland 21401-1991, at least 10 days before any  
25 scheduled meeting of the Task Force.

26 (f) The Task Force shall issue a final report of its findings and  
27 recommendations to the Governor and, subject to §2-1246 of the State Government  
28 Article, to the General Assembly by [January 7, 2003] JANUARY 6, 2004.

29 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
30 July 1, 2003.

