
By: **Delegate Arnick**

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Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Transportation - Study Committee on an Independent Port Authority**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Study Committee on an Independent Port
4 Authority; providing for the membership of the Committee; establishing the
5 duties of the Committee; requiring the Committee to make certain
6 recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a
7 certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to
8 the Study Committee on an Independent Port Authority.

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

11 (a) There is a Study Committee on an Independent Port Authority.

12 (b) The Committee consists of the following members:

13 (1) one member of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of
14 the Senate;

15 (2) one member of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of
16 the House;

17 (3) the Secretary of Transportation or the Secretary's designee;

18 (4) the Secretary of Business and Economic Development or the
19 Secretary's designee; and

20 (5) the following members appointed by the Governor:

21 (i) six representatives of companies doing business at or with the
22 Port of Baltimore; and

23 (ii) three representatives of labor unions with members working at
24 the Port of Baltimore.

25 (c) The Governor shall designate the chairman of the Committee.

1 (d) The Department of Legislative Services shall provide staff for the
2 Committee.

3 (e) A member of the Committee:

4 (1) may not receive compensation; but

5 (2) is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State
6 Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

7 (f) The Committee shall:

8 (1) examine the feasibility of establishing a port authority, independent
9 of the Department of Transportation, to operate the Port of Baltimore;

10 (2) assess the effects of an independent port authority operating the Port
11 of Baltimore on the Port, the Department of Transportation, and the Transportation
12 Trust Fund;

13 (3) study how other ports that compete with the Port of Baltimore are
14 managed, including the role of state and local governments; and

15 (4) make recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly
16 regarding the governance of the Port of Baltimore.

17 (g) The Committee shall report its findings and recommendations to the
18 Governor and, subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General
19 Assembly on or before January 1, 2006.

20 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
21 July 1, 2005. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of June 30,
22 2006, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be
23 abrogated and of no further force and effect.