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**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**

House Bill 1034 (Delegate C. Davis)  
Health and Government Operations

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**Task Force to Study the Reorganization of the Department of Health and  
Mental Hygiene**

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This bill establishes a Task Force to Study the Reorganization of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH) to: (1) study the ways to improve the delivery of health and mental health services to Maryland residents; (2) study the structure of DHMH; (3) examine the financing of the health care delivery system, program and service delivery, the review and application of quality assurance standards and regulation implementation, and administrative and operational support; (4) examine the organization and structure of health departments in other states; and (5) study any other issue the task force deems appropriate to the reorganization of DHMH. By December 1, 2006, the task force must report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly. The Department of Legislative Services (DLS) must staff the task force. The bill terminates December 31, 2006.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** Any expense reimbursements for task force members and staffing costs for DLS could be handled within existing budgeted resources.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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## Analysis

**Background:** Chapter 447 of 2003 established a Task Force to Study the Reorganization of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. Members were appointed to the task force but the task force never met. The task force terminated December 31, 2004.

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### Additional Information

**Prior Introductions:** Chapter 447 of 2003 (HB 761) established the same task force, which terminated December 31, 2004.

**Cross File:** None.

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