

SENATE BILL 586

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ENROLLED BILL

— *Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs/Environmental Matters* —

Introduced by Senators Middleton and ~~Dyson~~, Dyson, Conway, Benson, Ferguson, Jennings, Montgomery, Pinsky, Reilly, Simonaire, and Young

Read and Examined by Proofreaders:

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this _____ day of _____ at _____ o'clock, _____ M.

President.

CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force to Study the Implementation of a Hub and Spoke Program in the**
3 **Southern Maryland Region**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing the Task Force to Study the Implementation of a Hub
5 and Spoke Program in the Southern Maryland Region; providing for the
6 composition, chair, and staffing of the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the
7 Task Force from receiving certain compensation; requiring the Task Force to
8 study and make recommendations regarding certain matters; requiring the
9 Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Secretary of
10 Agriculture and the General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for
11 the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Task Force to Study
12 the Implementation of a Hub and Spoke Program in the Southern Maryland
13 Region.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.

Italics indicate opposite chamber/conference committee amendments.



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

3 (a) There is a Task Force to Study the Implementation of a Hub and Spoke
4 Program in the Southern Maryland Region, including Charles County, Calvert
5 County, and St. Mary's County, to provide the low-income, working poor, and
6 unemployed populations of that region with fresh farm products.

7 (b) The Task Force consists of the following members:

8 (1) one member of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President
9 of the Senate;

10 (2) one member of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of
11 the House;

12 (3) the Secretary of Agriculture, or the Secretary's designee;

13 (4) the Comptroller, or the Comptroller's designee; and

14 (5) the following members, appointed by the Governor:

15 (i) a representative of the Southern Maryland Agricultural
16 Development Commission;

17 (ii) a representative of the Southern Maryland Ministers
18 Alliance; and

19 (iii) a representative of Farming 4 Hunger.

20 (c) The Governor shall designate the chair of the Task Force.

21 (d) The Southern Maryland Agricultural Development Commission shall
22 provide staff for the Task Force.

23 (e) A member of the Task Force may not receive compensation as a member
24 of the Task Force.

25 (f) The Task Force shall:

26 (1) assess the *nutritional* needs of the low-income, working poor, and
27 unemployed populations of the Southern Maryland region;

28 (2) study the infrastructure and equipment required to best serve
29 those needs;

1 (3) make recommendations regarding the locations of collection and
2 distribution sites throughout the region;

3 (4) make recommendations regarding the operation and management
4 of a hub and spoke program, including human resources, the collaboration among
5 members of the agricultural community and anti-hunger organizations, and processes
6 for collecting and distributing locally-grown farm food;

7 (5) make recommendations regarding education and outreach efforts
8 throughout the region regarding the hub and spoke program; and

9 (6) study and make recommendations regarding options for granting
10 State and local tax incentives to individuals who donate locally-grown farm food to the
11 hub and spoke program and how to verify the activities of those individuals.

12 (g) On or before December 1, 2013, the Task Force shall report its findings
13 and recommendations to the Secretary of Agriculture and, in accordance with §
14 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.

15 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
16 June 1, 2013. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and 1 month and, at the
17 end of June 30, 2014, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this
18 Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.