

SENATE BILL 586

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By: Senators Middleton ~~and Dyson~~, Dyson, Conway, Benson, Ferguson, Jennings, Montgomery, Pinsky, Reilly, Simonaire, and Young

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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.

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

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

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

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.



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

3 (2) one member of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of
4 the House;

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

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

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

8 (i) a representative of the Southern Maryland Agricultural
9 Development Commission;

10 (ii) a representative of the Southern Maryland Ministers
11 Alliance; and

12 (iii) a representative of Farming 4 Hunger.

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

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

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

18 (f) The Task Force shall:

19 (1) assess the needs of the low-income, working poor, and unemployed
20 populations of the Southern Maryland region;

21 (2) study the infrastructure and equipment required to best serve
22 those needs;

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

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

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

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

4 (g) On or before December 1, 2013, the Task Force shall report its findings
5 and recommendations to the Secretary of Agriculture and, in accordance with §
6 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.

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

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.