

HOUSE BILL 813

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(4lr2382)

ENROLLED BILL

— Health and Government Operations/Finance —

Introduced by **Delegates M. Washington, Rudolph, Braveboy, Cullison, Davis, Donoghue, Dumais, Eckardt, Glenn, Harper, Haynes, Kaiser, A. Kelly, Kipke, McIntosh, A. Miller, Ready, S. Robinson, Schulz, Szeliga, ~~and Zucker~~ Zucker, Swain, Hammen, Pendergrass, Bromwell, Costa, Elliott, Hubbard, Kach, Krebs, McDonough, Morhaim, Murphy, Nathan-Pulliam, Oaks, Pena-Melnyk, Reznik, Tarrant, and V. Turner**

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.

Speaker.

CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Joint Committee on Ending Homelessness**

3 FOR the purpose of creating a Joint Committee on Ending Homelessness; specifying
4 the membership of the Committee; providing that members of the Committee
5 serve at the pleasure of the appointing officer; providing for the appointment of
6 cochairmen of the Committee; establishing that a majority of the full authorized
7 membership of the Committee is a quorum; providing staff for the Committee;
8 requiring the Committee to hold certain meetings; authorizing the Committee to
9 hold certain hearings and consider certain votes on certain bills or resolutions;
10 establishing the powers and duties of the Committee; requiring the Governor's

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 Interagency Council on Homelessness to cooperate fully with the Committee,
2 keep the Committee fully informed as to the Council's priorities and progress,
3 and submit a certain report to the Committee on or before a certain date each
4 year; requiring the Committee to submit a certain report to the General
5 Assembly ~~by~~ on or before a certain date each year; providing for a delayed
6 effective date; and generally relating to the Joint Committee on Ending
7 Homelessness.

8 BY adding to

9 Article – State Government

10 Section 2–10A–15

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

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

15 **Article – State Government**

16 **2–10A–15.**

17 **(A) THERE IS A JOINT COMMITTEE ON ENDING HOMELESSNESS.**

18 **(B) (1) THE COMMITTEE CONSISTS OF 10 MEMBERS.**

19 **(2) OF THE 10 MEMBERS:**

20 **(I) FIVE SHALL BE MEMBERS OF THE SENATE OF**
21 **MARYLAND, APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE; AND**

22 **(II) FIVE SHALL BE MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF**
23 **DELEGATES, APPOINTED BY THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE.**

24 **(C) (1) THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE SERVE AT THE PLEASURE**
25 **OF THE PRESIDING OFFICER WHO APPOINTED THEM.**

26 **(2) (I) IF A VACANCY OCCURS AMONG THE SENATORS ON THE**
27 **COMMITTEE, A SUCCESSOR PROMPTLY SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE**
28 **PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE.**

29 **(II) IF A VACANCY OCCURS AMONG THE DELEGATES ON THE**
30 **COMMITTEE, A SUCCESSOR PROMPTLY SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE SPEAKER**
31 **OF THE HOUSE.**

1 (D) FROM AMONG THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE, THE
2 PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE SHALL APPOINT A SENATOR TO SERVE AS THE
3 SENATE CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE, AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE SHALL
4 APPOINT A DELEGATE TO SERVE AS THE HOUSE CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE.

5 (E) A MAJORITY OF THE FULL AUTHORIZED MEMBERSHIP OF THE
6 COMMITTEE IS A QUORUM.

7 (F) THE DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES SHALL PROVIDE
8 STAFF ASSISTANCE TO THE COMMITTEE.

9 (G) THE COMMITTEE SHALL HOLD:

10 (1) AN ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING PROMPTLY AFTER THE
11 APPOINTMENT OF ITS MEMBERS; AND

12 (2) ~~QUARTERLY MEETINGS EACH YEAR; AND~~

13 ~~(3)~~ ANY OTHER MEETINGS THAT THE COMMITTEE CONSIDERS
14 NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT ITS DUTIES EFFICIENTLY.

15 (H) THE COMMITTEE MAY:

16 (1) HOLD A HEARING ON ANY MATTER RELATING TO THE
17 FUNCTIONS OF THE COMMITTEE; AND

18 (2) CONSIDER A VOTE ON A BILL OR RESOLUTION REFERRED TO
19 THE COMMITTEE BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE OR THE SPEAKER OF THE
20 HOUSE.

21 (I) TO ENSURE THAT PUBLIC RESOURCES, PROGRAMS, AND POLICIES
22 ARE COORDINATED AND EFFECTIVE IN PREVENTING, MITIGATING THE EFFECTS
23 OF, AND ENDING HOMELESSNESS IN MARYLAND, THE COMMITTEE SHALL:

24 (1) STUDY ISSUES RELATING TO HOMELESSNESS, INCLUDING:

25 (I) HOUSING;

26 (II) INCOME;

27 (III) HEALTH CARE;

28 (IV) EDUCATION; ~~AND~~

1 (V) GOVERNMENT SUPPORTS; AND

2 (VI) VETERANS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS;

3 (2) CONSULT WITH GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES,
4 COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS, AND OTHER STAKEHOLDERS TO IDENTIFY
5 STATE POLICIES, PROGRAMS, AND ACTIONS THAT SHOULD OR COULD PREVENT,
6 MITIGATE THE EFFECTS OF, AND END HOMELESSNESS IN MARYLAND;

7 (3) REVIEW AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO ALIGN STATE
8 STATUTES, REGULATIONS, PROGRAMS, SERVICES, AND BUDGETARY PRIORITIES
9 WITH THE STATE POLICIES AND ACTIONS DESCRIBED IN ITEM (2) OF THIS
10 SUBSECTION;

11 (4) SEARCH FOR ANY INTRADEPARTMENTAL OR
12 INTERDEPARTMENTAL GAPS, INCONSISTENCIES, AND INEFFICIENCIES IN THE
13 IMPLEMENTATION OR ATTAINMENT OF THE STATE POLICIES, PROGRAMS, AND
14 ACTIONS DESCRIBED IN ITEM (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION; AND

15 (5) IDENTIFY NEW LAWS, REGULATIONS, PROGRAMS, SERVICES,
16 AND BUDGETARY PRIORITIES THAT ARE NEEDED TO PREVENT, MITIGATE THE
17 EFFECTS OF, AND END HOMELESSNESS IN MARYLAND.

18 (J) THE GOVERNOR'S INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS
19 SHALL:

20 (1) COOPERATE FULLY WITH THE COMMITTEE;

21 (2) KEEP THE COMMITTEE FULLY INFORMED AS TO ITS
22 PRIORITIES AND PROGRESS; AND

23 (3) SUBMIT AN ANNUAL REPORT, SUBJECT TO § 2-1246 OF THIS
24 TITLE, TO THE COMMITTEE ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 1 OF EACH YEAR THAT
25 INCLUDES:

26 (I) A DESCRIPTION OF THE COUNCIL'S WORK;

27 (II) A REPORT ON THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES AND
28 PROGRESS; AND

29 (III) RECOMMENDATIONS FOR NEW LAWS, REGULATIONS,
30 PROGRAMS, SERVICES, AND BUDGETARY PRIORITIES THAT ARE NEEDED TO
31 PREVENT, MITIGATE THE EFFECTS OF, AND END HOMELESSNESS IN MARYLAND.

1 **(K) (1) SUBJECT TO § 2-1246 OF THIS TITLE, THE COMMITTEE SHALL**
2 **SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1**
3 **EACH YEAR.**

4 **(2) THE REPORT SHALL INCLUDE:**

5 **(I) A DESCRIPTION OF THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE; AND**

6 **(II) ANY RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE.**

7 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
8 ~~October 1, 2014~~ June 1, 2015.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.