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By: **Delegate B. Robinson**

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Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

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## A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

### **Task Force to Study the Establishment of a Local Preference Procurement Program**

FOR the purpose of establishing the Task Force to Study the Establishment of a Local Preference Procurement Program; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving certain compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses; requiring the Task Force to study, evaluate, and make recommendations regarding certain matters; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and certain committees of the General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Task Force to Study the Establishment of a Local Preference Procurement Program.

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

(a) There is a Task Force to Study the Establishment of a Local Preference Procurement Program.

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

(1) two members of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of the Senate;

(2) two members of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of the House;

(3) the Secretary of Business and Economic Development, or the Secretary's designee;

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



(4) the Secretary of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation, or the Secretary's designee;

(5) the Secretary of Housing and Community Development, or the Secretary's designee;

(6) the Special Secretary of Minority Affairs, or the Special Secretary's designee; and

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

(i) one representative of the Maryland Chamber of Commerce; and

(ii) five owners of businesses located in the State.

(c) The members of the Task Force shall elect a chair from among the members of the Task Force.

(d) The Governor's Office of Minority Affairs shall provide staff for the Task Force.

(e) A member of the Task Force:

(1) may not receive compensation as a member of the Task Force; but

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

(f) The Task Force shall:

(1) study local preference procurement programs;

(2) evaluate whether other states would institute reciprocal local preference procurement programs; and

(3) make recommendations regarding the establishment of a local preference procurement program in the State, including what factors need to be considered by the State when considering whether to establish a local preference procurement program.

(g) On or before December 31, 2014, the Task Force shall report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2014. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and 1 month and, at the end of June 30, 2015, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.