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BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 880
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, strike in their entirety lines 2 and 3 and substitute “Task Force to Study Welfare Reform in Maryland”; strike beginning with “requiring” in line 4 down through “programs” in line 13 and substitute “establishing the Task Force to Study Welfare Reform in Maryland; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to study and make recommendations regarding certain matters; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the Senate Finance Committee and the House Appropriations Committee on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Task Force to Study Welfare Reform in Maryland”; and strike in their entirety lines 14 through 18, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, in line 20, strike “the Laws of Maryland read as follows”.

On pages 1 and 2, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 21 on page 1 through line 24 on page 2, inclusive, and substitute:

“(a) There is a Task Force to Study Welfare Reform in Maryland.

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

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

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

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- (3) the Secretary of Human Resources, or the Secretary's designee;
 - (4) the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, or the Secretary's designee;
 - (5) the Secretary of Housing and Community Development, or the Secretary's designee;
 - (6) the Secretary of Commerce, or the Secretary's designee;
 - (7) the Secretary of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation, or the Secretary's designee; and
 - (8) the following members appointed by the Governor:
 - (i) a representative of a human services provider within the State;
 - (ii) five representatives of groups that advocate for the interests of recipients of safety-net benefits in the State; and
 - (iii) one current or former recipient of safety-net benefits.
- (c) The Secretary of Human Resources shall chair the Task Force.
- (d) The Department of Human Resources shall staff the Task Force.
- (e) A member of the Task Force:
- (1) may not receive compensation as a member of the Task Force; but

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(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) review all federal and State programs that provide assistance to individuals with limited incomes;

(2) study data on fraud and abuse in welfare programs, metrics of success of programs, duplication in programming, work requirements, federal requirements and waivers for welfare programs, and any other topics as determined by the Chair;

(3) develop a comprehensive legislative proposal that incorporates recommendations of the Task Force related to welfare programs that provide assistance to individuals with limited incomes in order to help such individuals achieve self-sufficiency within a reasonable period of time; and

(4) develop a comprehensive legislative proposal that addresses fraud and abuse in welfare programs.

(g) On or before December 31, 2016, 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 Finance Committee and the House Appropriations Committee.”.

On page 2, in line 26, strike “October” and substitute “June”; and in the same line, after the period, insert “It shall remain effective for a period of 7 months and, at the end of December 31, 2016, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.”.