

# SENATE BILL 1143

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 ~~Prince George's County~~ **Neshante and Chloe Davis Domestic Violence**  
3 **Prevention Task Force**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing the Neshante and Chloe Davis Domestic Violence  
5 Prevention Task Force; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Task  
6 Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving certain compensation,  
7 but authorizing reimbursement of certain expenses; requiring the Task Force to  
8 study and make recommendations regarding certain matters; requiring the Task  
9 Force to report its preliminary findings to the Governor and the General Assembly  
10 on or before a certain date; ~~requiring the Task Force to meet with the Prince George's~~  
11 ~~County Delegation to the General Assembly to discuss its preliminary findings~~  
12 ~~within a certain number of days after reporting to the Governor and the General~~  
13 ~~Assembly;~~ requiring the Task Force to report its final findings and recommendations  
14 to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for  
15 the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Neshante and Chloe Davis  
16 Domestic Violence Prevention Task Force.

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

18 That:

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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 (a) There is a Neshante and Chloe Davis Domestic Violence Prevention Task  
2 Force ~~in Prince George's County~~.

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

4 (1) a member of the Senate of Maryland ~~representing Prince George's~~  
5 ~~County~~, appointed by the President of the Senate;

6 (2) a member of the House of Delegates ~~representing Prince George's~~  
7 ~~County~~, appointed by the Speaker of the House;

8 (3) ~~the State's Attorney for Prince George's County~~ a State's Attorney, or  
9 the State's Attorney's designee; and

10 (4) the following members, appointed by the Governor:

11 (i) a representative of ~~the Prince George's County Department of~~  
12 ~~Health~~ a county department of health;

13 (ii) a representative of ~~the Prince George's County Department of~~  
14 ~~Social Services~~ a county department of social services;

15 (iii) a representative of ~~the Prince George's County Department of~~  
16 ~~Family Services~~ a county department of family services;

17 (iv) a member of ~~the Prince George's County Domestic Violence~~  
18 ~~Coordinating Council~~ Leaving Abuse, Supporting Everyone, Restoring Survivors, Inc.  
19 (LASERS);

20 (v) a ~~judge or magistrate with the Family Division of the Prince~~  
21 ~~George's County Circuit Court~~ representative of the Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault  
22 Center at Dimensions Healthcare System;

23 (vi) two private behavioral and mental health services providers;

24 (vii) two representatives of the faith community;

25 (viii) two representatives of men's organizations;

26 (ix) two family members of victims of domestic violence;

27 (x) four members of the domestic violence prevention and victim's  
28 advocacy community; and

29 (xi) a representative of the Prince George's County Family Crisis  
30 Center.

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

2 (d) The chair may appoint a vice chair, an executive committee, and subgroups or  
3 subcommittees from among the members of the Task Force.

4 (e) ~~The Prince George's County Department of Family Services, the Prince~~  
5 ~~George's County Health Department, and the Prince George's County Department of Social~~  
6 ~~Services~~ Department of Human Resources shall provide staff for the Task Force.

7 (f) A member of the Task Force:

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

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

11 (g) The Task Force shall:

12 (1) study the effectiveness of current intervention strategies and explore  
13 new interventions that might strengthen efforts to prevent domestic violence;

14 (2) study existing legal, behavioral health, and family support policies,  
15 procedures, and practices to ascertain existing issues and identify resources needed to  
16 improve the delivery and effectiveness of domestic violence prevention and family support  
17 services;

18 (3) study ways to further engage and educate community stakeholders to  
19 be better informed and more engaged in identifying and preventing domestic violence in  
20 the community;

21 (4) study the ways individuals, families, and the community at large can  
22 better identify, report, and defend against domestic violence; and

23 (5) develop policy recommendations to improve the ability of State and  
24 local government, community stakeholders, families, and individuals to identify and  
25 prevent domestic violence in ~~Prince George's County~~ Maryland.

26 (h) (1) ~~(i)~~ On or before September 1, 2016, the Task Force shall report its  
27 preliminary findings to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State  
28 Government Article, the General Assembly.

29 ~~(ii) Within 60 days of reporting its preliminary findings under~~  
30 ~~subparagraph (i) of this paragraph, the Task Force shall meet with the Prince George's~~  
31 ~~County Delegation to the General Assembly to discuss the report.~~

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1                   (2)    On or before December 1, 2016, the Task Force shall report its findings  
2 and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State  
3 Government Article, the General Assembly.

4                   SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June  
5 1, 2016. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of May 31, 2017, with  
6 no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no  
7 further force and effect.

Approved:

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Governor.

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President of the Senate.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.