

# HOUSE BILL 578

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By: **Delegates Sydnor, Conaway, Hettleman, and Moon**

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force to Study Law Enforcement Surveillance Technologies**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Task Force to Study Law Enforcement Surveillance  
4 Technologies; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Task Force;  
5 prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving certain compensation, but  
6 authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses; requiring the Task Force to  
7 study and make recommendations regarding certain matters; requiring the Task  
8 Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General  
9 Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and  
10 generally relating to the Task Force to Study Law Enforcement Surveillance  
11 Technologies.

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

14 (a) There is a Task Force to Study Law Enforcement Surveillance Technologies.

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

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

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

20 (3) the Executive Director of the American Civil Liberties Union of  
21 Maryland, or the Executive Director's designee;

22 (4) the Executive Director of the Electronic Privacy Information Center, or  
23 the Executive Director's designee;

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (5) one representative of local government, appointed by the Executive  
2 Director of the Maryland Association of Counties;

3 (6) the Coordinator of the Maryland State's Attorneys' Association, or the  
4 Coordinator's designee;

5 (7) the Attorney General, or the Attorney General's designee;

6 (8) the Public Defender, or the Public Defender's designee;

7 (9) the Secretary of State Police, or the Secretary's designee; and

8 (10) the Executive Director of the Governor's Office of Crime Control and  
9 Prevention, or the Executive Director's designee.

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

11 (d) State agencies represented on the Task Force shall provide staff for the Task  
12 Force.

13 (e) A member of the Task Force:

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

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

17 (f) The Task Force shall:

18 (1) study current and planned uses of surveillance technology by law  
19 enforcement agencies in the State, including:

20 (i) mass-surveillance devices and techniques;

21 (ii) social media monitoring software;

22 (iii) facial recognition technology;

23 (iv) cell-site simulator technology, including devices commonly  
24 referred to as "Stingray" devices and "DRT box" (or "Dirt box") devices;

25 (v) automatic license plate readers and similar devices used for  
26 optical character recognition in public spaces;

27 (vi) aerial surveillance; and

28 (vii) real-time location tracking systems;

1                   (2)    evaluate the need for transparent civilian oversight of the uses of  
2 surveillance technologies by law enforcement agencies in the State; and

3                   (3)    make recommendations to the General Assembly based on the Task  
4 Force's findings.

5                   (g)    On or before December 5, 2018, the Task Force shall report its findings and  
6 recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State  
7 Government Article, the General Assembly.

8                   SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June  
9 1, 2018. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and 1 month and, at the end of June  
10 30, 2019, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be  
11 abrogated and of no further force and effect.