

HOUSE BILL 805

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Assigned to: Judiciary

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force on Police Staffing Levels in Baltimore City**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Task Force on Police Staffing Levels in Baltimore City;
4 providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Task Force; prohibiting a
5 member of the Task Force from receiving certain compensation, but authorizing the
6 reimbursement of certain expenses; requiring the Task Force to study and make
7 recommendations regarding certain matters; requiring the Task Force to report its
8 findings and recommendations to the Majority Leader of the Senate of Maryland, the
9 Minority Leader of the Senate of Maryland, the Majority Leader of the House of
10 Delegates, and the Minority Leader of the House of Delegates on or before a certain
11 date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Task
12 Force on Police Staffing Levels in Baltimore City.

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

14 That:

15 (a) There is a Task Force on Police Staffing Levels.

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

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

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

21 (3) the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services, or the
22 Secretary's designee;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (4) the Mayor of Baltimore City or the Mayor's designee; and

2 (5) the Commissioner of the Baltimore City Police Department or the
3 Commissioner's designee.

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

5 (d) The Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission shall provide staff
6 for the Task Force.

7 (e) 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 (f) The Task Force shall:

12 (1) evaluate staffing levels of law enforcement officers in Baltimore City
13 during the past 5 years both overall and at the police district level;

14 (2) compare and contrast staffing levels of law enforcement officers with
15 the incidence of crimes reported in the City and in each police district during the past 5
16 years; and

17 (3) make recommendations regarding how staffing of law enforcement may
18 be altered to address and combat criminal activity in Baltimore City.

19 (g) On or before December 31, 2018, the Task Force shall report its findings and
20 recommendations to the Majority Leader of the Senate of Maryland, the Minority Leader
21 of the Senate of Maryland, the Majority Leader of the House of Delegates, and the Minority
22 Leader of the House of Delegates, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government
23 Article.

24 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June
25 1, 2018. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and 1 month and, at the end of June
26 30, 2019, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be
27 abrogated and of no further force and effect.