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Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force to Study Transportation Access**

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

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

14 That:

15 (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

16 (2) “MTA” means the Maryland Transit Administration.

17 (3) “Task Force” means the Task Force to Study Transportation Access.

18 (4) “WMATA” means the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit
19 Authority.

20 (b) There is a Task Force to Study Transportation Access.

21 (c) The purpose of the Task Force is to study and make recommendations, for
22 individuals and families in Maryland without access to public transportation or the ability
23 to use personal motor vehicles, to improve access to:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (1) employment;

2 (2) training and education opportunities;

3 (3) health and rehabilitation services, including nonemergency medical
4 services; and

5 (4) other social services.

6 (d) The Task Force consists of the following members:

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

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

11 (3) one representative of CASH Campaign of Maryland, selected by CASH
12 Campaign of Maryland;

13 (4) one representative of the Center for Mobility Equity, selected by the
14 Center for Mobility Equity;

15 (5) one representative of the Central Maryland Transportation Alliance,
16 selected by the Central Maryland Transportation Alliance;

17 (6) one representative of Delmarva Community Services, Inc., selected by
18 Delmarva Community Services, Inc.;

19 (7) one representative of the Job Opportunities Task Force, selected by the
20 Job Opportunities Task Force;

21 (8) one representative of Maryland Nonprofits, selected by Maryland
22 Nonprofits;

23 (9) one representative of the Maryland Rural Development Corporation,
24 selected by the Maryland Rural Development Corporation;

25 (10) one representative of Preservation Maryland who is involved with the
26 Smart Growth Maryland Campaign, selected by Preservation Maryland;

27 (11) one representative of The Arc Maryland, selected by The Arc Maryland;

28 (12) one representative of the Transportation Association of Maryland, Inc.,
29 selected by the Transportation Association of Maryland, Inc.;

1 (13) one representative of Vehicles for Change, selected by Vehicles for
2 Change; and

3 (14) the following ex officio members:

4 (i) the Secretary of Health, or the Secretary's designee;

5 (ii) the Secretary of Human Services, or the Secretary's designee;

6 (iii) the Secretary of Transportation, or the Secretary's designee; and

7 (iv) one representative of the Governor's Workforce Development
8 Board, appointed by the Governor.

9 (e) The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House shall jointly select
10 the chair of the Task Force.

11 (f) The Department of Transportation shall provide staff for the Task Force.

12 (g) The Task Force may establish subcommittees as necessary to fulfill its duties.

13 (h) A member or an ex officio 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 (i) The Task Force shall:

18 (1) review existing transportation needs assessments;

19 (2) reach out to public and private providers of health services, education
20 services, training and workforce services, and social services for input and information;

21 (3) examine barriers to accessing transportation, including disparity in
22 transportation access across zip codes;

23 (4) study transportation services currently available at the local, regional,
24 and State level, including routes and schedules for MTA, WMATA, and locally operated
25 transit systems in the State;

26 (5) review current transportation planning efforts and pilot projects,
27 including alternative solutions being used by local service providers or employers;

28 (6) explore opportunities to expand services through coordination,
29 collaboration, or the sharing of current transportation services or assets;

1 (7) review reports or studies of innovative or promising transit solutions in
2 other states or regions for potential new approaches in Maryland;

3 (8) review and summarize findings of current and projected unmet
4 transportation access needs across the State;

5 (9) make recommendations to optimize the use and coordination of existing
6 transportation systems, services, and assets, including recommended extensions of existing
7 routes or schedules for MTA, WMATA, locally operated transit systems, and private vehicle
8 services; and

9 (10) make recommendations regarding the need for additional resources,
10 planning, or systems to address current or projected needs.

11 (j) (1) On or before June 30, 2020, the Task Force shall submit an interim
12 report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with §
13 2–1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.

14 (2) On or before December 1, 2021, the Task Force shall submit a final
15 report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with §
16 2–1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.

17 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
18 1, 2019. It shall remain effective for a period of 3 years and, at the end of June 30, 2022,
19 this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and
20 of no further force and effect.