
By: Senator Blount

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Gives! - Establishment of Task Force on Charitable Giving**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing a task force on charitable giving to be known as
4 "Maryland Gives!"; specifying the mission of the task force; providing for the
5 membership of the task force; requiring the Governor to designate a chairman of
6 the task force and to assign staff to the task force; requiring the task force to take
7 certain actions and to issue certain reports; providing for the termination of this
8 Act; and generally relating to the establishment and work of a task force to increase
9 the level of charitable contributions in Maryland.

10 BY adding to

11 Article 41 - Governor - Executive and Administrative Departments
12 Section 18-310
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (1993 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

15 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
16 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

17 **Article 41 - Governor - Executive and Administrative Departments**

18 18-310.

19 (A) THERE IS A TASK FORCE ON CHARITABLE GIVING TO BE KNOWN AS
20 "MARYLAND GIVES!".

21 (B) THE TASK FORCE CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING 19 MEMBERS:

22 (1) ONE MEMBER OF THE SENATE OF MARYLAND, APPOINTED BY THE
23 PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE;

24 (2) ONE MEMBER OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, APPOINTED BY THE
25 SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE; AND

26 (3) SEVENTEEN MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR, AS
27 FOLLOWS:

28 (I) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE MARYLAND ASSOCIATION OF
29 NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS;

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1 (II) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE MARYLAND CHAMBER OF
2 COMMERCE;

3 (III) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE GREATER BALTIMORE
4 COMMITTEE;

5 (IV) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE WASHINGTON BOARD OF
6 TRADE;

7 (V) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE MARYLAND ASSOCIATION OF
8 COUNTIES;

9 (VI) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE MARYLAND MUNICIPAL
10 LEAGUE;

11 (VII) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE MARYLAND ASSOCIATION OF
12 UNITED WAYS;

13 (VIII) TWO REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER BUSINESS ORGANIZATIONS
14 SELECTED BY THE GOVERNOR; AND

15 (IX) EIGHT ADDITIONAL MEMBERS, REPRESENTING OTHER
16 NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS OR FOUNDATIONS FROM AROUND THE STATE,
17 SELECTED IN CONSULTATION WITH THE MARYLAND ASSOCIATION OF NONPROFIT
18 ORGANIZATIONS.

19 (C) THE GOVERNOR SHALL:

20 (1) DESIGNATE A CHAIRMAN OF THE TASK FORCE; AND

21 (2) ASSIGN PERSONNEL TO SERVE AS STAFF TO THE TASK FORCE.

22 (D) (1) THE MISSION OF THE TASK FORCE IS THE DEVELOPMENT OF A
23 STRATEGY TO DOUBLE THE AMOUNT OF CHARITABLE GIVING BY INDIVIDUALS AND
24 CORPORATIONS IN MARYLAND WITHIN 5 YEARS.

25 (2) THE TASK FORCE SHALL:

26 (I) RECOMMEND TO THE GOVERNOR AND TO THE GENERAL
27 ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATE CHANGES IN MARYLAND'S TAX LAWS AND IN OTHER
28 STATE POLICIES THAT WOULD IMPROVE THE LEVEL OF CHARITABLE GIVING IN THE
29 STATE;

30 (II) RECOMMEND HOW THE STATE'S PUBLIC RELATIONS
31 RESOURCES CAN BE BETTER USED TO PROMOTE INCREASED CHARITABLE GIVING
32 THROUGHOUT THE STATE;

33 (III) CONDUCT AN ECONOMIC IMPACT ANALYSIS ON THE EFFECT
34 ON MARYLAND'S ECONOMY OF INCREASED CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS TO
35 NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS IN THE STATE;

36 (IV) RECOMMEND HOW STATE AGENCIES CAN EMPLOY EXISTING
37 STATE DATA SOURCES TO DEVELOP BENCHMARKS AND TO ANALYZE AND CHART
38 PROGRESS IN THE LEVEL OF INDIVIDUAL AND CORPORATE PHILANTHROPY; AND

1 (V) REVIEW ANY OTHER MATTER RELATING TO CHARITABLE
2 CONTRIBUTIONS THAT THE TASK FORCE CONSIDERS APPROPRIATE AND
3 CONSISTENT WITH THE MISSION OF THE TASK FORCE.

4 (E) (1) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 1996, THE TASK FORCE SHALL SUBMIT
5 TO THE GOVERNOR AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1312 OF THE STATE
6 GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY A REPORT ON THE WORK OF
7 THE TASK FORCE, INCLUDING RECOMMENDATIONS REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION
8 (D)(2)(I) OF THIS SECTION.

9 (2) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 1997, AND ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1
10 EACH YEAR THEREAFTER, THE TASK FORCE SHALL SUBMIT AN UPDATE REPORT ON
11 THE WORK OF THE TASK FORCE AND REPORTING THE LEVEL OF PROGRESS
12 TOWARDS ACHIEVEMENT OF THE TASK FORCE'S MISSION.

13 (3) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 2001, THE TASK FORCE SHALL ISSUE A
14 FINAL REPORT.

15 (F) THIS SECTION SHALL BE ABROGATED AND OF NO FURTHER FORCE AND
16 EFFECT AFTER DECEMBER 1, 2001.

17 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
18 July 1, 1996.