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CHAPTER _____

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;

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1 (2) ONE MEMBER OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, APPOINTED BY THE
2 SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE; ~~AND~~

3 (3) THE SECRETARY OF STATE; AND

4 ~~(3) SEVENTEEN~~ (4) SIXTEEN MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR,
5 AS FOLLOWS:

6 (I) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE MARYLAND ASSOCIATION OF
7 NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS;

8 (II) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE MARYLAND CHAMBER OF
9 COMMERCE;

10 (III) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE GREATER BALTIMORE
11 COMMITTEE;

12 (IV) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE WASHINGTON BOARD OF
13 TRADE;

14 (V) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE MARYLAND ASSOCIATION OF
15 COUNTIES;

16 (VI) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE MARYLAND MUNICIPAL
17 LEAGUE;

18 (VII) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE MARYLAND ASSOCIATION OF
19 UNITED WAYS;

20 (VIII) TWO REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER BUSINESS ORGANIZATIONS
21 SELECTED BY THE GOVERNOR; AND

22 (IX) ~~EIGHT ADDITIONAL MEMBERS, REPRESENTING OTHER~~
23 ~~NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS OR FOUNDATIONS FROM AROUND THE STATE,~~
24 ~~SELECTED IN CONSULTATION WITH THE MARYLAND ASSOCIATION OF NONPROFIT~~
25 ~~ORGANIZATIONS~~ SEVEN MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

26 (C) THE GOVERNOR SHALL:

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

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

29 (D) (1) THE MISSION OF THE TASK FORCE IS THE DEVELOPMENT OF A
30 STRATEGY TO ~~DOUBLE~~ INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF CHARITABLE GIVING BY
31 INDIVIDUALS AND CORPORATIONS IN MARYLAND ~~WITHIN 5 YEARS.~~

32 (2) THE TASK FORCE SHALL:

33 (I) RECOMMEND TO THE GOVERNOR AND TO THE GENERAL
34 ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATE CHANGES IN MARYLAND'S TAX LAWS AND IN OTHER
35 STATE POLICIES THAT WOULD IMPROVE THE LEVEL OF CHARITABLE GIVING IN THE
36 STATE;

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1 (II) RECOMMEND HOW THE STATE'S PUBLIC RELATIONS
2 RESOURCES CAN BE BETTER USED TO PROMOTE INCREASED CHARITABLE GIVING
3 THROUGHOUT THE STATE;

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

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

10 (V) REVIEW ANY OTHER MATTER RELATING TO CHARITABLE
11 CONTRIBUTIONS THAT THE TASK FORCE CONSIDERS APPROPRIATE AND
12 CONSISTENT WITH THE MISSION OF THE TASK FORCE.

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

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

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

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

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