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**By: Delegate Harkins**

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Assigned to: Judiciary

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force to Study Circuit Court Procedures on Issuance of Body Attachment Warrants**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing a task force to study the issuance by the circuit courts of  
4 body attachment warrants and any other documents that require the arrest of a  
5 person; providing for the effective date of this Act; and generally relating to a Task  
6 Force on the issuance of body attachment warrants.

7 BY adding to

8 Article 41 - Governor - Executive and Administrative Departments  
9 Section 18-313  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (1993 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

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

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

15 18-313.

16 (A) THERE IS A TASK FORCE TO STUDY CIRCUIT COURT PROCEDURES ON  
17 THE ISSUANCE OF WARRANTS FOR BODY ATTACHMENTS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS  
18 THAT REQUIRE THE ARREST OF A PERSON.

19 (B) THE TASK FORCE CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS APPOINTED  
20 BY THE GOVERNOR:

21 (1) ONE JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT;

22 (2) ONE JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT;

23 (3) TWO CLERKS OF THE CIRCUIT COURTS;

24 (4) ONE CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT;

25 (5) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE  
26 COURT;

27 (6) ONE CHIEF OF POLICE;

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1 (7) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE; AND

2 (8) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY  
3 AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES.

4 (C) THE TASK FORCE SHALL EXAMINE THE CURRENT FORMS AND  
5 PROCEDURES IN EACH OF THE CIRCUIT COURTS CONCERNING BODY ATTACHMENT  
6 WARRANTS AND ANY OTHER DOCUMENTS REQUIRING THE ARREST OF A PERSON.  
7 THE TASK FORCE SHALL MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE COURT RULES  
8 COMMITTEE TO ADOPT STANDARD FORMS AND PROCEDURES.

9 (D) THE GOVERNOR SHALL DESIGNATE THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE TASK  
10 FORCE.

11 (E) MEMBERS OF THE TASK FORCE SHALL SERVE WITHOUT COMPENSATION.

12 (F) THE TASK FORCE SHALL ISSUE A FINAL REPORT OF ITS FINDINGS AND  
13 RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GOVERNOR AND, SUBJECT TO § 2-1312 OF THE STATE  
14 GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31,  
15 1997.

16 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1,  
17 1997.