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1 A House Joint Resolution concerning

2 **Task Force on Planning and Development**

3 FOR the purpose of requesting the Governor to create a Task Force on Planning and  
4 Development; specifying the composition of the Task Force; specifying the duties of  
5 the Task Force; providing for staff support for the Task Force; providing for  
6 termination of the Task Force; and generally relating to planning and development.

7 WHEREAS, Most residents of the State live, work, and play within a  
8 multijurisdictional region and do not confine daily activities to the county or municipality  
9 in which they reside; and

10 WHEREAS, Most businesses in the State distribute products, provide services, and  
11 draw from a labor pool within a multijurisdictional region and do not confine business  
12 activities to the county or municipality in which they are located; and

13 WHEREAS, Common concerns for air quality, water quality, and protection of  
14 natural resources and wildlife transcend jurisdictional boundaries and require  
15 comprehensive regional responses; and

16 WHEREAS, It is desirable to provide the means for local governments to share the  
17 resources generated by regional growth, development, and redevelopment, without  
18 diminishing any current revenue sources; and

19 WHEREAS, The Governor has expressed a commitment to smart growth and  
20 neighborhood conservation, and the Governor's initiatives to encourage those outcomes  
21 reflect and require an understanding of multijurisdictional regions as essential units of  
22 vision, planning, and decision making for coherent development; and

23 WHEREAS, Multijurisdictional regions in the State will benefit from the  
24 availability of detailed documentation of existing conditions and trends, and from  
25 recognition of their common issues and interdependencies, and from an opportunity to  
26 explore practices for organizing policies and resources to ensure sound and sustainable  
27 planning and development; now, therefore, be it

28 **RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,** That the  
29 Governor is requested to establish a Task Force on Planning and Development; and be it  
30 further

31 **RESOLVED,** That the Task Force shall:

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1 (1) identify, document, and study the conditions and trends that provide a  
2 basis for State and regional planning and development;

3 (2) identify, document, and study the common issues and interdependencies  
4 of multijurisdictional regions in the State; and

5 (3) identify, document, and study the potential tools for addressing those  
6 issues;

7 (4) draw on any available source of data that the Task Force considers  
8 useful whether from federal, State, or local governments or from institutions;

9 (5) produce a report on demographic and land use trends in each county  
10 and municipal corporation in the State and, as the Task Force considers appropriate, in  
11 each school district, tax assessment district, and special planning area; and

12 (6) study and evaluate the feasibility and implications for the State and its  
13 regions of the following potential tools:

14 (i) mechanisms for eliminating barriers to smart growth;

15 (ii) regional or statewide transfer of development rights;

16 (iii) regional tax base sharing;

17 (iv) integration of local land use planning with public investment in  
18 transportation and transit;

19 (v) affordable housing incentives; and

20 (vi) any other tool the Task Force considers to be useful; and be it  
21 further

22 **RESOLVED**, That the Task Force consists of the following members:

23 (1) two members of the Senate, appointed by the President of the Senate;

24 (2) two members of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of  
25 the House;

26 (3) the chairman of the State Economic Growth, Resource Protection, and  
27 Planning Commission;

28 (4) two members from regional business organizations, appointed by the  
29 Governor;

30 (5) one member from a statewide nonprofit organization, appointed by the  
31 Governor;

32 (6) one member from the faculty of a university graduate program in  
33 planning, development, or public policy, appointed by the Governor;

34 (7) one member from a statewide or regional environmental organization,  
35 appointed by the Governor;

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1 (8) one member from a statewide or regional transportation organization,  
2 appointed by the Governor;

3 (9) one member from a statewide or regional housing organization,  
4 appointed by the Governor;

5 (10) one member from a community-based membership organization  
6 engaged in statewide or regional issues, appointed by the Governor;

7 (11) members from the various regions of the State, appointed by the  
8 Governor; and

9 (12) the Director of the Maryland Office of Planning, ex officio; and be it  
10 further

11 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall be staffed by the Maryland Office of  
12 Planning; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall produce an interim report on or before  
14 November 1, 1997, and a final report on or before November 1, 1998; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That, after issuing its final report, the Task Force shall terminate;  
16 and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of  
18 Legislative Reference to the Honorable Parris N. Glendening, Governor of Maryland; the  
19 Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., President of the Senate of Maryland; and the  
20 Honorable Casper R. Taylor, Jr., Speaker of the House of Delegates.