
By: Senator Miller

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force to Review the Law Enforcement Officers' Bill of Rights and the Police**
3 **Training Commission Act**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing a Task Force to Review the Law Enforcement Officers'
5 Bill of Rights and the Police Training Commission Act; providing for the
6 membership, chairman, duties, and staffing of the Task Force; requiring the Task
7 Force to issue a certain report; and generally relating to the establishment of a Task
8 Force to Review the Law Enforcement Officers' Bill of Rights and the Police
9 Training Commission Act.

10 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
11 MARYLAND, That:

12 (a) There is a Task Force to Study the Law Enforcement Officers' Bill of Rights
13 and the Police Training Commission Act.

14 (b) The Task Force shall review the Law Enforcement Officers' Bill of Rights and
15 the Police Training Commission Act and propose a revision of both laws, unless it
16 concludes that a revision is not necessary.

17 (c) The Task Force shall assess the following issues in its review:

18 (1) The decisions of the Court of Appeals and the Court of Special Appeals
19 interpreting various sections of one or both laws;

20 (2) The legislative proposals that have been submitted to the Maryland
21 General Assembly to amend one or both laws;

22 (3) The views of law enforcement officers, law enforcement agencies, and
23 the public regarding the administration of disputes and the certification of law
24 enforcement officers in the State;

25 (4) The current law enforcement officer discipline and certification laws in
26 other states and legislative proposals regarding those laws, particularly in the
27 mid-Atlantic region of the United States; and

28 (5) Any other issues relating to the Law Enforcement Officers' Bill of
29 Rights and the Police Training Commission Act.

30 (d) The Task Force shall consist of 15 members as follows:

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1 (1) The President of the Fraternal Order of Police, Maryland State Lodge,
2 Inc., or the President's designee;

3 (2) The President of the Maryland Association of Chiefs of Police or the
4 President's designee;

5 (3) The President of the Maryland Trooper's Association or the President's
6 designee;

7 (4) The Secretary of the Department of State Police;

8 (5) The president of an employee organization representing county law
9 enforcement officers, appointed by the Governor;

10 (6) The President of the Maryland Association of Counties or the
11 President's designee;

12 (7) The president of an employee organization representing municipal law
13 enforcement officers, appointed by the Governor;

14 (8) The President of the Maryland Municipal League or the President's
15 designee;

16 (9) Two Senators, appointed by the President of the Senate;

17 (10) Two Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates;

18 (11) Two members of the public, appointed by the Governor; and

19 (12) A chairman, who is not an employee of any governmental agency,
20 appointed by the Governor.

21 (e) The members of the Task Force shall serve without compensation.

22 (f) The Task Force shall be staffed by the Department of Legislative Reference.

23 (g) The Task Force shall issue a final report of its findings and recommendations,
24 subject to § 2-1312 of the State Government Article, to the General Assembly on or
25 before December 15, 1997.

26 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
27 July 1, 1997.