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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

1 A House Joint Resolution concerning

2 **Task Force on Retirement Benefits of State and Local Law Enforcement**
3 **Officers**

4 FOR the purpose of requesting the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the
5 House of Delegates to establish a Task Force on Retirement Benefits of State
6 and Local Law Enforcement Officers; providing for the membership and the
7 staffing of the Task Force; requiring a certain report by a certain date; and
8 generally relating to the establishment of a Task Force on Retirement Benefits
9 of State and Local Law Enforcement Officers.

10 WHEREAS, Retirement benefits and eligibility requirements for retirement of
11 various law enforcement officers of the State and political subdivisions of the State
12 vary widely; and

13 WHEREAS, Some law enforcement officers are not able to carry with them
14 credit for service with one employer when they become employed by another
15 employer; and

16 WHEREAS, As a result of the disparity among various retirement systems for
17 law enforcement officers around the State, a decision to work for a particular
18 employer is often based on the quality of pension benefits rather than for other
19 reasons; now, therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the
21 President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Delegates establish a Task
22 Force on Retirement Benefits of State and Local Law Enforcement Officers; and be it
23 further

24 RESOLVED, That the Task Force study:

25 (1) the level of retirement benefits provided to law enforcement officers
26 of the State and political subdivisions of the State;

27 (2) the criteria for vesting and for retirement required by the various
28 retirement and pension systems that provide benefits to these law enforcement
29 officers; and

1 (3) the portability of retirement and pension benefits of these law
2 enforcement officers; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall consist of the following members:

4 (1) five members of the Senate, appointed by the President of the Senate;

5 (2) five members of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of
6 the House of Delegates;

7 (3) the Secretary of State Police, or the Secretary's designee;

8 (4) the Comptroller, or the Comptroller's designee;

9 (5) the Secretary of Budget and Management, or the Secretary's
10 designee;

11 (6) a representative from the Maryland Association of Counties; and

12 (7) a representative from the Maryland Municipal League; and be it
13 further

14 RESOLVED, That the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House
15 shall select the chairman from the membership of the Task Force; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall be staffed by personnel from the
17 Department of Legislative Services, and that notice of each meeting of the Task Force
18 be made public by delivering a copy of the meeting notice to the Legislative
19 Information Officer, Room B-6, Department of Legislative Services, Legislative
20 Services Building, 90 State Circle, Annapolis, Maryland 21401-1991, at least 10 days
21 before any scheduled meeting of the Task Force; and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall report to the Governor and, in
23 accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the General Assembly
24 by December 1, 1998; and be it further

25 RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of
26 Legislative Services to the Honorable Parris N. Glendening, Governor of Maryland;
27 the Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., President of the Senate of Maryland; the
28 Honorable Casper R. Taylor, Jr., Speaker of the House of Delegates; the Honorable
29 Louis L. Goldstein, Comptroller of the Treasury; Colonel David B. Mitchell, Secretary
30 of State Police; and the Honorable Frederick W. Puddester, Secretary of Budget and
31 Management.