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By: **Delegate Wood**

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Financial Institutions - Task Force to Study Modernization of Credit Union**  
3 **Law**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing a Task Force to Study the Modernization of Credit  
5 Union Law; specifying the composition, duties, and membership of the Task  
6 Force; providing for staff support for the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to  
7 make a report to the General Assembly by a certain date; providing for the  
8 termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Task Force to Study the  
9 Modernization of Credit Union Law.

10 Preamble

11 WHEREAS, Residents of the State depend on both State-chartered and  
12 federally chartered credit unions and other financial institutions for necessary  
13 financial services; and

14 WHEREAS, The federal government currently is engaged in evaluating and  
15 modernizing the laws that apply to federal credit unions and federally insured  
16 State-chartered credit unions; and

17 WHEREAS, The State is committed to the dual credit union system and to  
18 offering State charters for credit unions; and

19 WHEREAS, The State has not comprehensively reviewed or modernized its  
20 laws relating to credit unions since 1929; and

21 WHEREAS, The citizens of the State will benefit from State-chartered credit  
22 unions that are competitive with federally chartered credit unions by having greater  
23 access to financial services; now, therefore,

24 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
25 MARYLAND, That:

26 (a) There is a Task Force to Study the Modernization of Credit Union Law.

27 (b) The Task Force shall consist of the following 19 members:

- 1           (1)     Three members of the Senate Finance Committee, appointed by the  
2 President of the Senate of Maryland;
- 3           (2)     Three members of the House Commerce and Government Matters  
4 Committee, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates;
- 5           (3)     The Assistant Secretary for Regulatory Policy and Affairs of the  
6 Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation, or the Assistant Secretary's  
7 designee;
- 8           (4)     The Commissioner of Financial Regulation;
- 9           (5)     Five representatives from State-chartered credit unions, appointed  
10 by the Governor;
- 11          (6)     One representative from a federal credit union, appointed by the  
12 Governor;
- 13          (7)     One representative from a State-chartered commercial bank,  
14 appointed by the Governor;
- 15          (8)     One representative who is affiliated with recognized consumer  
16 groups or agencies in the State, appointed by the Governor;
- 17          (9)     One member of the general public, appointed by the Governor;
- 18          (10)    One representative from the Maryland Credit Union League,  
19 Incorporated, appointed by the Governor; and
- 20          (11)    One representative from the Credit Union Insurance Corporation,  
21 appointed by the Governor.
- 22   (c)    (1)     The President of the Senate shall designate one of the members  
23 appointed from the Senate Finance Committee as co-chairman of the Task Force.
- 24          (2)     The Speaker of the House of Delegates shall designate one of the  
25 members appointed from the House Commerce and Government Matters Committee  
26 as co-chairman of the Task Force.
- 27   (d)    The Task Force shall be staffed by personnel from the Office of the  
28 Commissioner of Financial Regulation.
- 29   (e)    The Task Force shall complete a comprehensive study of all existing State  
30 laws that affect the operation and powers of State-chartered credit unions in order to  
31 modernize the State's credit union laws.
- 32   (f)    In carrying out its duties, the Task Force shall identify, document, and  
33 study:
- 34          (1)     Federal law changes since 1934 that affect credit unions;

1           (2)     The response to these federal law changes by other states; and

2           (3)     Current State laws for chartering credit unions.

3       (g)     In carrying out its duties, the Task Force may draw on any available  
4 source of data that the Task Force considers useful, including federal, State, or local  
5 governments, organizations that represent the financial services industry, or  
6 financial institutions.

7       (h)     (1)     The Task Force shall issue a report to the General Assembly of its  
8 findings and recommendations, including a draft revision of Title 6 of the Financial  
9 Institutions Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, to modernize the State credit  
10 union law.

11           (2)     The Task Force shall issue a final report on or before December 1,  
12 1999.

13       SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take  
14 effect October 1, 1999. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end  
15 of June 30, 2000, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act  
16 shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.