

BY: Committee on Ways and Means

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1150

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, strike "Tax Credit for Costs of Providing Teleworker Benefits to Employees" and substitute "Task Force to Study the Creation of Tax Credits for the Costs of Providing Teleworker Benefits to Employees"; and strike beginning with "allowing" in line 3 down through "employees" in line 8 and substitute "establishing a Task Force to Study the Creation of Tax Credits for the Costs of Providing Teleworker Benefits to Employees; specifying the membership and duties of the Task Force; providing for staff support for the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to make a report to certain individuals on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Task Force to Study the Creation of Tax Credits for the Costs of Providing Teleworker Benefits to Employees".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On pages 1, 2, 3, and 4 strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 9 on page 1 through line 10 on page 4, inclusive, and substitute:

"SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

That:

(a) There shall be a Task Force to Study the Creation of Tax Credits for the Costs of Providing Teleworker Benefits to Employees.

(b) The Task Force consists of the following 16 members:

(1) The Secretary of Budget and Management, or the Secretary's designee;

(2) The Secretary of Transportation, or the Secretary's designee;

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designee;

(3) The Secretary of the Environment, or the Secretary's designee;
(4) The Secretary of Business and Economic Development, or the Secretary's

designee;

(5) The Secretary of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation, or the Secretary's

(6) The Director of Planning, or the Director's designee;

(7) The State Superintendent of Schools, or the Superintendent's designee;

(8) The President of the Maryland Chamber of Commerce;

(9) The President of the Maryland Association of Counties;

(10) The President of the Maryland Municipal League;

(11) The Manager of the Telework Resource Center of the Washington Metropolitan Regional Council of Government;

Governor;

(12) A representative of the Professional Planners Association, appointed by the

(13) A representative of the Technology Councils, appointed by the Governor;

(14) An environmental group representative, appointed by the Governor;

(15) A representative of the disabled community, appointed by the Governor; and

Governor.

(16) A representative of the family preservation community, appointed by the

(c) The Governor shall designate the Chairman of the Task Force.

(d) (1) The Task Force shall study various tax incentive initiatives for qualifying business entities to encourage the development of teleworker employee benefits, including income tax credits and property tax credits.

(2) The Task Force shall evaluate the impact of any of the options developed to encourage teleworker benefits on State and local revenues, labor costs, and business entity operating expenses.

(e) The Task Force shall submit a report to the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee and the House Committee on Ways and Means on or before December 15, 2000, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, on its recommendations for the potential consolidation of or alterations to existing tax credits as well as recommendations for the future enactment of tax credits.

(f) The Department of Business and Economic Development, the Maryland Department of Transportation, and the Comptroller of the Treasury shall provide staff support to the Task Force.

(g) The Task Force shall terminate, and this Act shall be null and void, after December 31, 2000 with no further action required by the General Assembly.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 4, in line 11, strike “3.” and substitute “2.”.