

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 19

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By: **Delegate Rudolph**

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

1 A House Joint Resolution concerning

2 **Task Force to Study Emergency Management Preparedness, Mitigation,**
3 **Response, and Recovery Program and Fund**

4 FOR the purpose of requesting the Governor to appoint a task force to study the
5 creation and funding of an Emergency Management Preparedness, Mitigation
6 Response, and Recovery Program and Fund; providing for the membership of
7 the task force; providing for a certain report; providing for the chairman and
8 staffing of the task force; providing for the task force's charge; and generally
9 relating to a task force to study the creation and funding of an Emergency
10 Management Preparedness, Mitigation, Response, and Recovery Program and
11 Fund.

12 WHEREAS, Disasters dramatically impact the citizens of Maryland; and

13 WHEREAS, Disasters cause millions of dollars of damages each year; and

14 WHEREAS, An adequate funding source is necessary to appropriately respond
15 to these disasters; and

16 WHEREAS, Funds are needed to develop pre-disaster planning, proactive and
17 reactive mitigation, and response to and recovery from emergencies and disasters;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, Appropriate funding will lessen the effect of disasters on this State,
20 help protect the lives and property of State residents and the environment from the
21 effects of disasters; and

22 WHEREAS, A fund will supplement existing federal, State, and local budgetary
23 resources dedicated to emergency management; now, therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the
25 Governor is requested to establish a Task Force to Study Emergency Management
26 Preparedness, Mitigation, Response, and Recovery Program and Fund to study the
27 feasibility of creating an Emergency Management Preparedness, Mitigation,
28 Response, and Recovery Program and Fund; and be it further

29 RESOLVED, That the Task Force be composed of:

- 1 (1) Two members of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of the
2 House; and two members of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of the
3 Senate;
- 4 (2) The Director of the Management Emergency Agency, or the Director's
5 designee;
- 6 (3) The Secretary of Budget and Management, or the Secretary's designee;
- 7 (4) The Secretary of Housing and Community Development, or the Secretary's
8 designee;
- 9 (5) The Secretary of the Environment, or the Secretary's designee;
- 10 (6) The Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, or the Secretary's designee;
- 11 (7) The Secretary of the Department of Human Resources, or the Secretary's
12 designee;
- 13 (8) The Director of the Maryland Office of Planning, or the Director's
14 designee;
- 15 (9) The Director of the State Emergency Management Agency; and
- 16 (10) Three members of the public appointed by the Governor; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That the Governor designate the Chairman of the Task Force; and
18 be it further

19 RESOLVED, That the Task Force report its findings and recommendations to
20 the General Assembly on or before January 1, 2001, in accordance with § 2-1246 of
21 the State Government Article; and be it further

22 RESOLVED, Staff for the Task Force shall be provided by the Office of the
23 Governor; and be it further

24 RESOLVED, That notice of each meeting of the Task Force be made public by
25 delivering a copy of the meeting notice to the Legislative Information Officer, Room
26 B-6, Department of Legislative Services, Legislative Services Building, 90 State
27 Circle, Annapolis, Maryland 21401-1991. The notice should be delivered no later than
28 Tuesday afternoon at 4:00 p.m. for inclusion in the weekly Hearing Schedule; and be
29 it further

30 RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of
31 Legislative Services to the Honorable Parris N. Glendening, Governor of Maryland;
32 the Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., President of the Senate of Maryland; and
33 the Honorable Casper R. Taylor, Jr., Speaker of the House of Delegates.