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Assigned to: Rules

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force to Study Minority Business Enterprise and Women's Business**
3 **Enterprise Policies and Procedures**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing a Task Force to Study Minority Business Enterprise
5 and Women's Business Enterprise Policies and Procedures; providing for the
6 membership, duties, and staffing of the Task Force; providing that the members
7 of the Task Force serve without compensation; requiring the Task Force to issue
8 a report by a certain date; providing for the effective date and the termination of
9 this Act; and generally relating to the establishment of a Task Force to Study
10 Minority Business Enterprise and Women's Business Enterprise Policies and
11 Procedures.

12 BY adding to
13 Article 41 - Governor - Executive and Administrative Departments
14 Section 18-318
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (1997 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

17 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
18 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

19 **Article 41 - Governor - Executive and Administrative Departments**

20 18-318.

21 (A) THERE IS A TASK FORCE TO STUDY MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE AND
22 WOMEN'S BUSINESS ENTERPRISE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES.

23 (B) THE TASK FORCE CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING 11 MEMBERS:

24 (1) TWO SENATORS APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE OF
25 MARYLAND;

26 (2) TWO DELEGATES APPOINTED BY THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF
27 DELEGATES;

1 (3) THE SECRETARY OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT OR THE DESIGNEE
2 OF THE SECRETARY;

3 (4) THE SECRETARY OF GENERAL SERVICES OR THE DESIGNEE OF THE
4 SECRETARY;

5 (5) THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION OR THE DESIGNEE OF THE
6 SECRETARY;

7 (6) THE SECRETARY OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS;

8 (7) TWO CERTIFIED MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE
9 REPRESENTATIVES REPRESENTING CERTIFIED MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISES
10 THAT ARE AT LEAST 51% OWNED AND CONTROLLED BY ETHNIC MINORITIES,
11 APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR; AND

12 (8) ONE CERTIFIED MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE
13 REPRESENTATIVE REPRESENTING A CERTIFIED MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE
14 THAT IS AT LEAST 51% OWNED AND CONTROLLED BY WOMEN, APPOINTED BY THE
15 GOVERNOR.

16 (C) THE GOVERNOR SHALL DESIGNATE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TASK FORCE.

17 (D) MEMBERS OF THE TASK FORCE SHALL SERVE WITHOUT COMPENSATION
18 AND ARE ENTITLED TO REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES UNDER THE STANDARD
19 STATE TRAVEL REGULATIONS AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET.

20 (E) (1) THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS SHALL PROVIDE STAFF SUPPORT FOR
21 THE TASK FORCE TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE WITHIN EXISTING BUDGETED
22 RESOURCES.

23 (2) THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS MAY DESIGNATE THAT STAFF
24 SUPPORT FOR THE TASK FORCE BE PROVIDED BY THE CERTIFICATION AGENCY
25 DESIGNATED BY THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS UNDER § 14-303(B) OF THE STATE
26 FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE TO CERTIFY AND DECERTIFY MINORITY
27 BUSINESS ENTERPRISES.

28 (F) THE TASK FORCE SHALL:

29 (1) STUDY THE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES OF THE STATE MINORITY
30 BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM;

31 (2) STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF CREATING A SEPARATE MINORITY
32 BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM AND WOMEN'S BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM;

33 (3) STUDY CONSTITUTIONAL OR OTHER REQUIREMENTS NECESSARY
34 FOR THE STATE TO MAINTAIN A MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM AND
35 CREATE A WOMEN'S BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM; AND

1 (4) RECOMMEND TO THE GOVERNOR AND THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
2 APPROPRIATE CHANGES IN STATE LAW AND IN OTHER STATE POLICIES THAT WOULD
3 ENHANCE THE EQUITY, EFFECTIVENESS, AND EFFICIENCY OF THE STATE MINORITY
4 BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM.

5 (G) THE TASK FORCE SHALL ISSUE A FINAL REPORT OF ITS FINDINGS AND
6 RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GOVERNOR AND, SUBJECT TO § 2-1246 OF THE STATE
7 GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1,
8 2000.

9 (H) THIS SECTION SHALL BE VOID AND OF NO EFFECT AS OF JULY 1, 2001 WITH
10 NO FURTHER ACTION REQUIRED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

11 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
12 July 1, 2000.