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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force to Study Investigations into Allegations of Police Corruption**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing a Task Force to Study Investigations into Allegations  
4 of Police Corruption; specifying the membership of the Task Force; requiring the  
5 Governor to designate a chairman; requiring the Attorney General's office to  
6 provide staff for the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to undertake a certain  
7 study; requiring the Task Force to report to the Governor and the General  
8 Assembly on or before a certain date; and generally relating to the  
9 establishment of a Task Force to Study Investigations into Allegations of Police  
10 Corruption.

11 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
12 MARYLAND, That:

13 (a) There is a Task Force to Study Investigations into Allegations of Police  
14 Corruption.

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

16 (1) One member of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President  
17 of the Senate;

18 (2) One member of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of  
19 the House;

20 (3) The Attorney General or designee;

21 (4) The State Prosecutor or designee; and

22 (5) Nine members appointed by the Governor as follows:

23 (i) A representative of the Governor's Office of Crime Control and  
24 Prevention;

25 (ii) A representative of the Department of State Police;

- 1 (iii) A representative of the National Black Police Association;
- 2 (iv) A representative of the Fraternal Order of Police;
- 3 (v) A representative of the National Association of Police  
4 Organizations;
- 5 (vi) A representative of the Maryland Trial Lawyers Association;
- 6 (vii) A member of the State judiciary;
- 7 (viii) A State's Attorney or assistant State's Attorney in the State; and
- 8 (ix) A criminal defense attorney licensed to practice in the State.
- 9 (c) (1) The Governor shall designate a chairman of the Task Force.
- 10 (2) The Attorney General's office shall provide staff for the Task Force.
- 11 (d) The Task Force shall:
- 12 (1) Examine ways of eliminating any potential for a conflict of interest or  
13 the appearance of impropriety in investigations into allegations of police corruption;  
14 and
- 15 (2) Explore the feasibility of and options for:
- 16 (i) Requiring law enforcement agencies to obtain independent  
17 counsel; and
- 18 (ii) Establishing a central agency charged with investigating  
19 allegations of police corruption.
- 20 (e) The Task Force shall issue a final report of its findings and  
21 recommendations to the Governor and, subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government  
22 Article, to the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2002.

23 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
24 July 1, 2001.