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Assigned to: Economic Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Transportation - Telework Partnership with Employers Pilot Program**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Governor to establish a statewide Telework
4 Partnership with Employers Pilot Program; stating the purposes of the Pilot
5 Program; requiring the Secretary of Transportation to adopt guidelines and
6 policies to administer the Pilot Program; requiring the Governor to provide
7 money in the budget to assist in the development and the requirements of the
8 Pilot Program; defining certain terms; providing for the termination of this Act;
9 and generally relating to establishing a Telework Partnership with Employers
10 Pilot Program.

11 BY adding to

12 Article - Transportation
13 Section 2-701 through 2-704 to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 7. Telework
14 Partnership with Employers Pilot Program"
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (2001 Replacement Volume)

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

19 **Article - Transportation**

20 SUBTITLE 7. TELEWORK PARTNERSHIP WITH EMPLOYERS PILOT PROGRAM.

21 2-701.

22 (A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS
23 INDICATED.

24 (B) "PILOT PROGRAM" MEANS THE TELEWORK PARTNERSHIP WITH
25 EMPLOYERS PILOT PROGRAM.

1 (C) "TELEWORKING" MEANS USING TELECOMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY TO
2 WORK AT A LOCATION OTHER THAN A TRADITIONAL OFFICE SETTING.

3 2-702.

4 (A) THE GOVERNOR SHALL ESTABLISH A STATEWIDE TELEWORK
5 PARTNERSHIP WITH EMPLOYERS PILOT PROGRAM.

6 (B) THE PURPOSE OF THE PILOT PROGRAM IS TO PROVIDE TO EMPLOYERS
7 FINANCIAL AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN DEVELOPING OPPORTUNITIES FOR
8 TELEWORKING BY EMPLOYEES.

9 2-703.

10 THE SECRETARY SHALL:

11 (1) ADOPT ANY NECESSARY REGULATIONS AND POLICIES TO ESTABLISH
12 AND CARRY OUT THE PURPOSES OF THE PILOT PROGRAM; AND

13 (2) ESTABLISH A COMPUTER LEASING PROGRAM TO ALLOW
14 TELEWORKING EMPLOYEES TO LEASE COMPUTERS AT DISCOUNT PRICES FOR A
15 PERIOD OF 3 YEARS.

16 2-704.

17 THE GOVERNOR SHALL PROVIDE SUFFICIENT FUNDING IN EACH FISCAL YEAR'S
18 BUDGET TO:

19 (1) ASSIST IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PILOT PROGRAM; AND

20 (2) MEET THE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND EVALUATION
21 REQUIREMENTS OF THE PILOT PROGRAM.

22 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
23 October 1, 2002. It shall remain effective for a period of 3 years and, at the end of
24 September 30, 2005, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this
25 Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.