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By: **Delegate McIntosh**  
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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force to Evaluate the Development and Construction of a Magnetic**  
3 **Levitation Transportation System**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing a Task Force to Evaluate the Development and  
5 Construction of a Magnetic Levitation Transportation System; specifying the  
6 membership and duties of the Task Force; providing for the appointment of  
7 chairpersons of the Task Force; providing for staffing of the Task Force;  
8 prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving certain compensation;  
9 authorizing a member of the Task Force to receive reimbursement for certain  
10 expenses; requiring the Task Force to report to the Governor and the General  
11 Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act;  
12 and generally relating to the establishment of a Task Force to Evaluate the  
13 Development and Construction of a Magnetic Levitation Transportation System.

14 **Preamble**

15 WHEREAS, The eastern seaboard of the United States constitutes the most  
16 highly developed and integrated region of the United States, which requires an  
17 effective and efficient transportation system in order to maintain and enhance its  
18 economic well-being; and

19 WHEREAS, The existing modes and methods of transporting people and goods  
20 are near or at capacity, suggesting the need for innovative new technology as a means  
21 of continuing and maintaining growth, development, and job creation within the  
22 region; and

23 WHEREAS, The Congress of the United States has enacted Public Law No.  
24 105-178, the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century, which authorizes the  
25 funding, in part, for deployment of a Magnetic Levitation Transportation System  
26 (Maglev) as an alternative; and

27 WHEREAS, The Federal Railroad Administration has approved the continued  
28 evaluation of a demonstration project for Maglev between the metropolitan areas of  
29 Baltimore and Washington; and

1 WHEREAS, A Task Force formed to evaluate the development and construction  
2 of a prototype Maglev system would make possible an intensive review of innovative  
3 ownership structures and potential public/private financing sources for the  
4 construction, ownership, and operation of the prototype Maglev system; now,  
5 therefore,

6 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
7 MARYLAND, That:

8 (a) There is a Task Force to Evaluate the Development and Construction of a  
9 Magnetic Levitation Transportation System (Maglev) in Maryland between Baltimore  
10 and the District of Columbia.

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

12 (1) 2 members of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of  
13 the Senate;

14 (2) 2 members of the Maryland House of Delegates, appointed by the  
15 Speaker of the House;

16 (3) the Secretary of Transportation, or the Secretary's designee;

17 (4) the Secretary of Business and Economic Development, or the  
18 Secretary's designee;

19 (5) the Secretary of Budget and Management, or the Secretary's  
20 designee;

21 (6) 5 members appointed jointly by the President of the Senate and the  
22 Speaker of the House to represent each of the following areas of expertise:

23 (i) engineering and construction;

24 (ii) banking and financing;

25 (iii) technology manufacturing;

26 (iv) transportation; and

27 (v) business development.

28 (c) The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House shall jointly  
29 designate 2 of the members as co-chairs of the Task Force.

30 (d) The Task Force shall:

31 (1) examine various alternative funding mechanisms as well as the  
32 feasibility and benefits of and alternatives for establishing a State or  
33 multijurisdictional authority, including as a partner the District of Columbia, to  
34 implement the Maglev system. In this regard, the Task Force shall obtain input from

1 appropriate representatives of the District of Columbia and shall consider potential  
2 State and local funding that may be required by the authority to implement the  
3 project, taking into consideration the funding requirements of other transportation  
4 projects;

5           (2)       examine various alternative structures and public/private  
6 partnership potential for the design, construction, ownership, and operation of the  
7 Maglev system and for obtaining the financing required for these purposes;

8           (3)       consider how to achieve the objectives of federal law regarding  
9 implementing a public/private partnership within the context of a State or  
10 multijurisdictional authority;

11           (4)       evaluate the need for modifications to the procurement system to  
12 respond to the needs of a Maglev system;

13           (5)       develop recommendations regarding the establishment of a State or  
14 multijurisdictional authority and the role to be played by the State and its various  
15 agencies; and

16           (6)       report its recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with  
17 § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the General Assembly on or before  
18 December 1, 2002.

19       (e)       The Department of Transportation shall provide staff support for the Task  
20 Force.

21       (f)       A member of the Task Force:

22           (1)       may not receive compensation; but

23           (2)       is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State  
24 Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

25       SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
26 July 1, 2002. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of June 30,  
27 2003, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be  
28 abrogated and of no further force and effect.