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House Bill 1127

(Delegate Cryor, *et al.*)

Commerce and Government Matters

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Task Force to Study Security Guard Training

This bill creates a nine-member Task Force to Study Security Guard Training. The task force is charged with studying how security guards at all levels of security are trained and preparing a final report in consultation with the Department of State Police. Members of the task force may not receive compensation for serving on the task force. The task force must report its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly by December 1, 2002. The Department of Legislative Services must provide staffing for the task force.

The bill takes effect on July 1, 2002 and terminates December 1, 2002.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Any staffing costs for the Department of Legislative Services could be handled with existing budgeted resources.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: There is no such task force. Section 19-303 of the Business Occupations and Professions Article provides the current experience and training requirements that must be met in order for an individual, partnership, or corporation to qualify for a license as a security guard agency.

Background: Under the Maryland Security Guards Act (Title 19 of the Business Occupations and Professions Article), the Secretary of State Police is responsible for the licensing of security guard agencies and the certification of those persons who provide security guard services in the State. To qualify for a license as a security guard agency, an individual applicant or a representative member applying on behalf of a security guard partnership or corporation must be at least 25 years old and meet one of the following training and experience requirements:

- at least five years experience as a full-time private detective certified by the Secretary of State Police;
- at least five years of experience as a full-time police officer with an organized police agency and successful completion of the police officer training course of the Police Training Commission;
- at least three years of experience in an investigative capacity as a detective while serving as a police officer with an organized police agency;
- three years of experience in an investigative capacity for the purpose of law enforcement in any federal, State, or local government unit and successful completion of the police officer training required by the Police Training Commission;
- at least five years of experience as a full-time fire investigator for a State or local fire department or law enforcement agency and successful completion of the training certified by the Police Training Commission or the Maryland Fire-Rescue Education and Training Commission; or
- at least five years of experience as a full-time correctional supervisor in a correctional facility in the State and successful completion of the training required by the Correctional Training Commission.

In addition, under current law, an individual applicant must be of good character and reputation. If the applicant is a firm, each firm member must be of good character and reputation.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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