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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force to Study Efficiency in Procurement**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing a Task Force to Study Efficiency in Procurement;
4 providing for the membership, purposes, and staffing of the Task Force;
5 requiring the Task Force to report to certain persons by a certain date; providing
6 for the effective date and termination of this Act; and generally relating to the
7 Task Force to Study Efficiency in Procurement.

8 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
9 MARYLAND, That:

10 (a) There is a Task Force to Study Efficiency in Procurement.

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

12 (1) two members of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of
13 the House;

14 (2) two members of the State Senate, appointed by the President of the
15 Senate;

16 (3) one member who has expertise in Maryland procurement law,
17 appointed by the Governor, who shall be the chairman of the Task Force;

18 (4) one member from the information technology industry, appointed by
19 the Governor;

20 (5) one member from the construction industry, appointed by the
21 Governor;

22 (6) one member from the commodities industry, appointed by the
23 Governor;

24 (7) one member from the human services industry or health care
25 industry, appointed by the Governor;

- 1 (8) one member from the correctional services industry, appointed by the
2 Governor;
- 3 (9) one member from the professional services industry, such as
4 engineering or architectural services, appointed by the Governor;
- 5 (10) the Secretary of General Services, or a designee, as an ex officio
6 member;
- 7 (11) the Secretary of Transportation, or a designee, as an ex officio
8 member;
- 9 (12) the Secretary of Budget and Management, or a designee, as an ex
10 officio member;
- 11 (13) the Chancellor of the University System of Maryland, or a designee,
12 as an ex officio member;
- 13 (14) the Secretary of Human Resources, or a designee, as an ex officio
14 member; and
- 15 (15) the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, or a designee, as an ex
16 officio member.
- 17 (c) Each member of the Task Force shall be appointed on or before July 1,
18 2003.
- 19 (d) The Department of Legislative Services and the Office of the Attorney
20 General shall provide staff support to the Task Force.
- 21 (e) A member of the Task Force may not receive compensation for serving on
22 the Task Force, but is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard
23 State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.
- 24 (f) The Task Force shall study methods of increasing efficiency in
25 procurement processes, including:
- 26 (1) the use of market-based procurement practice;
- 27 (2) outsourcing and privatization;
- 28 (3) the use of contracts where compensation is based on successful
29 performance;
- 30 (4) the accountability of State officials who violate procurement law;
- 31 (5) rewards and incentives to State officials in order to encourage better
32 procurement results; and
- 33 (6) greater centralization of the procurement system.

1 (g) On or before May 31, 2004, the Task Force shall submit a report of its
2 findings and recommendations to the Governor and, subject to § 2-1246 of the State
3 Government Article, to the General Assembly.

4 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
5 June 1, 2003. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of May 31,
6 2004, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be
7 abrogated and of no further force and effect.