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Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force to Study Methods to Enhance State Revenues Related to**
3 **Telecommunication Technology**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing a Task Force to Study Methods to Enhance State
5 Revenues Related to Telecommunication Technology; providing for the
6 membership, chairman, purposes, and staffing of the Task Force; requiring the
7 Task Force to report to certain persons by a certain date; providing for the
8 termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Task Force to Study
9 Methods to Enhance State Revenues Related to Telecommunication Technology.

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

12 (a) There is a Task Force to Study Methods to Enhance State Revenues
13 Related to Telecommunication Technology.

14 (b) The Task Force consists of the following members, appointed by the
15 Governor:

- 16 (1) two members of the Senate of Maryland;
- 17 (2) two members of the House of Delegates;
- 18 (3) one representative of the Department of Budget and Management;
- 19 (4) three experts in the telecommunication technology industry; and
- 20 (5) five other members.

21 (c) The Governor shall designate the chairman of the Task Force.

22 (d) The Department of Budget and Management shall provide staff for the
23 Task Force.

24 (e) A member of the Task Force:

- 25 (1) may not receive compensation; but

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

3 (f) The Task Force shall study, evaluate, and make recommendations
4 regarding:

5 (1) methods to generate and increase revenue to the State by facilitation
6 of the procurement process as it relates to telecommunication technology; and

7 (2) economic opportunities presented to the State by the evolution of
8 telecommunication technology, including:

9 (i) broadband;

10 (ii) partnerships and other cooperative relationships that may be
11 feasible between the State and the telecommunication industry; and

12 (iii) the availability of State land for telecommunication sites and
13 the rights-of-way that would be associated with the State's leasing of land for this
14 purpose.

15 (g) The Task Force shall report its findings, evaluations, and
16 recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State
17 Government Article, the General Assembly on or before December 31, 2004.

18 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
19 June 1, 2004. It shall remain effective for a period of 8 months and, at the end of
20 January 31, 2005, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act
21 shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.