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By: **Senator Lawlah**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force on the Status of Women and Information Technology**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing a Task Force on the Status of Women and
4 Information Technology; providing for the membership, purposes, and staffing of
5 the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to report to certain persons by a certain
6 date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Task
7 Force on the Status of Women and Information Technology.

8 BY adding to

9 Article - State Government

10 Section 9-801 to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 8. Task Force on the Status
11 of Women and Information Technology"

12 Annotated Code of Maryland

13 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

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

16 **Article - State Government**

17 **SUBTITLE 8. TASK FORCE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN AND INFORMATION**
18 **TECHNOLOGY.**

19 9-801.

20 (A) THERE IS A TASK FORCE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN AND INFORMATION
21 TECHNOLOGY.

1 (B) THE TASK FORCE CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

2 (1) ONE MEMBER FROM THE SENATE OF MARYLAND, APPOINTED BY
3 THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE;

4 (2) ONE MEMBER FROM THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, APPOINTED BY THE
5 SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE;

6 (3) TWO MEMBERS OF THE WOMEN LEGISLATORS OF MARYLAND, ONE
7 TO BE APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND ONE TO BE APPOINTED
8 BY THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE;

9 (4) THE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC
10 DEVELOPMENT, OR THE DEPUTY SECRETARY'S DESIGNEE;

11 (5) THE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF LABOR, LICENSING, AND REGULATION,
12 OR THE DEPUTY SECRETARY'S DESIGNEE;

13 (6) THE DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR THE MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION
14 COMMISSION, OR THE DEPUTY SECRETARY'S DESIGNEE;

15 (7) THE ASSISTANT STATE SUPERINTENDENT FOR THE DIVISION OF
16 CAREER TECHNOLOGY AND ADULT LEARNING, STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION,
17 OR THE ASSISTANT STATE SUPERINTENDENT'S DESIGNEE;

18 (8) THE DIRECTOR FOR THE CENTER FOR WOMEN AND INFORMATION
19 TECHNOLOGY, OR THE DIRECTOR'S DESIGNEE;

20 (9) ONE MEMBER FROM THE MARYLAND COMMISSION FOR WOMEN,
21 APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR; AND

22 (10) THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR:

23 (I) ONE BUSINESS ENTREPRENEUR WHO IS THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE
24 OFFICER OF AN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMPANY;

25 (II) TWO INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY BUSINESS PROFESSIONALS,
26 AT LEAST ONE OF WHOM IS A WOMAN;

27 (III) ONE HUMAN RESOURCES REPRESENTATIVE FROM A MAJOR
28 CORPORATION WHO HIRES INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY WORKERS;

29 (IV) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF A LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGENCY
30 THAT REPRESENTS TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION;

31 (V) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF A COMMUNITY COLLEGE
32 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM;

33 (VI) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF A 4-YEAR EDUCATIONAL
34 INSTITUTION INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM;

1 (VII) ONE SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHER; AND

2 (VIII) TWO COLLEGE STUDENTS MAJORING IN INFORMATION
3 TECHNOLOGY, PREFERABLY WOMEN.

4 (C) EACH MEMBER OF THE TASK FORCE SHALL BE APPOINTED ON OR BEFORE
5 AUGUST 1, 2004.

6 (D) TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE, APPOINTMENTS TO THE TASK FORCE
7 SHALL BE MADE TO ENSURE REGIONAL, ECONOMIC, ETHNIC, AND GENDER
8 DIVERSITY ON THE TASK FORCE.

9 (E) THE GOVERNOR SHALL DESIGNATE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TASK FORCE.

10 (F) THE TASK FORCE SHALL ELECT A VICE CHAIRMAN FROM AMONG ITS
11 MEMBERS.

12 (G) THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TASK FORCE MAY:

13 (1) ESTABLISH COMMITTEES FOR THE PURPOSE OF COMPLETING THE
14 DUTIES OF THE TASK FORCE; AND

15 (2) APPOINT INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE NOT MEMBERS OF THE TASK FORCE
16 TO SERVE ON EACH COMMITTEE.

17 (H) THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SHALL
18 PROVIDE STAFF SUPPORT TO THE TASK FORCE.

19 (I) A MEMBER OF THE TASK FORCE MAY NOT RECEIVE COMPENSATION FOR
20 SERVING ON THE TASK FORCE, BUT IS ENTITLED TO REIMBURSEMENT FOR
21 EXPENSES UNDER THE STANDARD STATE TRAVEL REGULATIONS, AS PROVIDED IN
22 THE STATE BUDGET.

23 (J) THE TASK FORCE SHALL:

24 (1) STUDY THE ISSUES RELATING TO THE DECLINING INVOLVEMENT OF
25 GIRLS AND WOMEN IN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY;

26 (2) STUDY THE IMPACT THIS DECLINE HAS ON THE OVERALL
27 TECHNOLOGY LITERACY OF MARYLAND'S WORKFORCE;

28 (3) STUDY THE IMPACT OF THIS DECLINE ON THE FUTURE OF THE
29 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY WORKFORCE IN MARYLAND;

30 (4) CREATE AWARENESS THROUGHOUT THE STATE ON THE ISSUE OF
31 WOMEN AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND THE FINDINGS OF THIS TASK FORCE;

32 (5) IDENTIFY AND EXAMINE EXISTING PROGRAMS AND SERVICES, LAWS,
33 AND REGULATIONS WITH RESPECT TO IDENTIFYING PRACTICES THAT BEST
34 ADDRESS THE ISSUE IN EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT;

1 (6) INVESTIGATE STRATEGIES TO ADDRESS THE CHALLENGES THAT
2 WILL BETTER MEET THE STATE'S WORKFORCE DEMANDS IN ALL CAREER AREAS
3 WHERE TECHNOLOGY IS USED;

4 (7) DEVELOP A STATEWIDE COMPREHENSIVE WOMEN AND
5 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PLAN AND STRATEGIES FOR PLAN IMPLEMENTATION
6 AND PUBLIC PROMOTION OF THE PLAN; AND

7 (8) FACILITATE COORDINATION AND COMMUNICATION AMONG STATE
8 AND LOCAL AGENCIES AND ORGANIZATIONS REGARDING ACHIEVING THE GOALS OF
9 THE PLAN.

10 (K) THE TASK FORCE SHALL PRESENT AN ANNUAL REPORT ON ITS FINDINGS
11 AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GOVERNOR AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1246
12 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, ON OR BEFORE
13 OCTOBER 1 OF EACH YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2004.

14 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
15 July 1, 2004. It shall remain effective for a period of 5 years and, at the end of June
16 30, 2009, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be
17 abrogated and of no further force and effect.