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House Bill 1121
Economic Matters

(Delegate McDonough, *et al.*)

Task Force to Study the Financial Impact of Illegal Immigrants on Maryland's
Job Market

This bill creates a 21-member Task Force to Study the Financial Impact of Illegal Immigrants on Maryland's Job Market. The task force must: (1) determine which job categories or industries have significant numbers of illegal immigrant workers; (2) assess the effect of employment of illegal immigrants on the competitive bidding process; (3) ascertain the number of jobs in which illegal immigrants unfairly replace citizens; and (4) make recommendations regarding legislation to address problems documented by the task force. The Department of Business and Economic Development (DBED) and the Department of Legislative Services (DLS) must provide staffing.

The recommendations and findings of the task force are due to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 1, 2004. The bill takes effect July 1, 2004 and terminates December 31, 2004.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. Any expense reimbursements for the task force members and staffing costs for DBED and DLS are assumed to be minimal and absorbable within existing budgeted resources.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: None applicable.

State Effect: DLS advises that it will likely be able to handle staffing duties with existing resources, depending upon the number of other task forces or commissions that are established during the 2004 legislative session. DBED advises that it could also handle the staffing duties with existing resources but that the bill may divert staff time from other responsibilities.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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