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House Bill 674
Appropriations

(Prince George's County Delegation)

**Prince George's County - Task Force to Study Personnel Practices in the Prince
George's County Police Department
PG 302-04**

This bill establishes a seven-member Task Force to Study Personnel Practices in the Prince George's County Police Department. The task force is required to study: (1) the extent that race, sex, and age are factors in the promotion of police officers in the department; and (2) whether the current stipend given to bilingual officers attracts and retains them in sufficient numbers. Membership of the task force is specified to consist of three county senators appointed by the county Senate delegation, three county delegates appointed by the county House delegation, and the police chief of the department. A final report with recommendations from the task force is required to be made to the county's Senate and House delegations before May 31, 2005.

The bill takes effect June 1, 2004 and its provisions terminate after June 30, 2005.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Any expense reimbursements for General Assembly task force members are assumed to be minimal and absorbable within existing budgeted resources.

Local Effect: Any expense reimbursements for the county police chief, as a member of the task force, are assumed to be minimal and absorbable within existing budgeted resources of the county police department. Although the county may elect to hire additional staff or contract with an outside consultant to meet possible staffing needs, any associated costs would be handled with existing county resources.

Small Business Effect: None.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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