

BY: Senator Gladden

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 539
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, after “People” insert “- Task Force to Identify Hate Crime Victims”; in line 5, after “homeless;” insert “establishing a Task Force to Identify Hate Crime Victims; providing for the membership of the Task Force; requiring the Joint Committee on Children, Youth, and Families to staff the Task Force; providing that the members of the Task Force may not receive compensation but are entitled to a certain reimbursement; establishing the duties of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to submit a certain report to the Governor and the General Assembly by a certain date; providing for the termination of certain provisions of this Act;”; and in line 6, after “persons” insert “and the Task Force to Identify Hate Crime Victims”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, after line 14, insert:

“SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(a) There is a Task Force to Identify Hate Crime Victims.

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

(1) one member of the Senate of Maryland serving on the Joint Committee on Children, Youth, and Families, appointed by the President of the Senate;

(2) one member of the House of Delegates serving on the Joint Committee on Children, Youth, and Families, appointed by the Speaker of the House;

(3) the Secretary of Juvenile Services, or the Secretary's designee;

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(4) the Special Secretary for Children, Youth, and Families, or the Special Secretary's designee;

(5) the Executive Director of the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention, or the Executive Director's Designee;

(6) the Attorney General or the Attorney General's designee;

(7) the Secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services, or the Secretary's designee;

(8) the Secretary of Maryland State Police, or the Secretary's designee; and

(9) a domestic violence advocate, appointed by the Governor.

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

(d) The Joint Committee on Children, Youth, and Families shall provide staff for the Task Force.

(e) A member of the Task Force:

(1) may not receive compensation; but

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

(f) The Task Force shall:

(1) convene regional public forums to gather information and feedback from individuals and groups who allege to be victims of hate crimes; and

(2) develop recommendations for the Governor and General Assembly on how to amend or add to current law that seeks to protect citizens of the State from hate crimes.

(g) The Task Force shall report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly, on or before July 1, 2007.”;

after line 14, insert:

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 2 of this Act shall remain effective for 1 year and at the end of September 30, 2007, with no further action required by the General Assembly, Section 2 of this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.”;

and in line 15, strike “2.” and substitute “4.”.