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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force to Study Violent Crime**

3 FOR the purpose of creating a Task Force to Study Violent Crime; providing for the
4 membership, chair, and staff of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to
5 study the incidence of violent crime in Baltimore City and Prince George's
6 County and recommend strategies for reducing violent crime in those
7 jurisdictions; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and
8 recommendations on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of
9 this Act; and generally relating to violent crime in certain jurisdictions.

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

12 (a) There is a Task Force to Study Violent Crime.

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

14 (1) two members of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President
15 of the Senate;

16 (2) two members of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of
17 the House;

18 (3) the Executive Director of the Governor's Office of Crime Control and
19 Prevention, or the Executive Director's designee;

20 (4) the State's Attorney for Baltimore City, or the State's Attorney's
21 designee;

22 (5) the State's Attorney for Prince George's County, or the State's
23 Attorney's designee;

24 (6) the Police Commissioner of Baltimore City, or the Commissioner's
25 designee;

1 (7) the Chief of Police of Prince George's County, or the Chief's designee;

2 (8) two representatives of community organizations, appointed by the
3 Mayor of Baltimore City; and

4 (9) two representatives of community organizations, appointed by the
5 County Executive of Prince George's County.

6 (c) From among its members, the Task Force shall elect a chair.

7 (d) The Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention shall provide staff
8 for the Task Force.

9 (e) A member of the Task Force:

10 (1) may not receive compensation as a member of the Task Force; but

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

13 (f) The Task Force shall:

14 (1) study the incidence of violent crime, including murder, rape and
15 sexual offenses, robbery, and aggravated assault in Baltimore City and Prince
16 George's County; and

17 (2) recommend strategies to reduce violent crime in Baltimore City and
18 Prince George's County.

19 (g) On or before December 1, 2007, the Task Force shall report its findings and
20 recommendations to the Mayor of Baltimore City, the County Executive of Prince
21 George's County, and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article,
22 the General Assembly.

23 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
24 July 1, 2006. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and 5 months and, at the
25 end of December 1, 2007, with no further action required by the General Assembly,
26 this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.