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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force to Study the Feasibility of Establishing a Correctional Facility**
3 **for the Incarceration and Treatment of Sex Offenders**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing a Task Force to Study the Feasibility of Establishing
5 a Correctional Facility for the Incarceration and Treatment of Sex Offenders;
6 specifying the membership and duties of the Task Force; providing for the
7 staffing of the Task Force; establishing that a member of the Task Force may not
8 receive a certain compensation, but is entitled to a certain reimbursement;
9 requiring the Task Force to report to the General Assembly on or before a
10 certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to
11 the establishment of a Task Force to Study the Feasibility of Establishing a
12 Correctional Facility for the Incarceration and Treatment of Sex Offenders.

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
14 MARYLAND, That:

15 (a) There is a Task Force to Study the Feasibility of Establishing a
16 Correctional Facility for the Incarceration and Treatment of Sex Offenders.

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

18 (1) one member of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of
19 the Senate;

20 (2) one member of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of
21 the House;

22 (3) the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services, or the
23 Secretary's designee;

24 (4) one warden from the Division of Correction, appointed by the
25 Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services;

26 (5) the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, or the Secretary's
27 designee;

1 (6) the Secretary of Human Resources, or the Secretary's designee; and

2 (7) the following members appointed by the Governor:

3 (i) one representative of a victim's rights group; and

4 (ii) one representative of an inmate advocacy organization.

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

6 (d) The Department of Legislative Services shall provide staff for the Task
7 Force.

8 (e) A member of the Task Force:

9 (1) may not receive compensation; but

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

12 (f) The Task Force shall:

13 (1) study whether sex offenders can be treated and rehabilitated;

14 (2) study the feasibility and cost effectiveness of operating a separate
15 correctional facility for the incarceration and treatment of sex offenders;

16 (3) study the findings and recommendations from relevant national
17 advisory committees, federal agencies, and peer-reviewed medical, correctional, and
18 legal literature; and

19 (4) identify and recommend alternatives to establishing a separate
20 facility, if a separate facility is not feasible and cost effective.

21 (g) The Task Force shall report its findings and recommendations to the
22 Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the
23 General Assembly on or before September 30, 2007.

24 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
25 October 1, 2006. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of
26 September 30, 2007, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this
27 Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.