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CHAPTER _____

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;

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

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

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

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

8 (7) the Public Defender of Maryland, or the Public Defender's designee;
9 and

10 ~~(7)~~ (8) the following members appointed by the Governor:

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

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

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

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

16 (e) A member of the Task Force:

17 (1) may not receive compensation; but

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

20 (f) The Task Force shall:

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

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

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

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

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

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