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By: **Delegate Goodwin**

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force on the Youth Homicide Rate in Baltimore City**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing a Task Force on the Youth Homicide Rate in  
4 Baltimore City; providing for the membership and cochairs of the Task Force;  
5 requiring the Joint Committee on Children, Youth, and Families to staff the  
6 Task Force; providing that the members of the Task Force may not receive  
7 compensation but are entitled to a certain reimbursement; establishing the  
8 duties of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to submit a certain report to  
9 the Governor and the General Assembly by a certain date; providing for the  
10 termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Task Force on the Youth  
11 Homicide Rate in Baltimore City.

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

14 (a) There is a Task Force on the Youth Homicide Rate in Baltimore City.

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

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

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

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

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

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

26 (6) the following members, appointed by the Governor;

1 (i) one representative of the Youth Empowerment Movement from  
2 Baltimore City;

3 (ii) one representative of the Baltimore City Bereavement Center;

4 (iii) one representative of the Baltimore City Youth Commission;

5 (iv) one representative of the Baltimore City Public School System;

6 and

7 (v) four family members of youth murdered in Baltimore City; and

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

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

15 (e) A member of the Task Force:

16 (1) may not receive compensation; but

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

19 (f) The Task Force shall:

20 (1) consult, on a pro bono basis, with child education, youth delinquency  
21 prevention, and health officials and experts;

22 (2) convene regional public forums to gather information and feedback  
23 from families of youth who have been victims of homicide; and

24 (3) develop recommendations for the Governor, General Assembly, and  
25 Baltimore City Police Department on how to reduce the youth homicide rate in  
26 Baltimore City.

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

1        SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take  
2 effect July 1, 2006. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and 2 months and at  
3 the end of August 31, 2007, with no further action required by the General Assembly,  
4 this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.