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**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**

Senate Bill 744

(Senator McFadden)

Judicial Proceedings

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

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This bill establishes a Task Force on the Youth Homicide Rate in Baltimore City to: (1) consult, on a pro bono basis, with child education, youth delinquency prevention, and health officials and experts; (2) convene regional public forums to gather information and feedback from families of youth who have been victims of homicide; and (3) develop recommendations for the Governor, General Assembly, and Baltimore City Police Department on how to reduce the youth homicide rate in Baltimore City. Findings and recommendations are due to the Governor and the General Assembly by July 1, 2007. The Joint Committee on Children, Youth, and Families must provide staff for the task force.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2006 and terminates August 31, 2007.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** Any expense reimbursements for task force members and staffing costs for the Department of Legislative Services are assumed to be minimal and absorbable within existing budgeted resources.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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## Analysis

**Background:** In Baltimore City in 2005, there were 13 homicides of individuals under age 18.

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### Additional Information

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** HB 1587 (Delegate Goodwin) – Judiciary.

**Information Source(s):** Department of Juvenile Services, Governor's Office for Children, Baltimore City, Department of Legislative Services

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