

HOUSE BILL 1150

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By: **Delegates Ali, Barkley, McComas, and Shewell**

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Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Department of Transportation – Evaluation of the Telework**
3 **Partnership with Employers Initiative**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Department of Transportation to engage
5 the services of an independent consultant to evaluate the Department's
6 Telework Partnership with Employers initiative; specifying that the
7 Department require the consultant to issue a report of its findings and
8 recommendations on or before a certain date to the Governor and the General
9 Assembly; and generally relating to an evaluation of the Department of
10 Transportation's Telework Partnership with Employers initiative.

11 Preamble

12 WHEREAS, The Maryland Department of Transportation has implemented the
13 Telework Partnership with Employers initiative in collaboration with the Baltimore
14 Metropolitan Council and the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments; and

15 WHEREAS, The Telework Partnership offers free professional telework
16 consulting services to Maryland employers; and

17 WHEREAS, Telework benefits companies by allowing employees to work
18 outside the traditional environment, whether at home or in a satellite office, thereby
19 reducing traffic congestion on the State's highways and roads, producing less
20 pollution, and lowering energy consumption; and

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 WHEREAS, Telework also benefits employers by reducing operating costs and
2 increasing employee retention and morale; and

3 WHEREAS, Telework affords employees flexible work arrangements and
4 reduced commuting costs, thereby providing a better work–family balance, reduced
5 stress, improved job satisfaction, and reduced travel time and expense; now, therefore,

6 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
7 MARYLAND, That, subject to the approval of the Board of Public Works, the
8 Maryland Department of Transportation shall engage the services of an independent
9 consultant to evaluate the Department’s Telework Partnership with Employers
10 initiative. The Department shall require that, on or before December 31, 2007, the
11 consultant issue a report of its findings and recommendations regarding the telework
12 initiative to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government
13 Article, the General Assembly.

14 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
15 July 1, 2007.