

HOUSE BILL 1320

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By: **Delegates Davis and Rudolph**

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Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Joint Committee on Base Realignment and Closure**

3 FOR the purpose of creating the Joint Committee on Base Realignment and Closure;
4 establishing the membership and duties of the Committee; designating the
5 cochairs of the Committee; requiring the Department of Legislative Services to
6 provide staff assistance to the Committee; and generally relating to the Joint
7 Committee on Base Realignment and Closure.

8 BY adding to

9 Article – State Government

10 Section 2–10A–11

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2004 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

13 Preamble

14 WHEREAS, The federal government recently completed the Base Realignment
15 and Closure (BRAC) review process, determining which military operations would be
16 consolidated throughout the country; and

17 WHEREAS, The State will receive an estimated 40,000 to 60,000 new civilian
18 and military jobs at and around Aberdeen Proving Ground in Harford County and Fort
19 Meade in Anne Arundel County; and

20 WHEREAS, The State is expected to receive an estimated 25,000 new
21 households as a result of the BRAC process; and

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 WHEREAS, This is an extraordinary economic development opportunity for the
2 region and the State; and

3 WHEREAS, Many policy issues, such as land use and transportation decisions,
4 will need to be addressed regionally and statewide; and

5 WHEREAS, Many concerns have already been raised regarding housing
6 availability, transportation infrastructure, educational opportunities, and water and
7 sewer infrastructure; and

8 WHEREAS, It is vital that the State legislature implement programs and
9 processes to expedite and accelerate planning and development so that the region and
10 the State are prepared to receive the influx of jobs and personnel associated with
11 BRAC; now, therefore,

12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
13 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

14 **Article – State Government**

15 **2-10A-11.**

16 (A) **THERE IS A JOINT COMMITTEE ON BASE REALIGNMENT AND**
17 **CLOSURE.**

18 (B) (1) **THE COMMITTEE CONSISTS OF 12 MEMBERS.**

19 (2) **OF THE 12 MEMBERS:**

20 (I) **SIX SHALL BE MEMBERS OF THE SENATE OF**
21 **MARYLAND, APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE; AND**

22 (II) **SIX SHALL BE MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES,**
23 **APPOINTED BY THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE.**

24 (C) **FROM AMONG THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE, THE**
25 **PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE SHALL APPOINT A SENATOR TO SERVE AS THE**
26 **SENATE CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE, AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE SHALL**
27 **APPOINT A DELEGATE TO SERVE AS THE HOUSE CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE.**

1 **(D) THE DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES SHALL PROVIDE**
2 **STAFF ASSISTANCE TO THE COMMITTEE.**

3 **(E) THE COMMITTEE SHALL DEVELOP SYSTEMS AND PROCESSES THAT,**
4 **WITH THE INTENT OF ACCELERATING PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SO THAT**
5 **THE STATE IS PREPARED TO RECEIVE THE INFLUX OF JOBS AND PERSONNEL**
6 **ASSOCIATED WITH THE BASE REALIGNMENT AND CLOSURE PROCESS, FAST**
7 **TRACK THE APPROVAL OF:**

8 **(1) TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE;**

9 **(2) WATER AND SEWER INFRASTRUCTURE;**

10 **(3) STATE AND LOCAL PLANNING PROCESSES;**

11 **(4) AFFORDABLE HOUSING OPTIONS; AND**

12 **(5) EDUCATION FACILITIES, INCLUDING PUBLIC SCHOOL AND**
13 **COMMUNITY COLLEGE CONSTRUCTION.**

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