

HOUSE BILL 1320

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CHAPTER _____

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

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



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

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

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

9 WHEREAS, This is an extraordinary economic development opportunity for the
10 region and the State; and

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

13 WHEREAS, Many concerns have already been raised regarding housing
14 availability, transportation infrastructure, educational opportunities, and water and
15 sewer infrastructure; and

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

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

22 **Article – State Government**

23 **2-10A-11.**

24 (A) **THERE IS A JOINT COMMITTEE ON BASE REALIGNMENT AND**
25 **CLOSURE.**

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

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

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

1 (II) SIX SHALL BE MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES,
2 APPOINTED BY THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE.

3 (C) FROM AMONG THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE, THE
4 PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE SHALL APPOINT A SENATOR TO SERVE AS THE
5 SENATE CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE, AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE SHALL
6 APPOINT A DELEGATE TO SERVE AS THE HOUSE CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE.

7 (D) THE DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES SHALL PROVIDE
8 STAFF ASSISTANCE TO THE COMMITTEE.

9 (E) THE COMMITTEE SHALL ~~DEVELOP~~ PROVIDE CONTINUING
10 LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT OF THE STATE'S RESPONSE TO CHANGES AND
11 OPPORTUNITIES OCCURRING AS A RESULT OF THE BASE REALIGNMENT AND
12 CLOSURE PROCESS.

13 (F) THE COMMITTEE SHALL OVERSEE AND PARTICIPATE, IN
14 COOPERATION WITH STATE AND LOCAL UNITS, IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF
15 SYSTEMS AND PROCESSES THAT, WITH THE INTENT OF ACCELERATING
16 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SO THAT THE STATE IS PREPARED TO RECEIVE
17 THE INFLUX OF JOBS AND PERSONNEL ASSOCIATED WITH THE BASE
18 REALIGNMENT AND CLOSURE PROCESS, FAST TRACK THE APPROVAL OF:

19 (1) TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE;

20 (2) WATER AND SEWER INFRASTRUCTURE;

21 (3) STATE AND LOCAL PLANNING PROCESSES;

22 (4) AFFORDABLE HOUSING OPTIONS; ~~AND~~

23 (5) EDUCATION FACILITIES, INCLUDING PUBLIC SCHOOL AND
24 COMMUNITY COLLEGE CONSTRUCTION; AND

25 (6) HEALTH CARE FACILITIES AND INFRASTRUCTURE.

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