

SENATE BILL 69

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ENROLLED BILL

— *Judicial Proceedings / Judiciary* —

Introduced by **Senators Jones, Conway, Exum, Gladden, and Kelley**

Read and Examined by Proofreaders:

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this

_____ day of _____ at _____ o'clock, _____ M.

President.

CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force to Study Prison Violence in Maryland**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing a Task Force to Study Prison Violence in Maryland;
4 specifying the chair, membership, and duties of the Task Force; requiring the
5 Task Force to make legislative recommendations; requiring the Task Force to
6 meet ~~with a certain frequency~~ at certain times and places; requiring the Task
7 Force to provide ~~a certain report~~ certain reports to the Governor and the
8 General Assembly on or before ~~a certain date~~ dates; providing for staffing of the
9 Task Force; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to
10 the Task Force to Study Prison Violence in Maryland.

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.

Italics indicate opposite chamber / conference committee amendments.



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

3 (a) There is a Task Force to Study Prison Violence in Maryland.

4 (b) The Task Force shall be ~~comprised~~ composed of:

5 (1) one member of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of
6 the House to serve as a cochair;

7 (2) one member of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President
8 of the Senate to serve as a cochair;

9 (3) the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services, or a
10 designee of the Secretary;

11 (4) the Commissioner of the Division of Correction, or a designee of the
12 Commissioner;

13 (5) the Attorney General, or a designee of the Attorney General;

14 (6) the Secretary of Juvenile Services, or a designee of the Secretary;

15 (7) the Public Defender of Maryland, or the Public Defender's designee;

16 and

17 ~~(7)~~ (8) the following members appointed by the Governor:

18 (i) ~~one representative~~ two representatives, one male and one
19 female, of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees who ~~is~~
20 are also employed as a worker workers correctional officers in a State prison;

21 (ii) one representative of the Justice Policy Institute;

22 (iii) one representative of the criminology department of a
23 Maryland institution of higher learning;

24 (iv) two former prisoners, one male and one female, of a State
25 prison that were incarcerated for a minimum of 5 years;

26 (v) one expert in the field of chemical engineering or toxicology;

27 and

1 (vi) one representative of a Maryland prison reform advocacy
2 group; ~~and~~

3 (vii) one intelligence lieutenant from the Division of Correction;

4 (viii) one representative knowledgeable and experienced in the field
5 of medical and health care services for prisoners;

6 (ix) one representative of the Department of State Police; and

7 (x) two members, at least one of whom is a member of the
8 Maryland Classified Employees Association, and each of whom is employed as a case
9 manager, psychologist, addiction counselor, or warden in a State prison.

10 (c) A member of the Task Force may not receive compensation as a member
11 of the Task Force but is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard
12 State Travel Regulations as provided in the State budget.

13 (d) The Task Force shall meet ~~at least bimonthly~~ at the times and places that
14 the cochairs determine.

15 (e) The Task Force shall:

16 (1) study available information on:

17 (i) the scope, nature, patterns, and causal relationships of
18 violence in the State's prisons;

19 (ii) the impact of illegal drugs on violence in the State's prisons;

20 (iii) the impact of exposure to lead and other pollutants on
21 violence in the State's prisons; ~~and~~

22 (iv) the best practices of other state correctional systems in
23 dealing with prison violence;

24 (v) the impact of contraband on violence in the State's prisons;

25 (vi) the role of gang activity on violence in the State's prisons;
26 and

27 (vii) any other issues that the Task Force considers relevant;

1 (2) make legislative recommendations; and

2 (3) prepare a report summarizing the findings and recommendations
3 of the Task Force.

4 (f) The Task Force shall submit:

5 (1) an interim report to the Governor and, subject to § 2-1246 of the
6 State Government Article, the General Assembly, on or before December 31, 2007; and

7 (2) a final report of the findings and recommendations of the Task
8 Force to the Governor and, subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the
9 General Assembly on or before December 31, 2008.

10 (g) The Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services shall provide
11 staff to the Task Force.

12 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
13 ~~October~~ July 1, 2007. It shall remain effective for a period of ~~2 years~~ 1 year and 7
14 months and, at the end of ~~September 30, 2009~~ January 31, 2009, with no further
15 action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further
16 force and effect.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.