

**SENATE BILL 69**

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## 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; requiring the Task Force to provide a certain  
7 report to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date;  
8 providing for staffing of the Task Force; providing for the termination of this  
9 Act; and generally relating to the Task Force to Study Prison Violence in  
10 Maryland.

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

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

14 (b) The Task Force shall be comprised of:

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

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

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

7 (4) the Commissioner of the Division of Correction, or a designee of the  
8 Commissioner;

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

10 (6) the Secretary of Juvenile Services, or a designee of the Secretary;  
11 and

12 (7) the following members appointed by the Governor:

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

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

17 (iii) one representative of the criminology department of a  
18 Maryland institution of higher learning;

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

21 (v) one expert in the field of chemical engineering or toxicology;  
22 ~~and~~

23 (vi) one representative of a Maryland prison reform advocacy  
24 group; and

25 (vii) one intelligence lieutenant from the Division of Correction.

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

1 (d) The Task Force shall meet at least bimonthly at the times and places that  
2 the cochairs determine.

3 (e) The Task Force shall:

4 (1) study available information on:

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

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

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

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

12 (2) make legislative recommendations; and

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

15 (f) The Task Force shall submit the findings and recommendations of the  
16 Task Force to the Governor and, subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article,  
17 the General Assembly on or before December 31, 2008.

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

20 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
21 October 1, 2007. It shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and, at the end of  
22 September 30, 2009, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act  
23 shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.