

SENATE BILL 720

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CF HB 1031

By: **Senators Middleton, Exum, and Kelley (Unemployment Insurance Oversight Committee)**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Joint Committee on Unemployment Insurance Oversight**

3 FOR the purpose of reestablishing the Joint Committee on Unemployment Insurance
4 Oversight; establishing the membership and staffing of the Committee;
5 requiring the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Delegates
6 to designate the cochairs of the Committee; requiring the Committee to examine
7 certain issues; authorizing the Committee to examine certain issues; requiring
8 the Committee to issue a certain report by a certain date; prohibiting a member
9 of the Committee from receiving certain compensation, but authorizing a
10 member of the Committee to receive certain reimbursements; providing for the
11 termination of this Act; and generally relating to the reestablishment of the
12 Joint Committee on Unemployment Insurance Oversight.

13 BY adding to

14 Article – State Government

15 Section 2–10A–11

16 Annotated Code of Maryland

17 (2004 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

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

3 **Article – State Government**

4 **2-10A-11.**

5 (A) **THERE IS A JOINT COMMITTEE ON UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE**
6 **OVERSIGHT.**

7 (B) **THE COMMITTEE CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING 15 MEMBERS:**

8 (1) **THREE MEMBERS OF THE SENATE, APPOINTED BY THE**
9 **PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE;**

10 (2) **THREE MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, APPOINTED**
11 **BY THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES;**

12 (3) **THE SECRETARY OF LABOR, LICENSING, AND REGULATION,**
13 **OR THE SECRETARY’S DESIGNEE;**

14 (4) **THE SECRETARY OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC**
15 **DEVELOPMENT, OR THE SECRETARY’S DESIGNEE;**

16 (5) **A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE MARYLAND RETAILERS**
17 **ASSOCIATION, DESIGNATED BY THE MARYLAND RETAILERS ASSOCIATION;**

18 (6) **A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE MARYLAND CHAMBER OF**
19 **COMMERCE, DESIGNATED BY THE MARYLAND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE;**

20 (7) **A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF**
21 **INDEPENDENT BUSINESS, DESIGNATED BY THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF**
22 **INDEPENDENT BUSINESS;**

23 (8) **A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE JOB OPPORTUNITIES TASK**
24 **FORCE, DESIGNATED BY THE JOB OPPORTUNITIES TASK FORCE;**

25 (9) **TWO REPRESENTATIVES OF UNION LABOR, DESIGNATED BY**
26 **THE MARYLAND STATE AND DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA AFL-CIO; AND**

1 **(10) A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ACADEMIC PROFESSION WHO IS**
2 **KNOWLEDGEABLE IN UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE LAW, DESIGNATED JOINTLY**
3 **BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF**
4 **DELEGATES.**

5 **(C) THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE SERVE AT THE PLEASURE OF**
6 **THE PRESIDING OFFICER WHO APPOINTED THEM.**

7 **(D) THE PRESIDENT AND THE SPEAKER SHALL APPOINT A SENATOR**
8 **AND A DELEGATE, RESPECTIVELY, EACH TO SERVE AS COCHAIR.**

9 **(E) (1) THE COMMITTEE SHALL EXAMINE THE CONDITION OF THE**
10 **UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE SYSTEM IN THE STATE AS A RESULT OF THE**
11 **IMPLEMENTATION OF CHAPTER 169 OF THE ACTS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY**
12 **OF 2005.**

13 **(2) THE COMMITTEE MAY EXAMINE THE NEED FOR ADDITIONAL**
14 **ALTERATIONS TO THE UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE SYSTEM, INCLUDING THE**
15 **CHARGING AND TAXATION PROVISIONS AND THE ELIGIBILITY AND BENEFIT**
16 **PROVISIONS, IN CONSIDERATION OF THE FAIRNESS OF THE SYSTEM AND IN**
17 **ORDER TO MAINTAIN THE UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE TRUST FUND AT A**
18 **LEVEL SUFFICIENT TO ENSURE THAT BENEFITS WILL BE PAID FROM THE FUND.**

19 **(F) (1) THE DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES SHALL**
20 **PROVIDE STAFFING FOR THE COMMITTEE.**

21 **(2) THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING, AND REGULATION**
22 **SHALL REPORT TO THE COMMITTEE ON THE CONDITION OF UNEMPLOYMENT**
23 **INSURANCE IN THE STATE.**

24 **(G) A MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE MAY NOT RECEIVE COMPENSATION**
25 **FOR SERVING ON THE COMMITTEE, BUT IS ENTITLED TO REIMBURSEMENT FOR**
26 **EXPENSES UNDER THE STANDARD STATE TRAVEL REGULATIONS, AS PROVIDED**
27 **IN THE STATE BUDGET.**

28 **(H) THE COMMITTEE SHALL REPORT ITS FINDINGS AND**
29 **RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GOVERNOR AND, SUBJECT TO § 2-1246 OF THE**
30 **STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON DECEMBER 31 OF**
31 **EACH YEAR.**

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
2 June 1, 2007. It shall remain effective for a period of 3 years and 7 months and, at the
3 end of December 31, 2010, with no further action required by the General Assembly,
4 this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.