

CHAPTER 6

(Senate Bill 110)

AN ACT concerning

Base Realignment and Closure Subcabinet

FOR the purpose of establishing the Base Realignment and Closure Subcabinet in State government; providing for the membership, chair, and staffing of the Subcabinet; providing for the duties and responsibilities of the Subcabinet; requiring the Subcabinet to submit a certain annual report to the Governor and General Assembly; defining a certain term; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Base Realignment and Closure Subcabinet.

BY adding to

Article – State Government
Section 9-802
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2004 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

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

Article – State Government

9-802.

(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION, “BRAC” MEANS THE BASE REALIGNMENT AND CLOSURE PROCESS AS ANNOUNCED BY THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.

(2) “BRAC” INCLUDES THE DEFENSE CONVERSION AND DEFENSE ECONOMIC ADJUSTMENT PROGRAM OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION.

(B) THERE IS A BASE REALIGNMENT AND CLOSURE SUBCABINET.

(C) THE SUBCABINET CONSISTS OF:

(1) THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR;

- (2) THE SECRETARY OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT;
- (3) THE SECRETARY OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT;
- (4) THE SECRETARY OF THE ENVIRONMENT;
- (5) THE SECRETARY OF HIGHER EDUCATION;
- (6) THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT;
- (7) THE SECRETARY OF LABOR, LICENSING, AND REGULATION;
- (8) THE SECRETARY OF PLANNING; ~~AND~~
- (9) THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION; AND
- (10) THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

(D) THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR SHALL SERVE AS CHAIR OF THE SUBCABINET AND SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE OVERSIGHT, DIRECTION, AND ACCOUNTABILITY OF THE WORK OF THE SUBCABINET.

(E) (1) THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SHALL PROVIDE THE PRIMARY STAFF SUPPORT FOR THE SUBCABINET.

(2) THE CHAIR OF THE SUBCABINET MAY CALL ON ANY OF THE SUBCABINET MEMBERS TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL STAFF ASSISTANCE AS NEEDED.

(F) (1) THE CHAIR MAY ESTABLISH SUBCOMMITTEES TO CARRY OUT THE WORK OF THE SUBCABINET.

(2) A SUBCOMMITTEE MAY INCLUDE AS A MEMBER AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS NOT A SUBCABINET MEMBER.

(G) THE SUBCABINET SHALL MEET REGULARLY AT SUCH TIMES AND PLACES AS IT DETERMINES.

(H) THE SUBCABINET SHALL:

(1) COORDINATE AND OVERSEE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ALL STATE ACTION TO SUPPORT THE MISSIONS OF MILITARY INSTALLATIONS IN THE STATE AFFECTED BY THE BRAC RECOMMENDATIONS;

(2) COORDINATE AND OVERSEE THE DEVELOPMENT OF:

(I) BRAC-RELATED INITIATIVES IN THE AREAS OF WORKFORCE READINESS;

(II) GRADES K THROUGH 12 AND HIGHER EDUCATION;

(III) BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT;

(IV) HEALTH CARE FACILITIES, AND SERVICES, AND WORKFORCE INFRASTRUCTURE;

(V) COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE AND GROWTH;

(VI) ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP;

(VII) WORKFORCE HOUSING, AND

(VIII) TRANSPORTATION;

(3) PROVIDE A FORUM FOR DISCUSSION OF INTERDEPARTMENTAL ISSUES AND COORDINATION RELATING TO ACTIVITIES THAT SUPPORT MILITARY INSTALLATIONS IN THE STATE;

(4) COLLABORATE WITH AND REVIEW THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE MARYLAND MILITARY INSTALLATION COUNCIL ESTABLISHED UNDER ARTICLE 83A § 5-1710.1 OF THE CODE;

(5) WORK WITH LOCAL JURISDICTIONS AFFECTED BY THE BRAC RECOMMENDATIONS TO ACHIEVE THE REQUISITE LEVELS OF PLANNING,

COORDINATION, AND COOPERATION AMONG THE STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS;

(6) WORK WITH MARYLAND'S CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO ATTAIN FEDERAL FUNDS TO SUPPORT THE MISSIONS OF MILITARY INSTALLATIONS IN THE STATE;

(7) MAKE POLICY AND BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GOVERNOR AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO STRENGTHEN STATE SUPPORT OF MILITARY INSTALLATIONS IN THE STATE; AND

(8) PERFORM OTHER DUTIES ASSIGNED BY THE GOVERNOR.

(I) IN COORDINATION WITH STATE AGENCIES, THE SUBCABINET SHALL EVALUATE AND REPORT ANNUALLY TO THE GOVERNOR AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1246 OF THIS ARTICLE, TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON STATE ACTION TO SUPPORT THE MISSION OF MILITARY INSTALLATIONS LOCATED IN THE STATE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2007. It shall remain effective for a period of 4 years and 7 months and, at the end of December 31, 2011, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Approved by the Governor, April 10, 2007.