

# SENATE BILL 34

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By: **Senator Pipkin**

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Assigned to: Rules

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force to Study the Cost of Illegal Immigrants in Maryland**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing a Task Force to Study the Cost of Illegal Immigrants  
4 in Maryland; providing for the membership and duties of the Task Force;  
5 providing for the designation of a chair of the Task Force; requiring the  
6 Department of Business and Economic Development to provide staff for the  
7 Task Force; prohibiting members of the Task Force from receiving  
8 compensation; authorizing a member to receive certain reimbursement;  
9 requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the  
10 Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for  
11 the termination of this Act; and generally relating to a Task Force to Study the  
12 Cost of Illegal Immigrants in Maryland.

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

15 (a) There is a Task Force to Study the Cost of Illegal Immigrants in  
16 Maryland.

17 (b) The Task Force consists of the following members:

18 (1) two members of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the  
19 President of the Senate;

20 (2) two members of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker  
21 of the House;

22 (3) the Secretary of Business and Economic Development, or the  
23 Secretary's designee;

24 (4) the Attorney General, or the Attorney General's designee; and

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



- 1           (5)    the following four members, appointed by the Governor:
- 2                   (i)    two members from the business community; and
- 3                   (ii)   two members with expertise on immigration–related issues.
- 4           (c)    The Governor shall designate the chair of the Task Force.
- 5           (d)    The Department of Business and Economic Development shall provide  
6 staff for the Task Force.
- 7           (e)    A member of the Task Force:
- 8                   (1)    may not receive compensation; but
- 9                   (2)    is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard  
10 State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.
- 11          (f)    The Task Force shall:
- 12                   (1)    study the fiscal impact of illegal immigrants on the State,  
13 including the costs of benefits and services that they receive or for which they are  
14 eligible and the programs to which they avail themselves or that are available to them;  
15 and
- 16                   (2)    make recommendations regarding legislation to address problems  
17 documented by the Task Force.
- 18          (g)    The Task Force shall report its findings and recommendations to the  
19 Governor and, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, the  
20 General Assembly, on or before January 1, 2009.

21           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
22 June 1, 2008. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of May 31,  
23 2009, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be  
24 abrogated and of no further force and effect.