

# HOUSE BILL 1215

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force to Study Task Forces, Commissions, Temporary or Ad Hoc**  
3 **Committees, and Related Panels**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing a Task Force to Study Task Forces, Commissions,  
5 Temporary or Ad Hoc Committees, and Related Panels; providing for the  
6 membership of the Task Force; providing for the designation of a chair of the  
7 Task Force; providing for staff for the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the  
8 Task Force from receiving compensation; authorizing a member of the Task  
9 Force to receive reimbursement for certain expenses; requiring the Task Force  
10 to study certain issues; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and  
11 recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a  
12 certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to  
13 the establishment of a Task Force to Study Task Forces, Commissions,  
14 Temporary or Ad Hoc Committees, and Related Panels.

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

17 (a) There is a Task Force to Study Task Forces, Commissions, Temporary or  
18 Ad Hoc Committees, and Related Panels.

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

20 (1) two members of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the  
21 President of the Senate;

22 (2) two members of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker  
23 of the House;

24 (3) the following three members, appointed by the Governor:

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



- 1 (i) one representative from the Governor's office; and
- 2 (ii) two individuals who have served on previous, now-defunct  
3 task forces.
- 4 (c) The Governor shall designate the chair of the Task Force.
- 5 (d) The Department of Legislative Services shall provide staff for the Task  
6 Force.
- 7 (e) A member of the Task Force:
- 8 (1) may not receive compensation as a member of the Task Force; 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 study and make recommendations regarding:
- 12 (1) the purpose, findings, and effectiveness of all task forces,  
13 commissions, temporary or ad hoc committees, and related panels that were enacted  
14 from January 1, 1998 to December 31, 2007, both inclusive;
- 15 (2) the individual and combined costs of the task forces, commissions,  
16 temporary or ad hoc committees, and related panels; and
- 17 (3) any subsequent actions that may be attributable to the work of any  
18 of the task forces, commissions, temporary or ad hoc committees, and related panels.
- 19 (g) The Task Force shall report its findings and recommendations to the  
20 Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the  
21 General Assembly on or before January 1, 2009.

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