

# SENATE BILL 52

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By: **Senator Pipkin**

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Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

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

3 FOR the purpose of establishing a Task Force to Study the Cost of Illegal Aliens in  
4 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 certain  
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 the Task Force to Study  
12 the Cost of Illegal Aliens 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 Aliens in Maryland.

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

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

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

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

23 (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 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:
- 12                   (1)    study the fiscal impact of illegal aliens on the State, including the  
13 costs of benefits and services that they receive or for which they are eligible and the  
14 programs to which they avail themselves or that are available to them; and
- 15                   (2)    make recommendations regarding legislation to address problems  
16 documented by the Task Force.
- 17          (g)    On or before January 1, 2009, the Task Force shall report its findings and  
18 recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State  
19 Government Article, the General Assembly.

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