

SENATE BILL 644

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By: **Senators Pugh, Conway, Gladden, Glassman, Jones, and Stone**

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Assigned to: Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Baltimore Regional Transportation Authority Study Task Force**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Baltimore Regional Transportation Authority
4 Study Task Force to consider certain transportation-related issues and make
5 recommendations regarding the creation of a certain independent
6 transportation authority for a certain region of the State; providing for the
7 membership of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to report to the
8 Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for
9 the effective date of this Act; providing for the termination of this Act; and
10 generally relating to the Baltimore Regional Transportation Authority Study
11 Task Force.

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

14 (a) There is a Baltimore Regional Transportation Authority Study Task
15 Force.

16 (b) In this section, "Baltimore Region" means that region of the State
17 consisting of the following political subdivisions of the State:

18 (1) Anne Arundel County;

19 (2) Baltimore City;

20 (3) Baltimore County;

21 (4) Carroll County;

22 (5) Harford County; and

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (6) Howard County.

2 (c) The Task Force shall consist of the following 21 members:

3 (1) The Secretary of Transportation, or the Secretary's designee;

4 (2) The Administrator of the Maryland Transit Administration, or the
5 Administrator's designee;

6 (3) The Administrator of the State Highway Administration, or the
7 Administrator's designee;

8 (4) The Executive Secretary of the Maryland Transportation
9 Authority, or the Executive Secretary's designee;

10 (5) Five members appointed by the Secretary of Transportation, two of
11 whom shall represent the business community and three of whom shall be regular
12 transit users who are not members of the business community;

13 (6) Two residents of Anne Arundel County appointed by the Anne
14 Arundel County Executive, one of whom shall represent the general public and one of
15 whom shall represent the county government;

16 (7) Two residents of Baltimore City appointed by the Mayor of
17 Baltimore City, one of whom shall represent the general public and one of whom shall
18 represent the city government;

19 (8) Two residents of Baltimore County appointed by the Baltimore
20 County Executive, one of whom shall represent the general public and one of whom
21 shall represent the county government;

22 (9) Two residents of Carroll County appointed by the Carroll County
23 Board of County Commissioners, one of whom shall represent the general public and
24 one of whom shall represent the county government;

25 (10) Two residents of Harford County appointed by the Harford County
26 Executive, one of whom shall represent the general public and one of whom shall
27 represent the county government; and

28 (11) Two residents of Howard County appointed by the Howard County
29 Executive, one of whom shall represent the general public and one of whom shall
30 represent the county government.

31 (d) The Task Force shall include one nonvoting member, designated by the
32 chief executive officer of the county, from each of the following counties:

33 (1) Calvert County;

- 1 (2) Cecil County;
- 2 (3) Frederick County;
- 3 (4) Montgomery County; and
- 4 (5) Prince George's County.

5 (e) The Task Force shall select a chair and a recording secretary from among
6 its members.

7 (f) A member of the Task Force may not receive compensation as a member
8 of the Task Force, but is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard
9 State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

10 (g) The Task Force shall meet at least every 2 months.

11 (h) (1) Members may continue to serve until the Task Force completes its
12 work.

13 (2) If a member resigns or is otherwise unable to participate on the
14 Task Force, the member's successor shall be appointed by the office that appointed the
15 former member.

16 (i) State and local agencies shall comply with any reasonable request for
17 information or documentation made by the Task Force in fulfilling its duties.

18 (j) The Department of Transportation and the Baltimore Metropolitan
19 Council shall, as requested, provide staff and resources to the Task Force.

20 (k) The Task Force shall study and make recommendations regarding the
21 creation of an independent authority to develop, finance, and operate transportation
22 services within the Baltimore Region, either in lieu of or in addition to any services
23 provided under the authority of the Department of Transportation.

24 (l) In addition to the duties specified in subsection (k) of this section, the
25 Task Force shall consider:

26 (1) The appropriate governing organization for a regional
27 transportation authority in the Baltimore Region;

28 (2) The transportation modes that should be governed by a regional
29 transportation authority, including intermodal connections between transportation
30 facilities within the Baltimore Region and transportation facilities outside the
31 Baltimore Region;

32 (3) The jurisdiction of a regional transportation authority with regard
33 to:

- 1 (i) MARC commuter rail service;
- 2 (ii) Areas served by the Maryland Transit Administration
3 commuter buses and contract commuter buses;
- 4 (iii) Any metro rail overlaps from outside the Baltimore Region
5 with rails inside the Baltimore Region; and
- 6 (iv) Any Maryland Transportation Authority facility within the
7 Baltimore Region;
- 8 (4) The appropriate processes to be used by a regional transportation
9 authority for transportation planning;
- 10 (5) The use of tolls in the Baltimore Region to raise revenue for the
11 regional transportation authority; and
- 12 (6) The experience of other metropolitan regions with regional
13 transportation authorities.
- 14 (m) The Task Force shall report its findings and recommendations to the
15 Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the
16 General Assembly on or before October 1, 2009.

17 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
18 June 1, 2008. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and 7 months and, at the
19 end of December 31, 2009, with no further action required by the General Assembly,
20 this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.