

# SENATE BILL 739

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By: **Senator Muse**

Introduced and read first time: February 1, 2008

Assigned to: Finance

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force to Study the Department of Juvenile Services**

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

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

14 (a) There is a Task Force to Study the Department of Juvenile Services.

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

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

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

20 (3) the Secretary of Budget and Management, or the Secretary's  
21 designee;

22 (4) the Secretary of Juvenile Services, or the Secretary's designee; and

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (5) one member from the Office of the Governor, appointed by the  
2 Governor.

3 (c) The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House jointly shall  
4 designate the chair of the Task Force.

5 (d) The Office of the Governor shall provide staff for the Task Force.

6 (e) A member of the Task Force:

7 (1) may not receive compensation as a member of the Task Force; but

8 (2) is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard  
9 State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

10 (f) The Task Force shall study and make recommendations regarding:

11 (1) the development and administration of the Department of Juvenile  
12 Services' budget;

13 (2) the Department of Juvenile Services' hiring practices;

14 (3) the operation of the Department of Juvenile Services; and

15 (4) the Department of Juvenile Services' delivery of services to youth.

16 (g) The Task Force shall report its findings and recommendations to the  
17 Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the  
18 General Assembly, on or before June 1, 2009.

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