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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

House Bill 1215 (Delegate Eckardt, *et al.*)  
Health and Government Operations

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

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This bill establishes a Task Force to Study Task Forces, Commissions, Temporary or Ad Hoc Committees, and Related Panels, staffed by the Department of Legislative Services. The task force must study and make recommendations regarding • the purpose, findings, and effectiveness of all task forces, commissions, temporary or ad hoc committees, and related panels that were enacted from January 1, 1998 to December 31, 2007; • the costs and any subsequent actions attributable to the work of any of the task forces, commissions, temporary or ad hoc committees, and related panels. A final report of the task force's findings and recommendations are due to the Governor and the General Assembly by January 1, 2009.

The bill takes effect June 1, 2008 and terminates on May 31, 2009.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** Any expense reimbursements for task force members and staffing costs for DLS are assumed to be minimal and absorbable within existing budgeted resources.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Analysis**

**Background:** DLS maintains a database to track reports mandated by legislation to be submitted to the Governor, the General Assembly, legislative committees, and Legislative

Services. The database also contains task forces established by executive order that require reports to the Governor or the General Assembly. The database does not include any task force that was created by legislation without a mandated report. Between 1998 and 2007, 172 task forces, commissions, temporary or ad hoc committees, and workgroups have been created with 211 reporting mandates.

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**Exhibit 1**  
**Task Forces Mandated by Legislation or Established by Executive Order**

<u>Year</u>	<u>Number of Task Forces</u>	<u>Number of One-time Reporting Requirements</u>
1998	11	11
1999	15	16
2000	14	18
2001	17	21
2002	17	20
2003	20	25
2004	14	19
2005	20	22
2006	19	24
2007	25	35
<b>Total</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>211</b>

Source: Department of Legislative Services

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**Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

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