

HOUSE BILL 1539

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By: **Delegate Rudolph**

Introduced and read first time: March 9, 2009

Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force to Study Merging the Cecil County Health Department, Social**
3 **Services Department, and Senior Services & Community Transit Department**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing a Task Force to Study Merging the Cecil County
5 Health Department, Social Services Department, and Senior Services &
6 Community Transit Department; providing for the membership and duties of
7 the Task Force; providing for the staffing of the Task Force; prohibiting a
8 member of the Task Force from receiving certain compensation; authorizing a
9 member of the Task Force to receive reimbursement for certain expenses;
10 requiring the Task Force to prepare certain reports; requiring a certain report
11 to be sent to the County Commissioners of Cecil County; requiring copies of a
12 certain report to be sent to certain State agencies; providing for the termination
13 of this Act; and generally relating to the Task Force to Study Merging the Cecil
14 County Health Department, Social Services Department, and Senior Services &
15 Community Transit Department.

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

18 (a) There is a Task Force to Study Merging the Cecil County Health
19 Department, Social Services Department, and Senior Services & Community Transit
20 Department.

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

22 (1) two representatives from the Cecil County Health Department,
23 appointed jointly by the County Commissioners of Cecil County and the Director of the
24 Cecil County Health Department;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (2) two representatives from the Cecil County Social Services
2 Department, appointed jointly by the County Commissioners of Cecil County and the
3 Director of the Cecil County Department of Social Services;

4 (3) two representatives from the Cecil County Senior Services &
5 Community Transit Department, appointed jointly by the County Commissioners of
6 Cecil County and the Director of the Cecil County Senior Services & Community
7 Transit Department;

8 (4) two representatives from the Cecil County Social Services Board,
9 appointed jointly by the County Commissioners of Cecil County and the Chairman of
10 the Cecil County Family Services Board;

11 (5) two individuals from a nonprofit senior citizens organization that
12 operates in Cecil County, appointed by the County Commissioners of Cecil County;

13 (6) one representative from the Maryland Department of Health and
14 Mental Hygiene, appointed jointly by the County Commissioners of Cecil County and
15 the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene;

16 (7) one representative from the Maryland Department of Human
17 Resources, appointed jointly by the County Commissioners of Cecil County and the
18 Secretary of Human Resources;

19 (8) one representative from the Maryland Department of Aging,
20 appointed jointly by the County Commissioners of Cecil County and the Secretary of
21 Aging;

22 (9) the President of the County Commissioners of Cecil County, or the
23 President's designee;

24 (10) two individuals from the Cecil County Community Health Advisory
25 Committee, appointed by the County Commissioners of Cecil County;

26 (11) one individual from a nonprofit community organization that
27 operates in Cecil County, appointed by the County Commissioners of Cecil County;

28 (12) one representative from the Children Youth & Family
29 organization, appointed by the County Commissioners of Cecil County; and

30 (13) three individuals who are citizens of Cecil County, appointed by
31 the County Commissioners of Cecil County.

32 (c) The Directors of the Cecil County Health Department, Social Services
33 Department, and Senior Services & Community Transit Department shall:

34 (1) serve as ex officio members; and

1 (2) designate the chair of the Task Force.

2 (d) The County Commissioners of Cecil County shall provide staff for the
3 Task Force.

4 (e) A member of the Task Force:

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

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

8 (f) The Task Force shall:

9 (1) study the benefits of merging the Cecil County Health Department,
10 Social Services Department, and Senior Services & Community Transit Department,
11 including:

12 (i) the impact on services provided;

13 (ii) potential organizational structures;

14 (iii) employee and staffing needs;

15 (iv) impact on State agency partnerships; and

16 (v) impact on State and Cecil County funding; and

17 (2) make specific recommendations to the County Commissioners of
18 Cecil County on whether to merge the Cecil County Health Department, Social
19 Services Department, and Senior Services & Community Transit Department.

20 (g) (1) On or before January 15, 2010, the Task Force shall prepare an
21 initial report of its findings and recommendations.

22 (2) On or before July 1, 2010, the Task Force shall prepare its final
23 report of its findings and recommendations to the County Commissioners of Cecil
24 County.

25 (3) Copies of the report submitted under paragraph (2) of this
26 subsection shall be sent to the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene,
27 the Maryland Department of Human Resources, and the Maryland Department of
28 Aging.

29 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
30 July 1, 2009. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and 1 day and, at the end
31 of July 1, 2010, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act
32 shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

