

# HOUSE BILL 1559

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By: **St. Mary's County Delegation**

Rules suspended

Introduced and read first time: March 12, 2009

Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force to Study the Governance and Structure of the St. Mary's County**  
3 **Metropolitan Commission**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing the Task Force to Study the Governance and  
5 Structure of the St. Mary's County Metropolitan Commission; requiring the  
6 Task Force to study the governance and structure of the St. Mary's County  
7 Metropolitan Commission; specifying the membership and staffing of the Task  
8 Force; providing for the appointment of the chair of the Task Force; prohibiting  
9 members of the Task Force from receiving certain compensation, but  
10 authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses; requiring the Task Force to  
11 report its findings and recommendations by certain dates; providing for the  
12 termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Task Force to Study the  
13 Governance and Structure of the St. Mary's County Metropolitan Commission.

14 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
15 MARYLAND, That:

16 (a) There is a Task Force to Study the Governance and Structure of the St.  
17 Mary's County Metropolitan Commission.

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

19 (1) three members appointed by the St. Mary's County Board of  
20 County Commissioners;

21 (2) three members appointed by the St. Mary's County Delegation of  
22 the General Assembly; and

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           (3)     one member from the St. Mary's County Metropolitan Commission,  
2 appointed jointly by the St. Mary's County Board of County Commissioners and the St.  
3 Mary's County Delegation of the General Assembly.

4           (c)     The St. Mary's County Delegation of the General Assembly and the St.  
5 Mary's County Board of County Commissioners shall jointly designate the chair of the  
6 Task Force.

7           (d)     The St. Mary's County Administrator shall provide staff for the Task  
8 Force.

9           (e)     A member of the Task Force:

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

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

13           (f)     The Task Force shall:

14           (1)    study the governance and structure of the St. Mary's County  
15 Metropolitan Commission; and

16           (2)    make recommendations regarding:

17           (i)    the structure and governance of the St. Mary's County  
18 Metropolitan Commission; and

19           (ii)   whether to continue the St. Mary's County Metropolitan  
20 Commission.

21           (g)     On or before September 1, 2009, the Task Force shall report its findings  
22 and recommendations, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article,  
23 to the St. Mary's County Delegation of the General Assembly and the St. Mary's  
24 County Board of County Commissioners.

25           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
26 June 1, 2009. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of May 31,  
27 2010, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be  
28 abrogated and of no further force and effect.