

HOUSE BILL 1559

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

Rules suspended

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CHAPTER _____

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~~ five members appointed by the St. Mary's County Board of
20 County Commissioners;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike-out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 (2) ~~three~~ four members appointed by the St. Mary's County Delegation
2 of the General Assembly, with each member of the delegation appointing one Task
3 Force member; and

4 (3) one member from the St. Mary's County Metropolitan Commission,
5 ~~appointed jointly by the St. Mary's County Board of County Commissioners and the St.~~
6 ~~Mary's County Delegation of the General Assembly.~~ appointed internally.

7 (c) ~~The St. Mary's County Delegation of the General Assembly and the St.~~
8 ~~Mary's County Board of County Commissioners shall jointly designate the~~ From
9 among its members, the Task Force shall elect a chair of the Task Force.

10 (d) The St. Mary's County ~~Administrator shall provide~~ Delegation shall issue
11 a request for proposal to the University of Maryland, College Park, the University of
12 Maryland Baltimore County, and the University of Maryland, Baltimore, and from the
13 proposals received shall select staff for the Task Force.

14 (e) A member of the Task Force:

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

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

18 (f) The Task Force shall:

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

21 (2) make recommendations regarding:

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

24 (ii) ~~whether to continue the St. Mary's County Metropolitan~~
25 ~~Commission~~ how best to continue the provision of water and sewer services to the
26 citizens of St. Mary's County.

27 (g) On or before ~~September 1, 2009~~ July 1, 2010, the Task Force shall report
28 its findings and recommendations, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State
29 Government Article, to the St. Mary's County Delegation of the General Assembly and
30 the St. Mary's County Board of County Commissioners.

31 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
32 June 1, 2009. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and 3 months and, at the
33 end of ~~May 31~~ August 31, 2010, with no further action required by the General
34 Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.