

SENATE BILL 379

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By: **Senators Robey, Peters, Forehand, Frosh, Harrington, King, Madaleno, Middleton, and Rosapepe**

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Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force to Study the County and Municipal Revenue Structure**

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

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

15 (a) There is a Task Force to Study the County and Municipal Revenue
16 Structure.

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

18 (1) two members of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the
19 President of the Senate;

20 (2) two members of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker
21 of the House;

22 (3) the Comptroller of the Treasury, or the Comptroller's designee;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (4) the Secretary of Budget and Management, or the Secretary's
2 designee;

3 (5) the Director of Assessments and Taxation, or the Director's
4 designee;

5 (6) the Director of Legislative Services, or the Director's designee;

6 (7) two representatives from the Maryland Municipal League,
7 appointed by the Executive Director; and

8 (8) two representatives from the Maryland Association of Counties,
9 appointed by the Executive Director.

10 (c) The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Delegates
11 jointly shall designate the chair of the Task Force.

12 (d) The Department of Legislative Services shall provide staff for the Task
13 Force.

14 (e) A member of the Task Force:

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

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

19 (f) The Task Force shall:

20 (1) study and evaluate the revenue structure of the county and
21 municipal governments within the State, including:

22 (i) current revenue sources available to each county and
23 municipal government;

24 (ii) optional revenue sources not currently utilized by county
25 and municipal governments;

26 (iii) the authority of each county and municipal government to
27 raise revenue from additional sources; and

28 (iv) the revenue sources utilized by counties and municipal
29 governments in other states; and

30 (2) make recommendations regarding the authority of county and
31 municipal governments to increase sources of revenue.

1 (g) (1) On or before November 30, 2009, the Task Force shall submit a
2 preliminary report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in
3 accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the Senate Budget and
4 Taxation Committee and the House Appropriations Committee and Committee on
5 Ways and Means.

6 (2) On or before December 31, 2009, the Task Force shall submit a
7 final report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance
8 with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.

9 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
10 July 1, 2009. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of June 30,
11 2010, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be
12 abrogated and of no further force and effect.