

SENATE BILL 849

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By: **Senators Harrington and Pinsky**

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force to Study Restrictions on Campaign Contributions from**
3 **Government Contractors**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing a Task Force to Study Restrictions on Campaign
5 Contributions from Government Contractors; establishing the composition of
6 the Task Force; providing for the staffing of the Task Force; prohibiting a
7 member of the Task Force from receiving certain compensation; requiring the
8 Task Force to conduct a certain study and make certain recommendations;
9 requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations by a
10 certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to
11 the Task Force to Study Restrictions on Campaign Contributions from
12 Government Contractors.

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

15 (a) There is a Task Force to Study Restrictions on Campaign Contributions
16 from Government Contractors.

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 State Administrator of Elections, or the Administrator's
23 designee;

24 (4) the Secretary of Budget Management or Secretary's designee; and

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (5) two experts in the field of campaign finance and ethics laws who
2 reside in the State, do not serve in the General Assembly, selected by the two
3 delegates and senators.

4 (c) The Task Force will select its own chair.

5 (d) The State Board of Elections shall provide staff for the Task Force.

6 (e) A member of the Task Force may not receive compensation as a member
7 of the Task Force; but

8 (f) The Task Force shall:

9 (1) study the feasibility and impact of the establishment of restrictions
10 on campaign contributions from government contractors modeled after the restrictions
11 contained in Connecticut General Statutes § 9-333n(g); and

12 (2) make recommendations regarding the feasibility of adopting
13 restrictions on campaign contributions from government contractors.

14 (g) The Task Force shall report its findings and recommendations to the
15 Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the
16 General Assembly, on or before December 31, 2009.

17 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
18 July 1, 2009. It shall remain effective for a period of six months and, at the end of
19 December 31, 2009, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act
20 shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.