

**HB0756/723827/1**

BY: Delegate Benson

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 756, AS AMENDED  
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

Strike the House Judiciary Committee Amendments (HB0756/412614/4) in their entirety.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1 of the bill, in the sponsor line, strike “and Walker” and substitute “Walker, Waldstreicher, Simmons, Barnes, Carter, Lee, McConkey, Rosenberg, Love, Costa, George, King, Kipke, Schuh, Sophocleus, and Smigiel”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1 of the bill, in line 2, strike “Act of 2010” and substitute “Task Force”; strike beginning with “altering” in line 3 down through “crime” in line 13 and substitute “establishing the Maryland Gang Prosecution Task Force; providing for the membership of the Task Force; requiring the Governor to designate a chair of the Task Force; requiring the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to staff the Task Force; providing that a member of the Task Force may not receive compensation but is entitled to a certain reimbursement; establishing the duties of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to submit a certain report; providing for the termination of this Act”; and strike in their entirety lines 14 through 18, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 1, in line 20, strike “the Laws of Maryland read as follows”; and after line 20, insert:

“(a) There is a Maryland Gang Prosecution Task Force.

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

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(1) three members of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of the Senate;

(2) three members of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of the House;

(3) the Secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services, or the Secretary's designee;

(4) the Public Defender of Maryland, or the Public Defender's designee;

(5) the Attorney General, or the Attorney General's designee;

(6) the President of the Maryland State's Attorney's Association, or the President's designee; and

(7) the President of the Maryland State Conference of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, or the President's designee.

(c) The Governor shall designate the chair of the Task Force.

(d) The Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services shall provide staff for the Task Force.

(e) A member of the Task Force:

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

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

(f) The Task Force shall:

(1) study the effectiveness of Maryland's laws related to the prosecution of individuals for crimes committed during the individual's involvement with criminal gang activity;

(2) review the laws of other states related to criminal gangs;

(2) make recommendations for improving the laws in Maryland relating to the prosecution of individuals for criminal gang activity.

(g) On or before September 1, 2011, the Task Force shall report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly."

On pages 1 through 5, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 21 on page 1 through line 2 on page 5, inclusive.

On page 5, in line 4, after the period insert "It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of September 30, 2011, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect."