

Chapter 282

(Senate Bill 746)

AN ACT concerning

Economic Development – Task Force on Industrial Job Creation in Baltimore County

FOR the purpose of establishing the Task Force on Industrial Job Creation in Baltimore County; specifying the membership, chair, and staffing of the Task Force; specifying that a member of the Task Force may not receive compensation, but may receive certain reimbursement; requiring the Task Force to determine the causes of the loss of employment opportunities in ~~the State~~ certain industries and businesses in Baltimore County and make certain recommendations; requiring the Task Force to ~~inventory~~ identify current State ~~and local agencies, laws, regulations, and~~ policies on job creation in certain sectors that are duplicative, operate at cross purposes, or are ineffective as to job creation and retention for a certain purpose; requiring the Task Force to consider certain findings of the Maryland Economic Development Commission and the Governor's Commission on Small Business in carrying out its activities; requiring the Task Force, on or before certain dates, to submit certain preliminary and final reports to the Governor and the General Assembly; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Task Force on Industrial Job Creation in Baltimore County.

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

- (a) There is a Task Force on Industrial Job Creation in Baltimore County.
- (b) The Task Force consists of the following members:
 - (1) one member of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of the Senate;
 - (2) one member of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of the House;
 - (3) the Secretary of Business and Economic Development, or the Secretary's designee;
 - (4) the Secretary of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation, or the Secretary's designee; and

(5) the following members, appointed by the Governor:

(i) three representatives of businesses located in ~~the State~~ Baltimore County; and

(ii) three representatives of labor organizations, including one representative from a building trades labor organization.

(c) The Secretary of Business and Economic Development, or the Secretary's designee who serves on the Task Force, shall chair the Task Force.

(d) The Department of Business and Economic Development 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) ~~determine the causes of the loss of employment opportunities in the private sector in the State, including employment opportunities in manufacturing, heavy industry, ship building and repair, and businesses that supply industry in the State~~ Baltimore County;

(2) ~~inventory~~ identify current State ~~and local agencies, laws, regulations, and policies~~ on job creation in ~~the private sector~~ industry, ship building and repair, and businesses that supply industry in Baltimore County to determine ~~whether they are duplicative, operate at cross purposes, or are ineffective as to job creation or retention in Maryland~~ the effectiveness of the agencies, laws, regulations, and policies their effectiveness; and

(3) make recommendations, including legislative and policy proposals, regarding ways the State can:

(i) encourage new employers to locate in ~~the State~~ Baltimore County;

(ii) keep employers that are located in ~~the State~~ Baltimore County from moving to locations outside ~~the State~~ Baltimore County;

(iii) encourage employers that have left ~~the State~~ Baltimore County to return to ~~the State~~ Baltimore County; and

(iv) encourage employers in ~~the State~~ Baltimore County to maintain or grow the number of employees they have in ~~the State~~ Baltimore County.

(g) In carrying out the activities described in subsection (f) of this Act, the Task Force shall consider the relevant findings of the Maryland Economic Development Commission, established in accordance with § 2-202(a) of the Economic Development Article, and of the Governor's Commission on Small Business, established by Executive Order 01.01.2010.13.

~~(g)~~ (h) The Task Force shall submit, on or before December 31, 2011, a preliminary report and, on or before June 1, 2012, a final report with its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2011. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of June 30, 2012, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Approved by the Governor, May 10, 2011.