

# HOUSE BILL 905

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By: **Delegate Griffith**

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Assigned to: Environmental Matters

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force to Study Water and Sewer Construction Charges by Developers**  
3 **in the Washington Suburban Sanitary District**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing a Task Force to Study Water and Sewer Construction  
5 Charges by Developers in the Washington Suburban Sanitary District;  
6 establishing the membership and staffing of the Task Force; providing for the  
7 election of the chair of the Task Force; providing that the members of the Task  
8 Force may not receive certain compensation but are entitled to certain  
9 reimbursement; providing for the duties of the Task Force; requiring the Task  
10 Force to report certain findings and recommendations to the Governor and the  
11 Montgomery County and Prince George's County delegations to the General  
12 Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act;  
13 and generally relating to the Task Force to Study Water and Sewer  
14 Construction Charges by Developers in the Washington Suburban Sanitary  
15 District.

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

18 (a) There is a Task Force to Study Water and Sewer Construction Charges  
19 by Developers in the Washington Suburban Sanitary District.

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

21 (1) one member from the delegation to the Senate of Maryland from  
22 Montgomery County, selected by the chair of the delegation;

23 (2) one member from the delegation to the Senate of Maryland from  
24 Prince George's County, selected by the chair of the delegation;

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (3) one member from the delegation to the House of Delegates from  
2 Montgomery County, appointed by the chair of the delegation;

3 (4) one member from the delegation to the House of Delegates from  
4 Prince George's County, appointed by the chair of the delegation;

5 (5) one member designated by the County Executive of Montgomery  
6 County;

7 (6) one member designated by the County Executive of Prince George's  
8 County;

9 (7) the chair of the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission, or  
10 the chair's designee;

11 (8) one representative of a land developer in the Washington  
12 Suburban Sanitary District in Prince George's County, appointed by the Governor;  
13 and

14 (9) one representative of a land developer in the Washington  
15 Suburban Sanitary District in Montgomery County, appointed by the Governor.

16 (c) The Task Force shall elect one of its members as chair of the Task Force.

17 (d) The Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission shall provide staff for  
18 the Task Force.

19 (e) A member of the Task Force:

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

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

23 (f) The Task Force shall:

24 (1) study the process developers follow in charging property owners for  
25 the cost of constructing water and sewer facilities and connecting the property to the  
26 water and sewer facilities; and

27 (2) make recommendations regarding:

28 (i) standards for developers to follow when charging property  
29 owners for the cost of constructing water and sewer facilities and connecting the  
30 property to the water and sewer facilities; and

1                   (ii) improving the transparency of the practice of developers  
2 charging property owners for the cost of constructing water and sewer facilities and  
3 connecting the property to the water and sewer facilities.

4                   (g) On or before December 31, 2012, the Task Force shall report its findings  
5 and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State  
6 Government Article, the Montgomery County and Prince George’s County delegations  
7 to the General Assembly.

8                   SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
9 June 1, 2012. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of May 31,  
10 2013, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be  
11 abrogated and of no further force and effect.