

# SENATE BILL 788

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By: **Senator Jones–Rodwell**

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Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force to Study Citations for Children and Law Enforcement Diversion**  
3 **Practices**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing the Task Force to Study Citations for Children and  
5 Law Enforcement Diversion Practices; providing for the composition, chair, and  
6 staffing of the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from  
7 receiving certain compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain  
8 expenses; requiring the Task Force to study and make recommendations  
9 regarding certain matters; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and  
10 recommendations to the Governor and to certain committees of the General  
11 Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act;  
12 and generally relating to the Task Force to Study Citations for Children and  
13 Law Enforcement Diversion Practices.

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

16 (a) There is a Task Force to Study Citations for Children and Law  
17 Enforcement Diversion Practices.

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

19 (1) one member of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President  
20 of the Senate;

21 (2) one member of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of  
22 the House;

23 (3) the Secretary of Juvenile Services, or the Secretary's designee;

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (4) the State Superintendent of Schools, or the State Superintendent's  
2 designee;

3 (5) the Executive Director of the Governor's Office for Children, or the  
4 Executive Director's designee;

5 (6) the Public Defender of Maryland, or the Public Defender's  
6 designee; and

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

8 (i) one representative of a local department of social services;

9 (ii) two representatives of nonprofit service providers;

10 (iii) two representatives of the child advocacy community;

11 (iv) two representatives of the Maryland Chiefs of Police  
12 Association;

13 (v) two representatives of the Maryland Sheriffs' Association;  
14 and

15 (vi) one representative of the Maryland State's Attorneys'  
16 Association.

17 (c) The Task Force shall elect a chair from among its members.

18 (d) The Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention shall provide staff  
19 for the Task Force.

20 (e) A member of the Task Force:

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

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

24 (f) The Task Force shall:

25 (1) study current practices on issuance of citations to children;

26 (2) study best practices for law enforcement programs to divert  
27 children from the Department of Juvenile Services; and

28 (3) make recommendations regarding a process for issuing citations to  
29 children.

1           (g)    On or before December 1, 2013, the Task Force shall report its findings  
2 and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State  
3 Government Article, to the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee and the House  
4 Judiciary Committee.

5           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
6 July 1, 2013. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of June 30,  
7 2014, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be  
8 abrogated and of no further force and effect.