

HOUSE BILL 669

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Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force to Study the Establishment of a Senior Volunteer Corps**

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

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

13 That:

14 (a) There is a Task Force to Study the Establishment of a Senior Volunteer
15 Corps.

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

17 (1) one member of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of
18 the Senate;

19 (2) one member of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of the
20 House;

21 (3) the Secretary of Aging, or the Secretary's designee;

22 (4) the Director of the Governor's Office on Service and Volunteerism, or
23 the Director's designee; and

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

2 (i) two representatives of county volunteer centers;

3 (ii) one representative of a local agency or organization that partners
4 with the federal Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP); and

5 (iii) one representative with experience engaging seniors in volunteer
6 service.

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

8 (d) The Department of Aging shall provide staff for the Task Force.

9 (e) A member of the Task Force:

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

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

13 (f) The Task Force shall study and make recommendations regarding:

14 (1) the coordination and expansion of existing programs that connect
15 seniors who are interested in volunteering with community service opportunities;

16 (2) the development and implementation of additional methods for
17 connecting seniors who are interested in volunteering with local governments in need of
18 assistance providing community services; and

19 (3) the potential benefits of establishing a statewide database of senior
20 volunteers.

21 (g) On or before December 1, 2015, the Task Force shall report its findings and
22 recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State
23 Government Article, the General Assembly.

24 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
25 1, 2015. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of June 30, 2016,
26 with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and
27 of no further force and effect.