

# HOUSE BILL 909

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force to Study Paid Parental Leave Policies**

3 FOR the purpose of creating a Task Force to Study Paid Parental Leave Policies; providing  
4 for the membership, chair, and staffing of the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the  
5 Task Force from receiving certain compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of  
6 certain expenses; requiring the Task Force to study and make recommendations  
7 regarding certain matters; requiring the Task Force to report to the Governor and the  
8 General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of this  
9 Act; and generally relating to a Task Force to Study Paid Parental Leave Policies.

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

12 (a) There is a Task Force to Study Paid Parental Leave Policies.

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

14 (1) two members of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of  
15 the Senate;

16 (2) two members of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of  
17 the House;

18 (3) the Secretary of Budget and Management, or the Secretary's designee;

19 (4) the Secretary of Transportation, or the Secretary's designee;

20 (5) the Chancellor of the University System of Maryland, or the  
21 Chancellor's designee; and

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

2 (i) one representative of AFSCME Maryland; and

3 (ii) one representative of private business.

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

5 (d) The Department of Budget and Management shall provide staff for the Task  
6 Force.

7 (e) A member of the Task Force:

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

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

11 (f) The Task Force shall:

12 (1) study the costs and benefits of paid parental leave for State employees  
13 for the birth or adoption of a child; and

14 (2) make recommendations for authorizing paid parental leave for State  
15 employees for the birth or adoption of a child.

16 (g) On or before December 31, 2016, the Task Force shall report its findings and  
17 recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State  
18 Government Article, the General Assembly.

19 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
20 1, 2016. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of June 30, 2017,  
21 with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and  
22 of no further force and effect.