

HOUSE BILL 1152

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Assigned to: Judiciary

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force to Examine Reinstatement of the Death Penalty**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Task Force to Examine Reinstatement of the Death
4 Penalty; 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 Examine Reinstatement of the Death Penalty.

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

13 (a) There is a Task Force to Examine Reinstatement of the Death Penalty.

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

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

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

19 (3) the Attorney General, or the Attorney General's designee;

20 (4) the State Public Defender, or the State Public Defender's designee;

21 (5) the President of the Maryland State Bar Association, or the President's
22 designee;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (6) the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services, or the
2 Secretary's designee;

3 (7) the Secretary of State Police, or the Secretary's designee;

4 (8) the President of the Maryland Chiefs of Police Association, Inc., or the
5 President's designee; and

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

7 (i) one representative of the Maryland Crime Victim's Resource
8 Center;

9 (ii) one representative of the religious community; and

10 (iii) two representatives of the general public.

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

12 (d) The Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services shall provide staff
13 for the Task Force.

14 (e) A member of the Task Force:

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

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

18 (f) The Task Force shall:

19 (1) study which crimes may be suitable for the reinstatement of the death
20 penalty in Maryland;

21 (2) review the best practices of jurisdictions that have retained the
22 administration of the death penalty; and

23 (3) make recommendations regarding any changes to the criminal justice
24 system that would allow Maryland to reinstate the death penalty fairly and equitably.

25 (g) On or before December 1, 2018, the Task Force shall report its findings and
26 recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State
27 Government Article, the General Assembly.

28 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
29 October 1, 2017. It shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and, at the end of September

1 30, 2019, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be
2 abrogated and of no further force and effect.