

HOUSE BILL 1603

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Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force to Standardize Data Collection on Race and Ethnicity**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Task Force to Standardize Data Collection on Race
4 and Ethnicity; 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 Standardize Data Collection on Race and
11 Ethnicity.

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

- 14 (a) There is a Task Force to Standardize Data Collection on Race and Ethnicity.
- 15 (b) The Task Force consists of the following members:
- 16 (1) a member of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of the
17 Senate;
- 18 (2) a member of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of the
19 House;
- 20 (3) the Attorney General, or the Attorney General's designee;
- 21 (4) the Public Defender, or the Public Defender's designee;
- 22 (5) a representative of the Governor's Office of Crime Control and

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 Prevention;

2 (6) a representative of the Maryland State Data Center;

3 (7) a representative of the Maryland Association of Counties;

4 (8) a representative of the Maryland Municipal League;

5 (9) a representative of the Maryland State Police;

6 (10) a representative of CASA de Maryland;

7 (11) a representative of the ACLU of Maryland; and

8 (12) a representative of the Administrative Office of the Courts.

9 (c) The Attorney General shall designate the chair of the Task Force.

10 (d) The Department of Planning shall provide staff for the Task Force.

11 (e) A member of the Task Force:

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

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

15 (f) The Task Force shall:

16 (1) review categories of race and ethnicity data used by State and local
17 agencies across the State;

18 (2) identify and examine the most appropriate categories of race and
19 ethnicity data for use by government agencies;

20 (3) identify and examine administrative, technological, and logistical
21 changes needed to achieve standardized data collection on race and ethnicity across
22 agencies and jurisdictions;

23 (4) develop best practices for the collection of data on race and ethnicity;
24 and

25 (5) make recommendations on policy and practice changes and capital
26 expenditures necessary to achieve standardization of data collection on race and ethnicity
27 in the State.

28 (g) On or before November 30, 2018, the Task Force shall report its findings and

1 recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State
2 Government Article, the General Assembly.

3 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect on
4 June 1, 2018. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and 1 month and, at the end of
5 June 30, 2019, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be
6 abrogated and of no further force and effect.