

**SB0919/838170/1**

BY: Judicial Proceedings Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 919  
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, strike beginning with “Felony” in line 2 down through “Conviction” in line 3 and substitute “Task Force to Study Felony Murder”; strike beginning with “altering” in line 4 down through “murder” in line 19 and substitute “establishing the Task Force to Study Felony Murder; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving certain compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses; requiring the Task Force to study and make recommendations regarding certain matters; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Task Force to Study Felony Murder”; and strike in their entirety lines 20 through 29, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in line 2, strike “the Laws of Maryland read as follows”; after line 2, insert:

“(a) There is a Task Force to Study Felony Murder.

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

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

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

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

(4) the Executive Director of the Maryland State Commission on Criminal Sentencing Policy, or the Executive Director's designee;

(5) the president of the Maryland State's Attorneys' Association, or the president's designee;

(6) the Public Defender, or the Public Defender's designee;

(7) a representative of a group that advocates for the victims of crime, appointed by the Governor; and

(8) an expert in the subject of criminal sentencing, appointed by the Executive Director of the Maryland State Commission on Criminal Sentencing Policy.

(c) The Task Force shall select a chair of the Task Force from among its members.

(d) The Department of Legislative Services shall provide staff for the Task Force.

(e) A member of the Task Force:

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

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

(f) The Task Force shall:

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(1) review the provisions, penalties, and jurisprudence for felony murder, including its applicability to juveniles, in the State and in other states;

(2) make recommendations regarding the current statutory scheme for felony murder, including:

(i) applicability of felony murder to juveniles;

(ii) whether felony murder should be legislatively abolished;

(iii) whether the provisions and penalties for felony murder should be altered, and if so, whether any alterations to the provisions or penalties should be applied prospectively, retroactively, or both prospectively and retroactively, and by what process.

(g) On or before December 31, 2020, the Task Force shall report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2020. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of June 30, 2021, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.”.

On pages 2 through 6, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 3 on page 2 through line 5 on page 6, inclusive.