

SENATE BILL 356

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By: Senator Beidle

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Assigned to: Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Transportation – Citizens Committee for the Enhancement of Communities**
3 **Surrounding BWI Thurgood Marshall Airport – Modification**

4 FOR the purpose of altering the duties of the Citizens Committee for the Enhancement of
5 Communities Surrounding Baltimore–Washington International Thurgood
6 Marshall Airport to include the development and advancement of additional
7 categories of projects; increasing the amount in the annual budget for the State
8 Department of Transportation designated by the State Secretary of Transportation
9 for certain grants; and generally relating to the Citizens Committee for the
10 Enhancement of Communities Surrounding Baltimore–Washington International
11 Thurgood Marshall Airport.

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
13 Article – Transportation
14 Section 5–414
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

17 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
18 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

19 **Article – Transportation**

20 5–414.

21 (a) There is a Citizens Committee for the Enhancement of Communities
22 Surrounding Baltimore–Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport.

23 (b) (1) The Citizens Committee consists of 11 members who are appointed by
24 the Secretary after recommendation by the members of the legislative delegation from
25 legislative districts 12, 13, and 32 as follows:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



7 (iv) Three members of the Citizens Committee shall be recommended
8 by the senator representing district 32.

14 (ii) In a border extending 2 miles outside of the certified noise zone.

15 (c) (1) The term of a member of the Citizens Committee is 3 years.

16 (2) The terms of the members are staggered as required by the terms
17 provided for members of the Citizens Committee on October 1, 2001.

18 (3) At the end of a term, a member continues to serve until a successor is
19 appointed.

20 (4) A member who is appointed after a term has begun serves only for the
21 rest of the term and until a successor is appointed.

22 (d) From among the members of the Citizens Committee, the Secretary shall
23 appoint a chairman.

24 (e) (1) The Citizens Committee shall meet regularly at the call of the
25 chairman.

26 (2) The Secretary, or the Secretary's designee, shall meet with the Citizens
27 Committee at least quarterly.

28 (f) A member of the Citizens Committee may not receive compensation or other
29 reimbursement for expenses.

30 (g) The Citizens Committee shall:

(1) Evaluate issues of livability in the communities located in the area described in subsection (b)(2) of this section and the unique impacts on livability in these communities arising from their close proximity to Baltimore–Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport;

5 (2) (I) Develop projects designed to [address]:

2. IMPROVE PUBLIC SAFETY;

4. IMPROVE EDUCATION; AND

12 (II) ADVANCE PROJECTS BROUGHT TO THE CITIZENS
13 COMMITTEE BY NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS; AND

17 (h) (1) The Secretary shall consider the recommendations of the Citizens
18 Committee.

(2) The Secretary may make grants-in-aid, under § 2-103(i)(2) of this article, to fund transportation related projects recommended by the Citizens Committee.

21 (3) (i) The Secretary shall identify in the annual budget for the
22 Department an amount designated for the grants-in-aid authorized under this subsection.

(ii) In making a budget designation under this paragraph, the Secretary shall consider the number of aircraft operations at Baltimore–Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport for the most recent available calendar year.

30 (i) Staff support for the Citizens Committee shall be provided by the Department.

31 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
32 1, 2023.