

# SENATE BILL 356

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By: **Senator Beidle**

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Assigned to: Finance

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## 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:

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (i) Two members of the Citizens Committee shall be recommended  
2 by each of the delegates representing district 32;

3 (ii) One member of the Citizens Committee shall be recommended  
4 by the delegates representing district 12;

5 (iii) One member of the Citizens Committee shall be recommended  
6 by the delegates representing district 13; and

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

9 (2) The members shall be representatives of community associations that  
10 are either wholly or partially situated:

11 (i) In the certified noise zone that was adopted under § 5–806 of this  
12 title and effective March 23, 1998, for Baltimore–Washington International Thurgood  
13 Marshall Airport; or

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

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

6 1. ADDRESS transportation issues that affect livability in  
7 the communities; [and]

8 2. IMPROVE PUBLIC SAFETY;

9 3. IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN SURROUNDING  
10 COMMUNITIES; AND

11 4. IMPROVE EDUCATION; AND

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

14 (3) Make recommendations to the Secretary for the funding of projects  
15 designed to address transportation issues that affect livability in the communities AND  
16 THE OTHER MATTERS LISTED UNDER ITEM (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION.

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

19 (2) The Secretary may make grants–in–aid, under § 2–103(i)(2) of this  
20 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.

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

26 (iii) A budget amount designated under this paragraph shall include  
27 an amount equal to at least [one dollar] \$2 for every takeoff and landing of an aircraft that  
28 occurs at Baltimore–Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport for the most  
29 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.