

SENATE BILL 331

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By: **Senators Lewis Young and Charles**

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Assigned to: Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force to Study Paratransit in Maryland**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Task Force to Study Paratransit in Maryland; and
4 generally relating to paratransit.

5 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
6 That:

7 (a) There is a Task Force to Study Paratransit in Maryland.

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

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

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

13 (3) the Secretary of Transportation, or the Secretary's designee;

14 (4) the Secretary of Aging, or the Secretary's designee;

15 (5) the Secretary of Disabilities, or the Secretary's designee;

16 (6) the Secretary of Human Services, or the Secretary's designee; and

17 (7) the following members, appointed by the Maryland Association of
18 Counties:

19 (i) one representative of an area receiving formula grants under 49
20 U.S.C. § 5311;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (ii) one representative of an area receiving formula grants under 49
2 U.S.C. § 5310; and

3 (iii) one additional representative.

4 (c) The Secretary of Transportation shall designate the chair of the Task Force.

5 (d) The Department of Transportation shall provide staff for the Task Force.

6 (e) A member of the Task Force:

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

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

10 (f) The Task Force shall study paratransit in the State, including:

11 (1) current, needed, and expected funding for paratransit;

12 (2) reasons for current funding and spending gaps; and

13 (3) the role public–private partnerships could play in meeting funding and
14 service gaps.

15 (g) On or before June 30, 2025, the Task Force shall report its findings and
16 recommendations, in accordance with § 2–1257 of the State Government Article, to the
17 General Assembly.

18 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June
19 1, 2024. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and 1 month and, at the end of June
20 30, 2025, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be
21 abrogated and of no further force and effect.