

HOUSE BILL 1142

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By: **Delegate Wilkins**

Introduced and read first time: February 11, 2026

Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force to Modernize County and Municipal Revenue Structures**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing a Task Force to Modernize County and Municipal Revenue
4 Structures to study and evaluate the revenue structure of the county and municipal
5 governments within the State; and generally relating to a Task Force to Modernize
6 County and Municipal Revenue Structures.

7 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
8 That:

9 (a) There is a Task Force to Modernize County and Municipal Revenue
10 Structures.

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

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

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

16 (3) the Comptroller, or the Comptroller's designee;

17 (4) the Secretary of Budget and Management, or the Secretary's designee;

18 (5) the Director of Assessments and Taxation, or the Director's designee;

19 (6) two representatives from the Maryland Municipal League, designated
20 by the Chief Executive Officer of the Maryland Municipal League;

21 (7) two representatives from the Maryland Association of Counties,

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 designated by the Executive Director of the Maryland Association of Counties; and

2 (8) one representative from Baltimore City, appointed by the Mayor.

3 (c) The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Delegates jointly
4 shall designate the chair of the Task Force.

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

6 (e) A member of the Task Force:

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

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

11 (f) The Task Force shall:

12 (1) study and evaluate the revenue structure of the county and municipal
13 governments within the State, including:

14 (i) current revenue sources available to each county and municipal
15 government;

16 (ii) optional revenue sources not currently utilized by county and
17 municipal governments;

18 (iii) the authority of each county and municipal government to raise
19 revenue from additional sources;

20 (iv) the revenue sources utilized by counties and municipal
21 governments in other states; and

22 (v) an analysis of the impact of potential new county or municipal
23 revenue sources on the overall affordability of goods and services and the general cost of
24 living, including an accounting of existing taxes; and

25 (2) make recommendations regarding the authority of county and
26 municipal governments to increase sources of revenue.

27 (g) On or before December 1, 2026, the Task Force shall submit a report of its
28 findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2–1257 of the
29 State Government Article, to the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee, the House
30 Appropriations Committee, and the House Ways and Means Committee.

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

1 1, 2026. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of June 30, 2027,
2 with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and
3 of no further force and effect.