

SENATE BILL 604

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By: **Senator Pugh**

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force on the Distribution of Funding for Senior Citizen Activities Centers**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Task Force on the Distribution of Funding for Senior
4 Citizen Activities Centers; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the
5 Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving certain
6 compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses; requiring the
7 Task Force to study and make recommendations regarding certain matters;
8 requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Secretary
9 of Aging, Secretary of Housing and Community Development, and certain members
10 of the General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of
11 this Act; and generally relating to the Task Force on the Distribution of Funding for
12 Senior Citizen Activities Centers.

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
14 That:

15 (a) There is a Task Force on the Distribution of Funding for Senior Citizen
16 Activities Centers.

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

18 (1) one member of the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental
19 Affairs Committee, appointed by the President of the Senate;

20 (2) one member of the House Appropriations Committee, appointed by the
21 Speaker of the House of Delegates;

22 (3) the Secretary of Aging, or the Secretary's designee;

23 (4) the Secretary of Housing and Community Development, or the
24 Secretary's designee;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



- 1 (5) the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, or the Secretary's
2 designee;
- 3 (6) the Secretary of Human Resources, or the Secretary's designee;
- 4 (7) the directors of the local area agencies on aging; and
- 5 (8) the following members, appointed by the Governor:
- 6 (i) one representative of the Administration on Aging of the U.S.
7 Department of Health and Human Services;
- 8 (ii) one representative of the National Association of Area Agencies
9 on Aging;
- 10 (iii) one representative of AARP, Inc.;
- 11 (iv) one representative of the Hilltop Institute at the University of
12 Maryland, Baltimore County;
- 13 (v) one representative of Meals on Wheels;
- 14 (vi) one representative of United Seniors of Maryland;
- 15 (vii) one representative of Maryland Legal Aid;
- 16 (viii) one representative of Senior Legal Services;
- 17 (ix) one representative of Maryland Food Bank; and
- 18 (x) one representative of Maryland Hunger Solutions.
- 19 (c) The Secretary of Aging shall serve as the chair of the Task Force.
- 20 (d) The Department of Aging shall provide staff for the Task Force.
- 21 (e) A member of the Task Force:
- 22 (1) may not receive compensation as a member of the Task Force; but
- 23 (2) is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State
24 Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.
- 25 (f) The Task Force shall:

1 (1) study the existing distribution of funding for senior citizen activities
2 centers in the State, including federal funding provided under the federal Older Americans
3 Act;

4 (2) study the distribution and needs of the increasing population of senior
5 citizens in the State;

6 (3) evaluate funding distribution models and options; and

7 (4) make recommendations on how to address the needs of senior citizens
8 and ensure the equitable distribution of funding for senior citizen activities centers in the
9 State.

10 (g) On or before October 1, 2016, the Task Force shall report its findings and
11 recommendations to the Secretary of Aging, the Secretary of Housing and Community
12 Development, and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the
13 President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Delegates, the Chair of the Senate
14 Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee, and the Chair of the House
15 Appropriations Committee.

16 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June
17 1, 2016. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of May 31, 2017, with
18 no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no
19 further force and effect.