

HOUSE BILL 1822

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force to Study the Baltimore Police Department**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Task Force to Study the Baltimore Police Department;
4 providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Task Force; prohibiting a
5 member of the Task Force from receiving compensation, but authorizing the
6 reimbursement of certain expenses; requiring the Task Force to study and make
7 recommendations regarding certain matters; requiring the Task Force to report its
8 findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or
9 before a certain date; defining a certain term; providing for the termination of this
10 Act; and generally relating to the Task Force to Study the Baltimore Police
11 Department.

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

14 (a) In this section, "Department" means the Baltimore Police Department.

15 (b) There is a Task Force to Study the Baltimore Police Department.

16 (c) The Task Force consists of the following members:

17 (1) one member of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of
18 the Senate;

19 (2) one member of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of the
20 House;

21 (3) the Secretary of State Police, or the Secretary's designee;

22 (4) one representative of the Maryland Chiefs of Police Association;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (5) the Chair of the Baltimore City Council's Public Safety Committee, or
2 the Chair's designee; and

3 (6) the following individuals, appointed by the Governor:

4 (i) one law enforcement expert; and

5 (ii) one member of the general public.

6 (d) The Governor shall designate the chair of the Task Force.

7 (e) The Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention shall provide staff for
8 the Task Force.

9 (f) A member of the Task Force:

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

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

13 (g) The Task Force shall:

14 (1) study and review the overall operations of the Department;

15 (2) determine the feasibility of putting civilians on the police trial board;

16 (3) examine the Law Enforcement Officers' Bill of Rights;

17 (4) investigate allegations made against the Department, including
18 allegations regarding:

19 (i) abuse and fraud;

20 (ii) the use of force; and

21 (iii) abuse of overtime;

22 (5) assess the possibility of disbanding the Department;

23 (6) identify and analyze the technologies being used by the Department;

24 (7) study and review the training standards of the Department;

25 (8) identify strategies for repairing relationships between the Department
26 and the community;

1 (9) conduct an analysis of the budget of the Department;

2 (10) make recommendations regarding whether to disband or reform the
3 Department; and

4 (11) recommend improvements to the operations of the Department.

5 (h) On or before December 31, 2018, the Task Force shall report its findings and
6 recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State
7 Government Article, the General Assembly.

8 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
9 1, 2018. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of June 30, 2019, this
10 Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no
11 further force and effect.