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By: **Senator Hayes (By Request – Baltimore City Administration) and Senator Carter**

Introduced and read first time: February 4, 2019

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Stadium Authority’s Pimlico Race Course Study Workgroup**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Workgroup to Study the Implementation of Phase 2 of
4 the Maryland Stadium Authority’s Pimlico Race Course Study; providing for the
5 composition, chair, and staffing of the Workgroup; prohibiting a member of the
6 Workgroup from receiving certain compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement
7 of certain expenses; requiring the Workgroup to study and make recommendations
8 regarding certain matters; requiring the Workgroup to report its findings and
9 recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain
10 date; requiring the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City to report to the General
11 Assembly on or before a certain date; and generally relating to the Maryland
12 Stadium Authority financing construction of racetracks.

13 Preamble

14 WHEREAS, The redevelopment and revitalization of the Pimlico Race Course site
15 would bring employment, health care, recreation, housing, and commercial opportunities
16 to the site and the underinvested nearby neighborhoods; and

17 WHEREAS, As Phase 2 of the Pimlico Race Course Study concludes that a logical
18 next step in the planning process is for key stakeholders, including the Maryland Jockey
19 Club/The Stronach Group, the State of Maryland, and Baltimore City, to agree to execute
20 a formal agreement to enter into future negotiations; now, therefore,

21 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
22 That:

23 (a) There is a Workgroup to Study the Implementation of Phase 2 of the Maryland
24 Stadium Authority’s Pimlico Race Course Study.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (b) The Workgroup consists of the following members:

2 (1) two representatives of the State of Maryland, appointed by the
3 Governor;

4 (2) two representatives of Baltimore City, appointed by the Mayor of
5 Baltimore City;

6 (3) two representatives of the Maryland Jockey Club, chosen by The
7 Stronach Group; and

8 (4) the Chair of the Maryland Stadium Authority, or the Chair's designee.

9 (c) The Chair of the Maryland Stadium Authority or the Chair's designee shall
10 serve as the chair of the Workgroup.

11 (d) The Maryland Stadium Authority shall provide staff for the Workgroup.

12 (e) A member of the Workgroup:

13 (1) may not receive compensation as a member of the Workgroup; but

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

16 (f) The Workgroup shall:

17 (1) consult with the horsemen, breeders, and neighborhoods surrounding
18 the Pimlico Race Course;

19 (2) assess the economic impact of the implementation of Phase 2 of the
20 Maryland Stadium Authority's Pimlico Race Course Study on Baltimore City, Baltimore
21 County, the Baltimore region, and the State;

22 (3) study the feasibility of various financing options for the implementation
23 of Phase 2 of the Maryland Stadium Authority's Pimlico Race Course Study; and

24 (4) make recommendations regarding financing Phase 2 of the Maryland
25 Stadium Authority's Pimlico Race Course Study.

26 (g) On or before December 1, 2019, the Workgroup shall report its findings and
27 recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State
28 Government Article, the General Assembly.

29 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, on or before December 1,
30 2019, the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City shall report to the General Assembly,
31 in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, on the total amount of

1 funding available from tax increment financing for infrastructure improvements related to
2 construction of the Pimlico Race Course facility.

3 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
4 1, 2019.