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Assigned to: Economic Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Workgroup on Establishing a Science and Technology Best Practices and**
3 **Innovation Network**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing the Workgroup on Establishing a Science and Technology
5 Best Practices and Innovation Network; providing for the composition, chair, and
6 staffing of the Workgroup; prohibiting a member of the Workgroup from receiving
7 certain compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses;
8 requiring the Workgroup to study and make recommendations regarding certain
9 matters; requiring the Workgroup to report its findings and recommendations to the
10 Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for the
11 termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Workgroup on Establishing a
12 Science and Technology Best Practices and Innovation Network.

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

15 (a) There is a Workgroup on Establishing a Science and Technology Best
16 Practices and Innovation Network.

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

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

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

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

23 (4) the Secretary of Transportation, or the Secretary's designee;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



- 1 (5) the Secretary of Higher Education, or the Secretary's designee;
- 2 (6) the Secretary of Energy, or the Secretary's designee;
- 3 (7) the Secretary of Commerce, or the Secretary's designee;
- 4 (8) the Secretary of Agriculture, or the Secretary's designee;
- 5 (9) the Executive Director of the Maryland Health Care Commission, or the
6 Executive Director's designee;
- 7 (10) the Executive Director of the Maryland Technology Development
8 Corporation, or the Executive Director's designee;
- 9 (11) three representatives of the University System of Maryland, including:
- 10 (i) one representative designated by the Chancellor of the
11 University System of Maryland;
- 12 (ii) one representative designated by the President of the University
13 of Maryland Baltimore County; and
- 14 (iii) one representative designated by the President of the University
15 of Maryland Center for Environmental Science;
- 16 (12) one representative of Morgan State University, designated by the
17 President of Morgan State University;
- 18 (13) one representative of St. Mary's College of Maryland, designated by the
19 President of St. Mary's College of Maryland;
- 20 (14) one representative of the Maryland Independent College and
21 University Association (MICUA), designated by the President of MICUA;
- 22 (15) the Executive Director of the Maryland Education Development
23 Collaborative, or the Executive Director's designee;
- 24 (16) the Executive Director of the Maryland Association of Community
25 Colleges, or the Executive Director's designee; and
- 26 (17) the following members, appointed by the Governor:
- 27 (i) two individuals from the private sector with expertise in current
28 developments in science;
- 29 (ii) two individuals from the private sector with expertise in current
30 developments in technology; and

1 (iii) two individuals from the private sector with expertise in current
2 developments in industry.

3 (c) The Workgroup shall elect a chair from among its members.

4 (d) The University of Maryland Baltimore County shall provide staff for the
5 Workgroup.

6 (e) A member of the Workgroup:

7 (1) may not receive compensation as a member of the Workgroup; 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 Workgroup shall:

11 (1) identify and analyze options for establishing and maintaining a
12 network of experts in science, technology, and industry to:

13 (i) facilitate voluntary collaboration;

14 (ii) facilitate the open exchange of state-of-the-art and
15 evidence-based data and information;

16 (iii) inform State policy and practices; and

17 (iv) promote solution development and decision making based on
18 sound science, innovation, and best practices;

19 (2) identify and evaluate methods for:

20 (i) establishing a digital or virtual referral network of experts in
21 science, technology, and industry;

22 (ii) registering expert participants; and

23 (iii) making network expertise available to the public;

24 (3) examine the costs of developing and maintaining a network of experts
25 in science, technology, and industry; and

26 (4) make recommendations regarding the establishment of a science and
27 technology best practices and innovation network.

28 (g) On or before December 1, 2020, the Workgroup shall report its findings and

1 recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2–1257 of the State
2 Government Article, the General Assembly.

3 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
4 1, 2020. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of June 30, 2021, this
5 Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no
6 further force and effect.