

SENATE BILL 875

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By: **Senator M. Washington**

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Assigned to: Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force to Study the Reconstitution of the Maryland Transportation**
3 **Commission**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing the Task Force to Study the Reconstitution of the
5 Maryland Transportation Commission to review the laws governing the
6 Commission, examine the historic evolution of the duties and activities of the
7 Commission, and make certain recommendations related to the Commission; and
8 generally relating to the Task Force to Study the Reconstitution of the Maryland
9 Transportation Commission.

10 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
11 That:

12 (a) There is a Task Force to Study the Reconstitution of the Maryland
13 Transportation Commission.

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

15 (1) one member of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of
16 the Senate;

17 (2) one member of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of the
18 House;

19 (3) the Secretary of Transportation, or the Secretary's designee; and

20 (4) the following members, appointed by the Governor:

21 (i) one representative of each of the seven metropolitan planning
22 organizations in the State;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (ii) two representatives of the business community;

2 (iii) one representative of the freight industry; and

3 (iv) one representative who is a regular transit user.

4 (c) The members representing the Senate of Maryland and the House of
5 Delegates shall cochair the Task Force.

6 (d) The Department of Transportation shall provide staff for the Task Force.

7 (e) A member of the Task Force:

8 (1) may not receive compensation as a member of the Task 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) review the laws governing the Commission under Title 2, Subtitle 2 of
13 the Transportation Article and examine the historic evolution of the duties and activities
14 of the Commission; and

15 (2) make recommendations on:

16 (i) whether to revise the membership of the Commission;

17 (ii) whether the Commission is performing its statutory duties under
18 Title 2, Subtitle 2 of the Transportation Article;

19 (iii) how the Commission could better fulfill its role in ensuring that
20 the Department is complying with mandates;

21 (iv) whether the Commission should have the authority to approve
22 modal plans for each business unit; and

23 (v) the role of the Commission in the development and approval
24 process for the Consolidated Transportation Program under § 2-103.7 of the
25 Transportation Article, including whether the Commission should:

26 1. hold public hearings;

27 2. have approval authority over the draft and final
28 Consolidated Transportation Program; and

29 3. participate in the annual fall tour process.

1 (g) On or before December 31, 2024, the Task Force shall report its findings and
2 recommendations to the Department of Transportation, the Governor, and, in accordance
3 with § 2-1257 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.

4 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
5 1, 2023. It shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and, at the end of June 30, 2025,
6 this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and
7 of no further force and effect.