

# HOUSE BILL 1081

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force to Study Risk Management and Loss Control**

3 FOR the purpose of creating the Task Force to Study Risk Management and Loss  
4 Control; providing for the membership of the Task Force; authorizing the Task  
5 Force to consult with certain individuals and entities in performing the duties of  
6 the Task Force; requiring units of State government to provide certain data  
7 under certain circumstances; requiring the Department of Legislative Services  
8 and the Office of Legislative Audits to provide staff to the Task Force; providing  
9 for certain duties of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to make certain  
10 reports to the Governor and General Assembly on or before certain dates;  
11 providing that members of the Task Force are entitled to a certain  
12 reimbursement; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating  
13 to the Task Force to Study Risk Management and Loss Control.

14 Preamble

15 WHEREAS, The State has and will continue to face challenges to protect State  
16 employees and minimize unnecessary State expenditures; and

17 WHEREAS, Failure to implement programs designed to protect the State from  
18 legal liability and exposure resulting from hazardous situations, including but not  
19 limited to environmental hazards and deficiencies in State facilities; and

20 WHEREAS, Inadequate oversight of loss control or workplace safety can result  
21 in noncompliance with federal or State laws or regulations and negative fiscal impact  
22 on the State; and

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 WHEREAS, An effective, consistent, and measurable risk management policy is  
2 critical to ensuring loss control on a statewide basis; and

3 WHEREAS, There is a need for improved oversight of the development, funding  
4 and evaluation of governmental policy and programs to facilitate statewide loss  
5 prevention; now, therefore,

6 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
7 MARYLAND, That:

8 (a) There is a Task Force to Study Risk Management and Loss Control.

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

10 (1) Three members of the Senate, appointed by the President of the  
11 Senate;

12 (2) Three members of the House of Delegates, appointed by the  
13 Speaker of the House;

14 (3) The Secretary of General Services, or the Secretary's designee;

15 (4) The Secretary of the Environment, or the Secretary's designee;

16 (5) The Legislative Auditor, or the Auditor's designee;

17 (6) The President of the Injured Workers' Insurance Fund, or the  
18 President's designee;

19 (7) The State Treasurer, or the Treasurer's designee; and

20 (8) The chair of the State Employee Risk Management Advisory  
21 Council.

22 (c) The Task Force shall be cochaired by one member of the Senate,  
23 appointed by the President of the Senate, and one member of the House of Delegates,  
24 appointed by the Speaker of the House.

25 (d) (1) The Department of Legislative Services and the Office of  
26 Legislative Audits shall jointly provide staff.

1                   (2) To the extent practicable, the members of the Task Force shall  
2 reasonably reflect the geographic, racial, ethnic, cultural, and gender diversity of this  
3 State.

4           (e) A member of the Task Force:

5                   (1) May not receive compensation as a member of the Task Force; but

6                   (2) Is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard  
7 State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

8           (f) (1) The Task Force shall:

9                   (i) Examine the effectiveness of risk management programs in  
10 each unit of State government;

11                   (ii) Identify potential situations for loss exposure that are not  
12 addressed by current State risk management initiatives or other programs;

13                   (iii) Review performance audits to identify noncompliance with  
14 State laws or regulations that could pose significant fiscal impacts; and

15                   (iv) Develop recommendations to improve risk management and  
16 loss prevention programs that are not found to be effective and to facilitate  
17 comprehensive statewide coordination of loss control.

18                   (2) (i) At the request of the cochairs, other units of State  
19 government, including quasi-corporations, shall provide data and other support.

20                   (ii) The Task Force may consult with other individuals and  
21 entities, as determined appropriate by the cochair.

22           (g) (1) On or before December 31, 2007, the Task Force shall submit a  
23 preliminary report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in  
24 accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the General Assembly.

25                   (2) On or before December 31, 2008, the Task Force shall submit a  
26 final report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance  
27 with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the General Assembly.

28           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
29 July 1, 2007. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and 6 months and, at the

- 1 end of December 31, 2008, with no further action required by the General Assembly,
- 2 this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.