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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force to Study the Procurement of Health and Social Services by State**  
3 **Agencies**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing a Task Force to Study the Procurement of Health and  
5 Social Services by State Agencies; providing for the membership and duties of  
6 the Task Force; providing for the designation of a chair of the Task Force;  
7 authorizing the Task Force to establish certain subcommittees; requiring the  
8 Department of Budget and Management and the Department of General  
9 Services to provide staff for the Task Force; prohibiting members of the Task  
10 Force from receiving compensation; authorizing a member to receive certain  
11 reimbursement; requiring the Task Force to report certain findings and  
12 recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a  
13 certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to  
14 a Task Force to Study the Procurement of Health and Social Services by State  
15 Agencies.

16 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
17 MARYLAND, That:

18 (a) There is a Task Force to Study the Procurement of Health and Social  
19 Services by State Agencies.

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

21 (1) two members of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the  
22 President of the Senate;

23 (2) two members of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker  
24 of the House;

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (3) the State Treasurer, or the Treasurer's designee;

2 (4) the Secretary of Budget and Management, or the Secretary's  
3 designee;

4 (5) the Secretary of General Services, or the Secretary's designee;

5 (6) the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, or the Secretary's  
6 designee;

7 (7) the Secretary of Human Resources, or the Secretary's designee;

8 (8) the Secretary of Juvenile Services, or the Secretary's designee;

9 (9) the State Superintendent of Schools, or the Superintendent's  
10 designee;

11 (10) the Special Secretary of the Governor's Office of Minority Affairs,  
12 or the Special Secretary's designee;

13 (11) the following two faculty members of universities or colleges in the  
14 State, jointly appointed by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House:

15 (i) one member who has special expertise in government  
16 administration; and

17 (ii) one member who has special expertise in business  
18 management; and

19 (12) three representatives of organizations currently contracting with  
20 the State to provide health or social services, appointed by the Governor.

21 (c) The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House jointly shall  
22 designate the chair of the Task Force.

23 (d) The Task Force may establish subcommittees as it determines necessary  
24 to fulfill its duties.

25 (e) The Department of Budget and Management and the Department of  
26 General Services shall provide staff for the Task Force.

27 (f) A member of the Task Force:

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

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

1 (g) The Task Force shall:

2 (1) evaluate and make recommendations regarding the methods used  
3 by State agencies to procure the delivery of health and social services;

4 (2) examine and make recommendations regarding State agencies'  
5 timeliness in preparing and issuing requests for proposals for the delivery of health  
6 and human services;

7 (3) examine and make recommendations regarding the timeliness of  
8 payments to contractors;

9 (4) examine and make recommendations regarding possible  
10 standardization of contracting processes among and within State agencies, including  
11 standardization of related documents and documentation required of contractors; and

12 (5) identify and make recommendations regarding any other issues,  
13 including current State laws or regulations affecting the efficiency and cost of  
14 procuring health and social services.

15 (h) In evaluating processes and formulating recommendations, the Task  
16 Force shall especially consider:

17 (1) the effect of procurement processes on quality and continuity of  
18 services;

19 (2) the costs and benefits of existing procurement procedures; and

20 (3) the effects of procurement requirements on the number and  
21 diversity of potential providers of services contracted by the State.

22 (i) The Task Force shall report its preliminary findings and  
23 recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State  
24 Government Article, the General Assembly on or before November 30, 2008.

25 (j) The Task Force shall report its final findings and recommendations to the  
26 Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the  
27 General Assembly on or before November 30, 2009.

28 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
29 July 1, 2008. It shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and, at the end of June 30,  
30 2010, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be  
31 abrogated and of no further force and effect.