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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Commission to Study the Impact of Immigrants in Maryland – Sunset**
3 **Extension**

4 FOR the purpose of altering the date on which a certain report by the Commission to
5 Study the Impact of Immigrants in Maryland is due; extending the termination
6 date of the Commission; clarifying language; and generally relating to the
7 Commission to Study the Impact of Immigrants in Maryland.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Chapter 553 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2008
10 Section 1 and 2

11 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
12 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

13 **Chapter 553 of the Acts of 2008**

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

16 (a) There is a Commission to Study the Impact of Immigrants in Maryland.

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

18 (1) two members of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the
19 President of the Senate;

20 (2) two members of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker
21 of the House;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (3) the Secretary of Business and Economic Development, or the
2 Secretary's designee;

3 (4) the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, or the Secretary's
4 designee;

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

6 (6) the Secretary of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation, or the
7 Secretary's designee;

8 (7) the Secretary of the Maryland Department of Planning;

9 (8) the Comptroller, or the Comptroller's designee;

10 (9) a representative of the Maryland State Bar Association
11 Immigration Section; and

12 (10) eight members, appointed by the Governor, with at least:

13 (i) two members from the business community;

14 (ii) two members with expertise on immigration-related issues;
15 and

16 (iii) two members with expertise on education issues.

17 (c) To the extent practicable, the members appointed to the Commission
18 shall reasonably reflect the geographic, racial, ethnic, cultural, and gender diversity of
19 the State.

20 (d) The Governor shall designate the chair of the Commission.

21 (e) The University of Maryland, College Park shall provide staff for the
22 Commission, in consultation with the Department of Legislative Services, the
23 Department of Budget and Management, and the Office of the Governor.

24 (f) A member of the Commission:

25 (1) may not receive compensation as a member of the Commission; but

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

28 (g) The Commission shall study:

1 (1) the demographic profile **OF THE STATE'S IMMIGRANT**
2 **POPULATION** and **THE** impact of immigrants on the State, including:

3 (i) the growth rate of the immigrant population in the State;

4 (ii) the national origins of the State's immigrant population;

5 (iii) the geographic areas of the State where immigrants reside;

6 (iv) the size and age distribution of the State's immigrant
7 population, including both documented and undocumented immigrants;

8 (v) whether the State's immigrant population is similar to the
9 typical demographic profile of an immigrant population in the United States;

10 (vi) the impact of the State immigrant population on population
11 growth and birth rates;

12 (vii) the impact of the State immigrant population on the student
13 population growth rate in the State's public schools;

14 (viii) the impact, growth rate, and participation rate of the State
15 immigrant population relative to the State's workforce; and

16 (ix) the socioeconomic profile of the State's immigrant
17 population; and

18 (2) the economic and fiscal impact of immigrants on the State,
19 including:

20 (i) the impact of immigrant contributions to Maryland's
21 economy and tax base;

22 (ii) the impact of consumer spending by immigrants on the
23 economies of the State, State metropolitan areas, and individual counties;

24 (iii) the major public services costs incurred by the State as a
25 result of immigrants, including spending on K-12 public education, higher education,
26 health services delivery, public safety, and corrections;

27 (iv) the direct and indirect tax contributions of immigrants to
28 the State;

29 (v) the net benefit or cost of immigrants on the State budget;

30 (vi) the importance of immigrants to the State's economic
31 output;

1 (vii) the potential for local businesses to generate more revenue
2 as a result of immigrant workforce availability and local spending by immigrants;

3 (viii) the projected economic impact of immigrants in the State as
4 it evolves in the future;

5 (ix) the constraints faced by immigrants and immigrant-owned
6 businesses in the State; and

7 (x) how business and trade with immigrants' countries of origin
8 can be expanded to benefit the State.

9 (h) The Commission shall **SUBMIT A FINAL** report **OF** its findings and
10 recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State
11 Government Article, the General Assembly, on or before January 1, **[2011] 2012**.

12 (i) To the extent possible, for each of the items of study included in this Act,
13 the report of the Commission shall make the distinction between persons who are in
14 lawful immigration status and those who are not in lawful immigration status.

15 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
16 June 1, 2008. It shall remain effective for a period of **[3] 4** years and, at the end of
17 May 31, **[2011] 2012**, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this
18 Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

19 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
20 June 1, 2011.