

HOUSE BILL 1454

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By: **Prince George's County Delegation**

Introduced and read first time: February 21, 2013

Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force to Study the Terms, Pay, Operations, and Ethical Standards for**
3 **Various Elected Officials in Prince George's County**

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5 FOR the purpose of establishing the Task Force to Study the Terms, Pay, Operations,
6 and Ethical Standards for Various Elected Officials in Prince George's County;
7 providing for the chairs and staff for the Task Force; prohibiting a member of
8 the Task Force from receiving certain compensation; requiring the Task Force
9 to make certain recommendations regarding the terms, pay, operations, and
10 ethical standards for various elected officials in Prince George's County;
11 requiring the Task Force to hold a certain number of public meetings in certain
12 locations that allow certain persons to testify about certain issues; requiring the
13 Task Force to submit a certain report to certain persons on or before a certain
14 date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the
15 Task Force to Study the Terms, Pay, Operations, and Ethical Standards for
16 Various Elected Officials in Prince George's County.

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

19 (a) There is a Task Force to Study the Terms, Pay, Operations, and Ethical
20 Standards for Various Elected Officials in Prince George's County.

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

22 (1) the Chair of the Prince George's County Senate Delegation, or the
23 Chair's designee;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (2) one member of the Senate of Maryland who represents Prince
2 George's County, appointed by the Chair of the Prince George's County Senate
3 Delegation;

4 (3) the Chair of the Prince George's County House Delegation, or the
5 Chair's designee;

6 (4) one member of the House of Delegates who represents Prince
7 George's County, appointed by the Chair of the Prince George's County House
8 Delegation;

9 (5) two representatives of the business community in Prince George's
10 County, appointed jointly by the Chairs of the Prince George's County Senate and
11 House Delegations; and

12 (6) four citizens of Prince George's County, three of whom are
13 registered Democrats and one of whom is a registered Republican, appointed jointly by
14 the Chairs of the Prince George's County Senate and House Delegations.

15 (c) The Chair of the Prince George's County Senate Delegation and the Chair
16 of the Prince George's County House Delegation shall jointly designate the cochairs of
17 the Task Force from among the members of the Task Force from the Senate of
18 Maryland and the House of Delegates.

19 (d) The Prince George's County Senate Delegation and the Prince George's
20 County House Delegation staff shall provide staff for the Task Force.

21 (e) A member of the Task Force may not receive compensation as a member
22 of the Task Force.

23 (f) The Task Force shall study and make recommendations regarding the
24 terms, pay, operations, and ethical standards for various elected officials in Prince
25 George's County, including the County Executive, County Council, State's Attorney,
26 County Sheriff, and Register of Wills, including:

27 (1) methods to improve accountability, transparency, and oversight for
28 officials;

29 (2) criteria for establishing and measuring office outcomes;

30 (3) criteria for comparing effectiveness of local elected officials to
31 comparable elected officials in neighboring jurisdictions; and

32 (4) any other relevant issues.

33 (g) The Task Force shall hold at least three public meetings in
34 geographically diverse areas of Prince George's County that allow members of the

1 general public and stakeholder organizations to testify on issues being studied by the
2 Task Force.

3 (h) On or before October 1, 2013, the Task Force shall report its findings and
4 recommendations, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, to the
5 Prince George’s County Senate Delegation and the Prince George’s County House
6 Delegation.

7 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
8 July 1, 2013. It shall remain effective for a period of 6 months and, at the end of
9 December 31, 2013, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act
10 shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.