

# HOUSE BILL 560

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force to Study Federal Funding in Maryland**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Task Force to Study Federal Funding in  
4 Maryland; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Task Force;  
5 prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving certain compensation,  
6 but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses; requiring the Task  
7 Force to study and make recommendations regarding certain matters; requiring  
8 the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and  
9 to certain committees of the General Assembly on or before a certain date;  
10 providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Task  
11 Force to Study Federal Funding in Maryland.

12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
13 MARYLAND, That:

14 (a) There is a Task Force to Study Federal Funding in Maryland.

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

16 (1) three members of the Senate of Maryland, no more than two of  
17 whom may be from the same political party, appointed by the President of the Senate;

18 (2) three members of the House of Delegates, no more than two of  
19 whom may be from the same political party, appointed by the Speaker of the House;

20 (3) the Secretary of Budget and Management, or the Secretary's  
21 designee;

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           (4)    the Executive Director of the Maryland Association of Counties, or  
2 the Executive Director's designee;

3           (5)    one representative of the Maryland Chamber of Commerce,  
4 designated by the Maryland Chamber of Commerce; and

5           (6)    the following two members, appointed by the Governor:

6                   (i)    one representative of a business that provides contractual  
7 services for the United States armed forces; and

8                   (ii)   one representative of a business that provides contractual  
9 services for the federal government not related to the defense industry.

10          (c)    The Task Force shall elect a chair from among its members.

11          (d)    The Department of Budget and Management and the Department of  
12 Legislative Services shall provide staff for the Task Force.

13          (e)    A member of the Task Force:

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

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

17          (f)    The Task Force shall:

18                   (1)    study and assess the following for fiscal years 2016 through 2020:

19                           (i)    the level of dependency that the State and local governments  
20 have on the receipt of federal funding;

21                           (ii)   the financial stability of the federal government;

22                           (iii)  the likelihood that the State and local governments will  
23 experience a reduction in the amount of federal funding received; and

24                           (iv)   if the receipt of a reduced amount of federal funding is  
25 likely, the amount of federal funding that is projected to be reduced for each fiscal  
26 year; and

27                   (2)    make recommendations regarding methods to:

28                           (i)    reduce the dependency of the State and local governments  
29 on federal funding;

1                   (ii)    avoid or minimize the risk of a reduction in the amount of  
2 federal funding received by the State and local governments; and

3                   (iii)   prepare for and respond to a reduction in the amount of  
4 federal funding received by the State and local governments.

5           (g)    On or before December 1, 2015, the Task Force shall report its findings  
6 and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State  
7 Government Article, the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee and the House  
8 Appropriations Committee.

9           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
10 July 1, 2014. It shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and, at the end of June  
11 30, 2016, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be  
12 abrogated and of no further force and effect.