

HOUSE BILL 793

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By: **Delegate Cullison**

Introduced and read first time: February 8, 2019

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force to Study 2-1-1 Maryland**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Task Force to Study 2-1-1 Maryland; providing for
4 the composition, chair, and staffing of the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the
5 Task Force from receiving certain compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement
6 of certain expenses; requiring the Task Force to study and make recommendations
7 regarding the use and operation of 2-1-1 Maryland to the Governor and General
8 Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and
9 generally relating to the Task Force to Study 2-1-1 Maryland.

10 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
11 That:

12 (a) There is a Task Force to Study 2-1-1 Maryland.

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

14 (1) one member of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of
15 the Senate;

16 (2) one member of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of the
17 House;

18 (3) the Executive Director of 2-1-1 Maryland;

19 (4) the President of the Health and Human Services Referral Board;

20 (5) one designee of the following departments who has responsibility for or
21 experience with direct consumer services for the department, designated by the secretary
22 of the department:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



- 1 (i) the Department of Aging;
- 2 (ii) the State Department of Education;
- 3 (iii) the Maryland Department of Health;
- 4 (iv) the Department of Human Resources;
- 5 (v) the Department of Information Technology; and
- 6 (vi) the Department of Veterans Affairs;

7 (6) one representative of the United Way of Central Maryland, designated
8 by the President and Chief Executive Officer of the United Way of Central Maryland; and

9 (7) one representative of the Maryland Opioid Operational Command
10 Center, designated by the Director of the Center.

11 (c) The chair of the Task Force shall be elected from among its members.

12 (d) The Maryland Department of Health 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 State
16 Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

17 (f) The Task Force shall:

18 (1) compile and analyze information about the current use of the 2-1-1
19 Maryland system;

20 (2) compile information on the use of toll-free numbers by State agencies;

21 (3) analyze the resources currently available to 2-1-1 Maryland callers
22 and identify how these resources may be increased;

23 (4) consider whether the Health and Human Services Referral Board needs
24 to be repealed; and

25 (5) make legislative recommendations regarding the governance structure,
26 funding, reporting, and accountability of 2-1-1 Maryland.

27 (g) On or before December 1, 2019, the Task Force shall report its findings and
28 recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State

1 Government Article, the General Assembly.

2 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
3 1, 2019. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of June 30, 2020, this
4 Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no
5 further force and effect.