

HOUSE BILL 1059

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By: **Delegate McDonough**

Introduced and read first time: February 8, 2017

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force to Study the Effect of Section 8 Housing on Neighborhoods in**
3 **Baltimore County**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing the Task Force to Study the Effect of Section 8 Housing
5 on Neighborhoods in Baltimore County; providing for the composition, chair, and
6 staffing of the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving
7 certain compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses;
8 requiring the Task Force to study certain social and economic impacts Section 8
9 housing would have on Baltimore County; requiring the Task Force to report its
10 findings and recommendations to the Governor, the County Executive for Baltimore
11 County, the County Council of Baltimore County, and the Baltimore County
12 Delegation of the General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for the
13 termination of this Act; defining a certain term; and generally relating to the Task
14 Force to Study the Effect of Section 8 Housing on Neighborhoods in Baltimore
15 County.

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

18 (a) In this section, "Section 8 housing" means housing funded through § 8 of the
19 Housing Act of 1937 and regulations adopted under § 8.

20 (b) There is a Task Force to Study the Effect of Section 8 Housing on
21 Neighborhoods in Baltimore County.

22 (c) The Task Force consists of the following members:

23 (1) one member appointed by the County Executive of Baltimore County;

24 (2) one member appointed by each House of Delegates member serving in
25 the Baltimore County House Delegation of the General Assembly;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (3) one member appointed by each member serving in the Baltimore
2 County Council; and

3 (4) one member appointed by each Senate member serving in the Baltimore
4 County Senate Delegation of the General Assembly.

5 (d) The County Executive of Baltimore County shall designate the chair of the
6 Task Force.

7 (e) The Department of Housing and Community Development shall provide staff
8 for the Task Force.

9 (f) A member of the Task Force:

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

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

13 (g) The Task Force shall study the impact Section 8 housing would have in
14 Baltimore County on:

15 (1) public safety, specifically on the prevalence of drug use;

16 (2) poverty levels;

17 (3) neighborhood quality of life in neighborhoods accepting Section 8
18 housing;

19 (4) public nuisances occurring in neighborhoods accepting Section 8
20 housing;

21 (5) the cost of education;

22 (6) the cost of county services;

23 (7) the cost of social services and public benefits;

24 (8) the cost of health services; and

25 (9) neighborhood health quality in neighborhoods accepting Section 8
26 housing.

27 (h) On or before January 31, 2018, the Task Force shall report its findings and
28 recommendations to the Governor, the County Executive of Baltimore County, the County

1 Council of Baltimore County, and, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government
2 Article, the Baltimore County Delegation of the General Assembly.

3 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
4 1, 2017. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of June 30, 2018,
5 with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and
6 of no further force and effect.