SENATE BILL 782

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By: Senators Hester and Rosapepe

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2	Workgroup on the Post-COVID-19 Crisis Economic T	ransition
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- FOR the purpose of establishing the Workgroup on the Post–COVID–19 Crisis Economic Transition; and generally relating to the COVID–19 economic crisis.
- 5 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, 6 That:
- 7 (a) There is a Workgroup on the Post–COVID–19 Crisis Economic Transition.
- 8 (b) The Workgroup consists of the following members:
- 9 (1) four members of the Senate of Maryland, including members from the
- 10 Budget and Taxation Committee, the Finance Committee, and the Education, Health, and
- 11 Environmental Affairs Committee, appointed by the President of the Senate;
- 12 (2) four members of the House of Delegates, including members from the
- 13 Appropriations Committee, the Committee on Ways and Means, the Economic Matters
- 14 Committee, the Health and Government Operations Committee, and the Environment and
- 15 Transportation Committee, appointed by the Speaker of the House;
- 16 (3) five members of the business sector, including representatives from the
- 17 health care industry, cybersecurity industry, restaurant industry, childcare industry, and
- 18 a multi–industry organization appointed by the Governor;
- 19 (4) one member of the State nonprofit sector appointed by the Governor;
- 20 (5) the Secretary of Commerce, or the Secretary's designee;
- 21 (6) the Secretary of Labor, or the Secretary's designee;



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1	((7) t	he Secretary o	f Tr	ransportat	ion, o	r the Secretar	ry's designee; a	nd	
2 3	Secretary's de	. ,	•	of	Housing	and	Community	Development,	or	the
4 5			esident of the S s as cochair of			_	aker of the H	ouse shall each	app	oint
6	(d) '	The De	partment of Le	egis	lative Serv	vices s	hall provide s	staff for the Wo	rkgr	oup.
7	(e) '	The Wo	rkgroup:							
8	•	(1) n	nay retain the	ser	vices of th	e Uni	versity of Ma	ryland; and		
9	,	(2) s	hall be approp	riat	ted \$500,0	00 for	that purpose	·.		
0	(f)	A meml	per of the Wor	kgro	oup:					
1		(1) n	nay not receive	e co	mpensatio	n as a	n member of t	he Workgroup;	but	
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9	((3) o	nline educatio	n, f	rom kinde	rgarte	en to graduate	e programs;		
20	((4) c	hildcare;							
21	((5) jo	ob creation acc	elei	ration;					
22	((6) u	nemployment	con	npensation	ı;				
23	((7) u	nderemploym	ent;	;					
24	((8) s	mall business	es a	nd entrep	reneu	rship;			
25	((9) ta	ax system mod	derr	nization;					
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1	(11) supply chain management;
2 3	(12) small businesses that are not associated with a chain store, commonly referred to as "main street businesses";
4	(13) rebuilding the public health system; and
5	(14) other impacts on public services.
6 7 8	(h) On or before December 1, 2022, the Workgroup shall submit an interim report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with $\S 2-1257$ of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.
9 10 11	(i) On or before December 1, 2023, the Workgroup shall submit a final report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with \S 2–1257 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.
12	SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2022. It shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and, at the end of June 30, 2024,

this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and

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of no further force and effect.