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Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force to Study Privatization of the University of Maryland Medical**
3 **System**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing the Task Force to Study Privatization of the University of
5 Maryland Medical System; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the
6 Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving certain
7 compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses; requiring the
8 Task Force to study and make recommendations regarding certain matters;
9 requiring the Task Force to report interim and final reports to the Governor and the
10 General Assembly on or before certain dates; providing for the termination of this
11 Act; and generally relating to the Task Force to Study Privatization of the University
12 of Maryland Medical System.

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

15 (a) There is a Task Force to Study the Privatization of the University of Maryland
16 Medical System.

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

18 (1) one member of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of
19 the Senate;

20 (2) one member of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of the
21 House;

22 (3) the Secretary of Health, or the Secretary's designee;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



(4) the Treasurer, or the Treasurer's designee;

(5) the President and Chief Executive Officer of the University of Maryland Medical System, or the President's designee;

(6) the Senior Vice President of the University of Maryland Medical System, or the Senior Vice President's designee;

(7) a representative of the University of Maryland Medical System Board of Directors, designated by the Board;

(8) the Baltimore City Health Commissioner, or the Commissioner's designee;

(9) the Dean of the University of Maryland School of Medicine, or the Dean's designee;

(10) the Dean of the University of Maryland School of Nursing, or the Dean's designee;

(11) the University of Maryland President, or the President's designee;

(12) one representative of the University System of Maryland Board of Regents, designated by the Chancellor;

(13) the Executive Director of the Maryland Health Care Commission, or the Executive Director's designee;

(14) the Executive Director of the State Health Services Cost Review Commission, or the Executive Director's designee;

(15) the Director of the Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities, or the Director's designee; and

(16) the following members appointed by the Governor:

(i) one representative of the Maryland Medical Assistance Program;

(ii) an expert in public health; and

(iii) an expert in hospital administration who does not work for the University of Maryland Medical System or teach at the University of Maryland.

(c) The Governor shall designate the chair of the Task Force.

(d) The State agencies represented on the Task Force jointly shall provide staff for the Task Force.

(e) A member of the Task Force:

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

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

(f) The Task Force shall:

(1) study:

(i) the economic, educational, health, and legal effects on the State and its residents that would be caused by the full privatization of the University of Maryland Medical System, including the removal of State control and ownership;

(ii) the market value of the University of Maryland Medical System; and

(iii) comparable precedents, including the privatization of the Injured Workers' Insurance Fund;

(2) consult with:

(i) additional budget and fiscal analysts; and

(ii) additional economic, health care, legal, and other experts as determined appropriate by the Task Force;

(3) gather testimony and other input from University of Maryland Medical System employees, contractors, and patients;

(4) identify the provisions of law that would need to be amended or repealed to facilitate the privatization of the University of Maryland Medical System;

(5) develop guidelines for the privatization of the University of Maryland Medical System, including the means and timeline by which privatization should occur; and

(6) make recommendations regarding the implementation of a privatization plan by the State.

(g) On or before December 1, 2021, the Task Force shall submit an interim report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.

(h) On or before July 1, 2022, the Task Force shall report its findings and

1 recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2–1257 of the State
2 Government Article, the General Assembly.

3 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
4 1, 2020. It shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and 1 month and, at the end of
5 September 30, 2022, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly,
6 shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.