SENATE BILL 782

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By: Senators Hester and Rosapepe

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 Workgroup on the Post-COVID-19 Crisis Economic Transition

- 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;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

<u>Underlining</u> indicates amendments to bill.

Strike out indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.

1	(4) five members of the labor sector, including representatives from the				
2	health care industry, cybersecurity industry, restaurant industry, childcare industry, and				
3			bor organization, designated by the President of the Maryland State and		
4	<u>District of Columbia AFL–CIO;</u>				
5		(4) <u>(5</u>	one member of the State nonprofit sector appointed by the Governor;		
6		(5) <u>(6</u>	the Secretary of Commerce, or the Secretary's designee;		
7		(6) <u>(7</u>	the Secretary of Labor, or the Secretary's designee;		
8		(7) <u>(8</u>	the Secretary of Transportation, or the Secretary's designee; and		
9 10	(8) (9) the Secretary of Housing and Community Development, or the Secretary's designee.				
11 12	(c) The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House shall each appoint one of their members as cochair of the Workgroup.				
13	(d)	The I	Department of Legislative Services shall provide staff for the Workgroup.		
14	(e)	The V	Workgroup:		
15		(1)	may retain the services of the University of Maryland; and		
16		(2)	shall be appropriated \$500,000 for that purpose.		
17	(f)	A me	ember of the Workgroup:		
18		(1)	may not receive compensation as a member of the Workgroup; but		
19 20	Travel Regu	(2) llation	is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State s, as provided in the State budget.		
21 22 23	(g) The Workgroup shall make recommendations regarding how the State may adjust its economic development and other strategies in the context of changes resulting from crises in sectors including:				
24		(1)	telehealth;		
25		(2)	telework;		
26		(3)	online education, from kindergarten to graduate programs;		
27		(4)	childcare;		
28		(5)	job creation acceleration;		

1	(6)	unemployment compensation;	
2	(7)	underemployment;	
3	(8)	small businesses and entrepreneurship;	
4	(9)	tax system modernization;	
5 6	(10) changes in real estate such as office space, retail, residential, rental and ownership, and community economic centers;		
7	(11)	supply chain management;	
8 9	(12) small businesses that are not associated with a chain store, commonly referred to as "main street businesses";		
10	(13)	rebuilding the public health system; and	
11	(14)	other impacts on public services.	
12 13 14	(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 § 2–1257 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.		
15 16 17	(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 § 2–1257 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.		
18 19 20 21	SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect J 1, 2022. It shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and, at the end of June 30, 20 this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated of no further force and effect.		
	Approved:		
		Governor.	
		President of the Senate.	

Speaker of the House of Delegates.