

HOUSE BILL 1086

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Assigned to: Economic Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Workgroup to Study Basic Economic Security**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Workgroup to Study Basic Economic Security;
4 providing for the composition, cochairs, and staffing of the Workgroup; establishing
5 the duties of the Workgroup; prohibiting a member of the Workgroup from receiving
6 certain compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses;
7 requiring the Workgroup to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor
8 and the General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for the termination
9 of this Act; and generally relating to the Workgroup to Study Basic Economic
10 Security.

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

13 (a) There is a Workgroup to Study Basic Economic Security.

14 (b) The Workgroup consists of the following members:

15 (1) the Chair of the Senate Finance Committee;

16 (2) the Chair of the House Economic Matters Committee;

17 (3) two members of the House of Delegates with an interest in basic
18 economic security, appointed by the Speaker of the House;

19 (4) the Secretary of Commerce, or the Secretary's designee;

20 (5) the Secretary of Labor, or the Secretary's designee;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



(6) the Secretary of Human Services, or the Secretary's designee; and

(7) the following members, appointed by the Governor:

(i) one representative of the Maryland Center on Economic Policy;

(ii) one representative of the business community selected by the Secretary of Commerce;

(iii) one representative from the University of Maryland School of Social Work;

(iv) two representatives from labor selected by the Maryland State AFL-CIO; and

(v) three experts with relevant knowledge of basic economic security.

(c) The Secretary of Commerce, or the Secretary's designee, and the Secretary of Labor, or the Secretary's designee, shall be cochairs of the Workgroup.

(d) The Department of Commerce and the Maryland Department of Labor jointly shall provide staff for the Workgroup.

(e) A member of the Workgroup:

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

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

(f) The Workgroup shall:

(1) assess Maryland's job market exposure to automation technologies, globalization, and disruptive innovation;

(2) assess Maryland's existing spending on social safety net programs and other relevant expenditures, as well as expected spending on those programs in light of anticipated automation technologies, globalization, disruptive innovation, and job losses;

(3) identify and analyze options to ensure economic security, including a partial universal basic income and full universal basic income;

(4) monitor studies, trials, and efforts in Maryland and other jurisdictions relevant to the Workgroup; and

(5) seek out partnerships to publish or fund relevant trials or studies to

1 evaluate options for the implementation of a universal basic income program in Maryland.

2 (g) On or before December 15, 2020, the Workgroup shall report its findings and
3 recommendations, including any necessary legislation, to the Governor and, in accordance
4 with § 2–1257 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.

5 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
6 1, 2020. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of June 30, 2021, this
7 Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no
8 further force and effect.