

HOUSE BILL 1337

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By: **Delegates Smigiel, Hershey, and Jacobs**
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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Upper Shore Regional Council – Mandatory Appropriation**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Governor, beginning with a certain fiscal year, to
4 include in the State budget for each fiscal year a certain appropriation of at
5 least a certain amount to support the Upper Shore Regional Council; and
6 generally relating to a mandatory appropriation for the Upper Shore Regional
7 Council.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
9 Article – Economic Development
10 Section 13–1001(a) and (c)
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2008 Volume and 2011 Supplement)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
14 Article – Economic Development
15 Section 13–1008
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (2008 Volume and 2011 Supplement)

18 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
19 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

20 **Article – Economic Development**

21 13–1001.

22 (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

23 (c) “Council” means the Upper Shore Regional Council.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 13-1008.

2 (a) The State and Cecil, Kent, and Queen Anne's counties may jointly finance
3 the Council and its activities.

4 (b) (1) The State may provide financial support to the Council to assist in
5 carrying out the activities of the Council.

6 (2) (i) On or before August 1 of each year, the Council shall submit
7 its proposed work programs and operating budget for the following fiscal year to the
8 Department.

9 (ii) The submission shall include supporting schedules to show
10 how the budget is financed, and to provide for review and recommendations.

11 (iii) After review, the Department shall forward the submission
12 and any recommendations to the Department of Budget and Management for
13 consideration.

14 **(3) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER,**
15 **THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE STATE BUDGET AN APPROPRIATION OF**
16 **AT LEAST \$200,000 TO SUPPORT THE COUNCIL.**

17 (c) (1) The governing bodies of Cecil, Kent, and Queen Anne's counties
18 each year shall appropriate to the Council at least \$10,000 each to foster cooperative
19 planning and development in the region.

20 (2) Cecil, Kent, and Queen Anne's counties may appropriate any other
21 money for the Council as they consider necessary and appropriate.

22 (3) Other political subdivisions, including special districts, may
23 appropriate money for the Council as they consider necessary and appropriate.

24 (d) The Council may accept additional money from any other public or
25 private source.

26 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
27 July 1, 2012.