

HOUSE BILL 1497

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By: **Delegate Carter**

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Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Law Enforcement Communications Technology Procurement Task**
3 **Force**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing the Maryland Law Enforcement Communications
5 Technology Procurement Task Force; providing for the composition, chair, and
6 staffing of the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving
7 certain compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses;
8 requiring the Task Force to study and make recommendations regarding certain
9 matters; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to
10 certain committees of the General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing
11 for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Maryland Law
12 Enforcement Communications Technology Procurement Task Force.

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

15 (a) There is a Maryland Law Enforcement Communications Technology
16 Procurement Task Force.

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

18 (1) two members of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of
19 the Senate;

20 (2) two members of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of
21 the House;

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

23 (4) the Secretary of General Services, or the Secretary's designee;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (5) the Secretary of Budget and Management, or the Secretary's designee;

2 (6) a representative of the Office of Minority Business Enterprise,
3 appointed by the Secretary of Transportation;

4 (7) a State procurement officer, appointed by the Secretary of General
5 Services; and

6 (8) the following members, appointed by the Governor:

7 (i) one representative of the communications industry; and

8 (ii) one representative of an entity that uses law enforcement
9 communications technology.

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

11 (d) The Department of General Services shall provide staff for the Task Force.

12 (e) A member of the Task Force:

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

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

16 (f) The Task Force shall:

17 (1) study:

18 (i) the process used by the Maryland State Police and other law
19 enforcement and public safety agencies in the State to procure communications technology;

20 (ii) the interoperability of public safety communications systems
21 currently used in the State; and

22 (iii) whether the procurement of law enforcement communications
23 technology should be limited to radio technology based solely on the P25 Consensus
24 Industry Safety Standards; and

25 (2) make recommendations regarding any changes that may be made to
26 the procurement process for law enforcement communications technology that may lead to
27 cost savings for the State.

28 (g) On or before December 31, 2016, the Task Force shall report its findings and
29 recommendations to the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee and the House
30 Appropriations Committee, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article.

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June
2 1, 2016. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and 1 month and, at the end of June
3 30, 2017, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be
4 abrogated and of no further force and effect.