

# HOUSE BILL 600

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By: **Delegate Lopez**

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Assigned to: Judiciary

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force on Preventing and Responding to Nonconsensual Sexual Imagery**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Task Force on Preventing and Responding to  
4 Nonconsensual Sexual Imagery; and generally relating to the Task Force on  
5 Preventing and Responding to Nonconsensual Sexual Imagery.

6 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

7 That:

8 (a) There is a Task Force on Preventing and Responding to Nonconsensual Sexual  
9 Imagery.

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

11 (1) one member of the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee of the  
12 Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of the Senate;

13 (2) one member of the House Judiciary Committee of the House of  
14 Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of the House;

15 (3) the Attorney General, or the Attorney General's designee;

16 (4) the Executive Director of the Maryland Coalition Against Sexual  
17 Assault, or the Executive Director's designee;

18 (5) the Executive Director of the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention,  
19 Youth, and Victim Services, or the Executive Director's designee;

20 (6) the Superintendent of the State Police, or the Superintendent's  
21 designee; and

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

2 (i) one representative of the Maryland State's Attorneys'  
3 Association with expertise in the prosecution of cybercrimes;

4 (ii) one representative of law enforcement with expertise in the  
5 investigation of cybercrimes;

6 (iii) one representative of a legal services program or agency that  
7 works primarily to represent sexual assault victims;

8 (iv) two representatives of the community victimized by  
9 nonconsensual sharing of sexual imagery, cyberflashing, or deep fakes; and

10 (v) one academic expert on first amendment issues.

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

12 (d) The Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services shall  
13 provide staff for the Task Force.

14 (e) A member of the Task Force:

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

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

18 (f) The Task Force shall:

19 (1) evaluate how to prevent and respond to nonconsensual sexual imagery  
20 while respecting First Amendment rights, including evaluating prevention and response to  
21 cyberflashing, deep fakes, and other forms of misuse of technology to create or disseminate  
22 sexual images without the consent of everyone depicted in the images or receiving the  
23 images; and

24 (2) make recommendations for legislation to address the conduct  
25 evaluated.

26 (g) On or before January 1, 2025, the Task Force shall report its legislative  
27 recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State  
28 Government Article, the General Assembly.

29 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
30 1, 2023. It shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and, at the end of June 30, 2025,  
31 this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and  
32 of no further force and effect.