

SENATE BILL 970

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By: **Senator Jones–Rodwell**

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force to Study the Establishment of a Local Preference Procurement**
3 **Program**

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

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

16 (a) There is a Task Force to Study the Establishment of a Local Preference
17 Procurement Program.

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

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

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

23 (3) the Secretary of Business and Economic Development, or the
24 Secretary's designee;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (4) the Secretary of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation, or the
2 Secretary's designee;

3 (5) the Secretary of Housing and Community Development, or the
4 Secretary's designee;

5 (6) the Special Secretary of Minority Affairs, or the Special Secretary's
6 designee; and

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

8 (i) one representative of the Maryland Chamber of Commerce;
9 and

10 (ii) five owners of businesses located in the State.

11 (c) The members of the Task Force shall elect a chair from among the
12 members of the Task Force.

13 (d) The Governor's Office of Minority Affairs shall provide staff for the Task
14 Force.

15 (e) A member of the Task Force:

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

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

19 (f) The Task Force shall:

20 (1) study local preference procurement programs;

21 (2) evaluate whether other states would institute reciprocal local
22 preference procurement programs; and

23 (3) make recommendations regarding the establishment of a local
24 preference procurement program in the State, including what factors need to be
25 considered by the State when considering whether to establish a local preference
26 procurement program.

27 (g) On or before December 31, 2014, the Task Force shall report its findings
28 and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State
29 Government Article, the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs
30 Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee.

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
2 June 1, 2014. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and 1 month and, at the
3 end of June 30, 2015, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this
4 Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.