

(10) one representative of the Baltimore Retired Police Benevolent Association, appointed by the Governor.

(c) The members of the Task Force shall be appointed on or before June 30, 2004.

(d) The Governor shall designate the chairman of the Task Force.

(e) The State Retirement Agency shall provide staff for the Task Force.

(f) A member of the Task Force:

(1) may not receive compensation; but

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

(g) The Task Force shall study the issue of exempting members of the State Police Retirement System, the Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System, the Local Fire and Police System, ~~and~~ any local pension or retirement system for law enforcement officers, and parole and probation officers who are members of the Employees' Retirement System or the Employees' Pension System from paying State income taxes on their pensions, including:

(1) the benefit that members of these retirement or pension systems would derive from such an exemption;

(2) the impact on State revenues and the ongoing structural budget deficit;

(3) the impact on the State Retirement and Pension System; and

(4) the administrative and legal changes necessary to implement such an exemption.

(h) The Task Force shall report its findings to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly, on or before December 31, 2004.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2004. It shall remain effective for a period of 8 months and, at the end of January 31, 2005, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Approved May 26, 2004.

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