

of Maryland be modified. The proposed change would require independent salary-setting authorities to send proposed salary plan changes to the Secretary of Personnel for review and comment. The Task Force additionally acknowledged the importance of a policy defining independent pay-setting authority, its necessity, and application.

TASK FORCE ON INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCING

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In accordance with Chapter 787, Acts of 1985, the Governor created the Task Force on Infrastructure Financing in August 1985. Infrastructure is the basic foundation of public services maintained by local government. Among these services are streets, sidewalks, curbs, sewer and water systems, bridges, and public buildings.

The Task Force charge was to make recommendations on the direction, administration, and program format of infrastructure financing by the Community Development Administration of the Department of Economic and Community Development.

The Task Force submitted its final report to the Governor on August 7, 1986. The Task Force recommended that debt service payments be made by local governments in the year due. It also recommended that those payments be backed by a mandatory pledge of local government State source revenue. These revenues would be intercepted by the Comptroller of the Treasury in the fiscal year following any year of default.

In 1987, some recommendations of the Task Force were proposed as legislation by Senate Bill no. 119. The bill, however, was not enacted.

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The Liability Insurance Task Force was appointed by the Governor to recommend solutions for the problem of skyrocketing increases in the cost of liability insurance. Created in August 1985, the Task Force was to seek remedies that would make liability insurance more available and affordable in Maryland. The entire range of liability problems, including those faced by medical professionals, local governments and private entities, was to be examined.

In December 1985, the Task Force submitted its report to the Governor.

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In August 1986, the Governor established the Governor's Oversight Committee on Liability Insurance. The Committee's charge was to review recent legislative reforms in the area of liability insurance and recommend administrative or legislative measures to deal with the price and availability of insurance coverage in Maryland. The Committee was to review the status of premium increases and policy cancellations in the last year; the rate-selling policies of insurance companies; and the extent of insurance coverage for State employees. In addition, the Committee was to consider the feasibility of a catastrophic liability insurance fund; recent federal and state legislative