

CHAPTER 106  
(House Bill 410)

AN ACT to create a Howard County Airport Study Commission to study the need and advisability of the acquisition of land by the County for the development of an airport, to provide for qualifications and appointment of its members, to require it to report promptly and to provide funds for the purposes of the Commission.

WHEREAS, Howard County is on the threshold of unprecedented growth in industry and population ; and

WHEREAS, It is apparent that, because of this growth and the proximity of Howard County to large metropolitan areas, an airport may now or shortly be needed by the public and industry in the county ; and

WHEREAS, It is deemed desirable that a study be made of the needs, possible locations and legal requirements before an airport is constructed in Howard County ; now therefore

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* as follows :

A. The Howard County Airport Study Commission is hereby created for the purpose of studying and making recommendations concerning the advisability of building an airport in Howard County, the legal requirements for such an airport, if needed, and the suggested locations for such an airport, if needed in Howard County. The Commission shall be composed of three (3) persons who shall serve without compensation. The Commission members shall be selected and appointed by the County Commissioners of Howard County, with one of the members so named being designated as chairman: In appointing the members of the Commission, the County Commissioners shall select residents of the county whose education and experience would especially equip them to make such a study and shall include at least one licensed pilot.

B. The Commission shall make a study of the regulations and requirements for airports as set forth by the Federal Aviation Agency and the State Aviation Commission of Maryland including the possibility of obtaining Federal and/or State funds in the form of loans and/or grants and possible centrally located areas where an airport could be created which would result in a maximum of public utility with a minimum of hazards to public health, safety, and welfare. It shall meet as often as the members feel necessary to accomplish their purpose. It shall assemble such data and obtain such technical advisory services as may be needed.

C. For these purposes the Commission is to be appointed by July 1, 1966 and is directed to hold its first meeting not later than August 1, 1966.

D. The Commission shall report to the County Commissioners, to the State Senator, the members of the House of Delegates and the people of Howard County on or before January 1, 1967. Such report shall be in writing and shall include its detailed findings, including recommendations for any proposed legislation, advantages and dis-