

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

(f) The Task Force shall:

(1) study current land use policies and their impact on growth in the State;

(2) study current trends and challenges for municipal corporations and counties as they relate to growth, including population and demographic changes;

(3) analyze the capabilities of municipal corporations and counties to plan for future growth and development;

(4) analyze the impacts of county development proximate to municipal corporate limits on municipal infrastructure, water resources, and sensitive areas;

(5) analyze the impacts of municipal growth and development on county infrastructure, water resources, and sensitive areas;

(6) identify regional growth and development issues;

(7) study mechanisms to facilitate joint planning to coordinate growth and development between municipal corporations and counties; and

(8) examine the impact of § 1.03(e) and § 3.05(f) of Article 66B of the Code on a local government's ability to establish a floating zone on a property or grant piecemeal rezoning of a specific property; and

(9) make recommendations to implement law or regulations that further best management practices as they relate to future growth and development in the State.

(g) On or before December 1, 2007, the Task Force shall report its findings and recommendations to the Speaker of the House, the President of the Senate, the House Environmental Matters Committee, the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee, and the Governor, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article.

SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall be construed to apply only prospectively and may not be applied or interpreted to have any effect on or application to any annexation:

(a) that was initiated either by resolution, in accordance with § 19(b) of Article 23A of the Code, or by written petition, in accordance with § 19(c) of Article 23A of the Code, before the effective date of this Act; and

(b) in which final enactment of the annexation resolution, as described in § 19(e) of Article 23A of the Code, will occur by January 1, 2007.

SECTION 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2006.

Approved May 2, 2006.