

(a) (1) There is a Task Force to Study HIV Exposure in Maryland Correctional Facilities.

(2) The Task Force shall be appointed by the Governor and consist of at least the following:

(i) two representatives of the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services, one of whom shall be a current warden;

(ii) one representative of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene;

(iii) one representative of the Maryland State AIDS Administration;

(iv) the medical director of the Maryland correctional facilities;

(v) an epidemiologist with expertise in HIV;

(vi) a behavioral scientist with expertise in HIV;

(vii) an occupational exposure expert with expertise in HIV;

(viii) a correctional officer;

(ix) a former inmate;

(x) one representative from the AIDS Legislative Committee;

(xi) a prisoner advocate; and

(xii) an administrator of the local correctional facility;

(xiii) one representative of the Maryland Classified Employees Association; and

(xiv) one representative of the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME).

(b) The study shall include:

(1) an assessment of the nature of potential and actual exposures between inmates and correctional officers;

(2) an assessment of HIV education and training for correctional officers and inmates, including defining and identifying exposure, preventing exposure and transmission, and protocols and intervention to treat actual exposures;

(3) the feasibility and cost-effectiveness of mandatory HIV antibody testing of inmates and correctional officers;

(4) the current status of treatment for HIV and AIDS infected correctional officers and inmates;

(5) the feasibility of and procedures for providing adequate and appropriate treatment to correctional officers and inmates who are infected with HIV; and