

(4) consider whether the financing development authority should be an independent State government entity or be incorporated into an existing State government agency;

(5) develop recommendations regarding the establishment of the financing development authority; [and]

(6) report its PRELIMINARY recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2000; AND

(7) BASED ON A COMPREHENSIVE INTERAGENCY ASSESSMENT OF THE NEEDS OF AFFECTED INDUSTRIES, INCLUDING ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA, EXPECTED LEVEL OF DEMAND, TYPES OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, EXPECTED INVESTMENT RETURNS, AND PERFORMANCE EVALUATION MEASURES; REPORT ITS FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GOVERNOR AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2001.

(e) The Department of Legislative Services, [in consultation with] WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, the Department of Business and Economic Development, THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, AND THE MARYLAND FOOD CENTER AUTHORITY, shall, AS NECESSARY, provide RESEARCH ASSISTANCE AND staff support 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.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2000. IT SHALL REMAIN EFFECTIVE FOR A PERIOD OF 1 YEAR AND 7 MONTHS AND, AT THE END OF JANUARY 31, 2002, WITH NO FURTHER ACTION REQUIRED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, THIS ACT SHALL BE ABROGATED AND OF NO FURTHER FORCE AND EFFECT.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2001.

Approved April 20, 2001.

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