

(1) determine the number of retired military service personnel in the State of Maryland;

(2) determine the number of retired military service personnel engaged in a second career or secondary employment of any kind;

(3) determine the average total income of retired military service personnel including any secondary employment income or secondary career income, military retirement income, or other retirement income;

(4) determine the value of any additional benefits or programs available to retired military personnel;

(5) determine the average expenditures by retired military service personnel on an annual basis for goods and services and the estimated sales tax generated by retired military service personnel in the State;

(6) determine the average expenditures in the form of State, county, and local government services delivered to retired military service personnel and their families;

(7) determine the cost of health care services provided by the State to retired military service personnel and their families;

(8) determine the average State, county, and local real estate taxes paid by retired military service personnel on an annual basis;

(9) review a comparison of the total tax burden in the State for military retirees as compared to other states; and

(10) review a comparison of the total tax burden in the State including provisions of the State law exempting retirement income and military retirement income from taxation and any property tax or other tax benefits for retirees or military retirees, as compared to other states.

(g) The Task Force shall report its findings to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2003.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2003. It shall remain effective for a period of 6 months and, at the end of December 31, 2003, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Approved April 22, 2003.