

## Article - State Government

2-10A-12.

- (a) There is a Joint Committee on Base Realignment and Closure.
- (b) (1) The Committee consists of [12] 16 members.
- (2) Of the [12] 16 members:
- (i) [six] EIGHT shall be members of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of the Senate; and
- (ii) [six] EIGHT shall be members of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of the House.
- (c) From among the membership of the Committee, the President of the Senate shall appoint a Senator to serve as the Senate Chair of the Committee, and the Speaker of the House shall appoint a Delegate to serve as the House Chair of the Committee.
- (d) The Department of Legislative Services shall provide staff assistance to the Committee.
- (e) The Committee shall provide continuing legislative oversight of the State's response to changes and opportunities occurring as a result of the Base Realignment and Closure Process.
- (f) The Committee shall oversee and participate, in cooperation with State and local units, in the development of systems and processes that, with the intent of accelerating planning and development so that the State is prepared to receive the influx of jobs and personnel associated with the Base Realignment and Closure process, fast track the approval of:
- (1) transportation infrastructure;
  - (2) water and sewer infrastructure;
  - (3) State and local planning processes;
  - (4) affordable housing options;
  - (5) education facilities, including public school and community college construction; and