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By: **Montgomery County Delegation and Prince George’s County Delegation**  
Requested by: **Senator Kramer**

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Montgomery County – Maryland–National Capital Park and Planning**  
3 **Commission Restructuring Task Force – Establishment**

4 **MC/PG 104–23**

5 FOR the purpose of establishing the Maryland–National Capital Park and Planning  
6 Commission Restructuring Task Force to study the feasibility of transferring  
7 Montgomery County–specific duties of the Maryland–National Capital Park and  
8 Planning Commission to the Montgomery County government; and generally  
9 relating to the Maryland–National Capital Park and Planning Commission  
10 Restructuring Task Force.

11 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
12 That:

13 (a) There is a Maryland–National Capital Park and Planning Commission  
14 Restructuring Task Force.

15 (b) (1) The Task Force consists of the following members:

16 (i) one member of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the  
17 President of the Senate;

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



- 1                           (ii)    one member of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker  
2 of the House;
- 3                           (iii) the Chair of the Montgomery County Planning Board, or the  
4 Chair’s designee;
- 5                           (iv)    the County Executive of Montgomery County, or the County  
6 Executive’s designee;
- 7                           (v)    the President of the Montgomery County Council, or the  
8 President’s designee;
- 9                           (vi)   the Director of the Montgomery County Department of  
10 Permitting Services, or the Director’s designee;
- 11                          (vii) the Director of the Montgomery County Parks Department,  
12 Maryland–National Capital Park and Planning Commission, or the Director’s designee;
- 13                          (viii) the Director of the Montgomery County Planning Department,  
14 or the Director’s designee;
- 15                          (ix)    the Director of Montgomery County Recreation, or the Director’s  
16 designee;
- 17                          (x)    the Director of the Montgomery County Office of Management  
18 and Budget, or the Director’s designee;
- 19                          (xi)   the President of UFCW Local 1994 MCGEO, or the President’s  
20 designee;
- 21                          (xii) the following members, appointed by the County Executive of  
22 Montgomery County:
  - 23                           1.    two members of the public; and
  - 24                           2.    one attorney who practices land use law primarily in  
25 Montgomery County;

1 (xiii) two members of the public, appointed by the President of the  
2 Montgomery County Council;

3 (xiv) one representative of the Maryland Building Industry  
4 Association, designated by the Association; and

5 (xv) one representative of the Apartment and Office Building  
6 Association of Metropolitan Washington, designated by the Association.

7 (2) The Office of the County Executive of Montgomery County may appoint  
8 representatives from additional county executive branch agencies to serve as advisory  
9 members of the Task Force.

10 (c) The members appointed by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the  
11 House shall serve jointly as cochairs of the Task Force.

12 (d) The Office of the County Executive of Montgomery County shall designate  
13 staff for the Task Force.

14 (e) A member of the Task Force:

15 (1) may not receive compensation as a member of the Task Force; but

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

18 (f) (1) The Task Force shall:

19 (i) study the feasibility of transferring duties of the Montgomery  
20 County Planning Board, the Planning Department, and the Parks Department of the  
21 Maryland–National Capital Park and Planning Commission to the Montgomery County  
22 government; and

23 (ii) make recommendations on restructuring the  
24 Maryland–National Capital Park and Planning Commission to no longer include  
25 Montgomery County.

1                   (2)     The Task Force may hire a consultant to assist the Task Force in  
2 performing the requirements of paragraph (1) of this subsection.

3           (g)     (1)     The Task Force shall hold at least two public hearings before  
4 submitting the report required under subsection (h) of this section.

5                   (2)     The time and location of the public hearings required under this  
6 subsection shall be at the discretion of the cochairs of the Task Force.

7           (h)     On or before December 1, 2024, the Task Force shall submit a report of its  
8 findings and recommendations to the County Executive of Montgomery County, the County  
9 Council of Montgomery County, and, in accordance with § 2–1257 of the State Government  
10 Article, the members of the Montgomery County Delegation to the General Assembly.

11           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
12 1, 2023. It shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and, at the end of June 30, 2025,  
13 this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and  
14 of no further force and effect.