

HOUSE BILL 1421

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By: **Delegates McComas, Baker, Beauchamp, Hornberger, Miller, and Schmidt**
Introduced and read first time: February 13, 2026
Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force to Study Pedestrian and Bicyclist Injuries and Fatalities**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Task Force to Study Pedestrian and Bicyclist Injuries
4 and Fatalities to study and make recommendations on pedestrian and bicyclist
5 injuries and fatalities, actions pedestrians and bicyclists can take to reduce their own
6 negligence, and priorities and needs for making roadways safe for pedestrians and
7 bicyclists; and generally relating to the Task Force to Study Pedestrian and Bicyclist
8 Injuries and Fatalities.

9 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
10 That:

11 (a) There is a Task Force to Study Pedestrian and Bicyclist Injuries and
12 Fatalities.

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

14 (1) one member of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of
15 the Senate;

16 (2) one member of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of the
17 House;

18 (3) the Secretary of Transportation, or the Secretary's designee;

19 (4) the State Highway Administrator, or the Administrator's designee; and

20 (5) the Director of Bicycle and Pedestrian Access, or the Director's
21 designee.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (c) The Secretary of Transportation or the Secretary's designee shall chair the
2 Task Force.

3 (d) The Department of Transportation shall provide staff for the Task Force.

4 (e) A member of the Task Force:

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

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

8 (f) The Task Force shall study and make recommendations on:

9 (1) pedestrian injuries and fatalities in the State, including:

10 (i) challenges related to pedestrian visibility; and

11 (ii) how the wearing of dark clothing at night by a pedestrian affects
12 the likelihood of the pedestrian being struck by a motor vehicle, bicyclist, or other
13 pedestrian;

14 (2) bicyclist injuries and fatalities in the State, including how inclement
15 weather and poor visibility affect bicyclist injuries and fatalities;

16 (3) actions pedestrians and bicyclists can take to reduce their own
17 negligence; and

18 (4) priorities and needs for making roadways safe for pedestrians and
19 bicyclists.

20 (g) On or before October 1, 2027, the Task Force shall report its findings and
21 recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State
22 Government Article, the General Assembly.

23 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
24 1, 2026. It shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and 3 months, at the end of
25 September 30, 2028, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly,
26 shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.