

BY: Judicial Proceedings Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 881
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, strike lines 2 and 3 in their entirety and substitute:

“Task Force to Study the Practice Known as “Swatting””;

strike beginning with “prohibiting” in line 4 down through “statements” in line 8 and substitute “establishing the Task Force to Study the Practice Known as “Swatting””; and generally relating to the Task Force to Study the Practice Known as “Swatting””; strike in their entirety lines 9 through 23, inclusive; and in line 25, strike “the Laws of Maryland read as follows”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On pages 1 through 5, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 26 on page 1 through line 17 on page 5, inclusive, and substitute:

“(a) There is a Task Force to Study the Practice Known as “Swatting”.

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

(1) three members of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of the Senate;

(2) three members of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of the House;

(3) the Public Defender, or the Public Defender’s designee;

(4) the Chair of the Anti–Defamation League, or the Chair’s designee;

(5) the Executive Director of the Maryland Chiefs of Police Association, or the Executive Director’s designee;

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(6) the Executive Director of the Maryland Sheriffs' Association, or the Executive Director's designee;

(7) the President of the Maryland State's Attorneys' Association, or the President's designee; and

(8) the President of the Maryland Conference of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, or the President's designee.

(c) The Task Force shall designate the chair of the Task Force.

(d) The Office of the Attorney General shall provide staff for the Task Force.

(e) A member of the Task Force:

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

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

(f) The Task Force shall:

(1) study the laws applicable to, and otherwise relating to, the practice known as "swatting"; and

(2) make recommendations relating to legislative changes to prohibit the practice known as "swatting".

(g) On or before June 1, 2023, the Task Force shall report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2022. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and 9 months and, at the end of February 28, 2023, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect."