
JOINT COMMITTEE ON CHESAPEAKE BAY CRITICAL AREAS

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The Joint Committee on Chesapeake Bay Critical Areas began in 1984 (Chapter 794, Acts of 1984). Periodically, the Committee meets with the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area Commission to review the progress of the critical areas program for the Bay.

The Committee consists of ten members: five senators appointed by the Senate President and five delegates appointed by the House Speaker (Code Natural Resources Article, sec. 8-1808).

JOINT COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL RELATIONS

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The Joint Committee on Federal Relations originated in 1937 as the Maryland Commission on Intergovernmental Cooperation (Chapter 331, Acts of 1937). The Commission was reorganized under its current name in 1983 (Chapter 401, Acts of 1983). The Committee monitors and evaluates the relations between State and federal government and the impact on the State, local government, and Maryland citizens of proposals to alter those relations. It keeps State legislative and executive officials informed of federal relations and the impact of proposals for change. The Committee serves also as a forum for considering certain State-local issues.

To advance cooperation between the State and other units of government, the Committee proposes enactment of uniform or reciprocal laws; and adoption of compacts and uniform or reciprocal administrative rules. The Committee endorses cooperation of governmental agencies, and the exchange and clearance of research and information.

By law, the Committee has sixteen members. Eight are senators appointed by the Senate President and eight are delegates appointed by the House Speaker. The Senate President and House Speaker name the chair and vice-chair (Code State Government Article, secs. 2-901 through 2-906).

JOINT COMMITTEE ON HEALTH CARE DELIVERY & FINANCING

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The Joint Committee on Health Care Delivery and Financing was created in 1992 (Chapter 395, Acts of 1992). Legislators from standing committees with diverse jurisdictions that affect health care join together on this committee to consider and study Maryland health care delivery and financing. The Committee oversees and studies health care issues, including access to health care; retention of the Medicare waiver; the Medical Assistance Program (Medicaid); cost containment mechanisms; health insurance coverage; and shortages of health care labor.

Of the Committee's fourteen members, seven are senators chosen by the Senate President, and seven are delegates appointed by the House Speaker. The Senate President and House Speaker jointly appoint a senator and a delegate as co-chairs (Code State Government Article, sec. 2-10A-02).

JOINT COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE ETHICS

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The Joint Committee on Legislative Ethics was formed in 1972 (Chapter 5, Acts of 1972). The Committee renders advisory opinions and promulgates rules of legislative ethics with respect to conflicts of interest governing members of the General Assembly. These rules apply year-round.

The Committee consists of twelve members: six from the Senate, six from the House of Delegates chosen respectively by the Senate President and House Speaker, who also serve *ex officio* and appoint the chairs. At least one member of the Senate and one of the House are chosen from the party of the Minority Leader (Code State Government Article, secs. 2-701 through 2-707).

JOINT COMMITTEE ON THE MANAGEMENT OF PUBLIC FUNDS

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