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**SPECIAL JOINT COMMITTEES & TASK FORCES**


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The Legislative Policy Committee periodically establishes special joint committees and task forces for particular purposes. These special committees meet during the interim between sessions of the General Assembly. Annually, at the end of the legislative session, the Legislative Policy Committee reviews the work of each committee and decides whether or not a committee should be continued. Staff for the committees is provided by the Department of Fiscal Services and the Department of Legislative Reference. A committee membership roster is published each summer and is available on request.

**JOINT ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON  
 LEGISLATIVE DATA SYSTEMS**

John A. Cade, *Senate Chairperson*  
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The Joint Advisory Committee on Legislative Data Systems was created in 1988.

**JOINT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON JUVENILE  
 SERVICES INITIATIVES**

Barbara A. Hoffman, *Senate Chairperson*  
 J. Ernest Bell II, *House Chairperson*

*Appointed by Senate President:* Thomas L. Bromwell;  
 Charles H. Smelser.

*Appointed by House Speaker:* John J. Bishop; Norman  
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*Appointed by Senate President & House Speaker:*  
 Robert H. Mason; David B. Mitchell.

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Created in November 1992, the Joint Oversight Committee on Juvenile Services Initiatives oversees programs of the Department of Juvenile Services.

**JOINT SUBCOMMITTEE ON ARTICLE 2B**

American Joe Miedusiewski, *Senate Chairperson*  
 Leon Albin, *House Chairperson*

The Joint Subcommittee on Article 2B was formed in September 1992 to review Article 2B of the *Annotated Code of Maryland*. This Code article concerns the laws on alcoholic beverages.

**JOINT SUBCOMMITTEE ON PROGRAM OPEN  
 SPACE & AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION**

C. Bernard Fowler, *Senate Chairperson*  
 George C. Edwards, *House Chairperson*

The Joint Subcommittee on Program Open Space and Agricultural Land Preservation was created in 1991.

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**SPECIAL JOINT COMMITTEE ON PENSIONS**

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The Special Joint Committee on Pensions has functioned since 1985.

**JOINT TASK FORCE ON MARYLAND'S  
 PROCUREMENT LAW**

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 John A. Cade, *Senate Co-Chairperson*  
 Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., *House Co-Chairperson*  
 D. Bruce Poole, *House Co-Chairperson*

*Appointed by Senate President:* William H. Amoss;  
 Walter M. Baker; F. Vernon Boozer; Arthur  
 Dorman; Barbara A. Hoffman; Laurence Levitan;  
 Thomas Patrick O'Reilly; James C. Simpson;  
 Charles H. Smelser; Norman R. Stone, Jr.

*Appointed by House Speaker:* Joel Chasnoff; Elijah E.  
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 R. Taylor, Jr.; Virginia M. Thomas; Joseph F.  
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Begun as a Senate task force in August 1993, the Joint Task Force on Maryland's Procurement Law was formed in September 1993. The Task Force reviews State procurement laws and regulations, and determines how to prevent abuses and the appearance of undue influence, especially in emergency procurements, where contracts are awarded without competitive bidding. The Task Force also is studying how State agencies, particularly the Board of Public Works and the Office of Attorney General, can better oversee the procurement process.