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**State Department of Assessments and Taxation**

**Committee Narrative**

**Advisory Council Creation and ~~Business Process Analysis Report~~ *Legislation Request:*** It is the intent of the committees to assure progress on the implementation of the 2014 Assessment Workgroup (AWG) recommendations by directing the State Department of Assessments and Taxation (SDAT) to establish a State and Local Advisory Council. The advisory council shall be composed of the following members:

- the executive director of SDAT;
- a representative from a local State assessment office;
- five members representing county governments appointed by the Maryland Association of Counties;
- three members representing municipal governments appointed by the Maryland Municipal League;
- a representative from the Department of Information Technology (DoIT);
- a representative from the Department of Planning; and
- a representative from the Governor's StateStat Office.

The advisory council shall meet periodically to discuss issues of mutual interest, including but not limited to the assessment of real and personal property and tax credit programs and exemptions; guidance on the implementation of the AWG recommendations from the December 15, 2014 report; and, business process changes and the leveraging of new technologies to achieve greater operational efficiencies.

*Further, it is the intent of the committees to assure progress on the implementation of the AWG recommendations by directing SDAT to introduce legislation during the 2016 session of the General Assembly that responds to the recommendations from the December 15, 2014 report.*

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~~The committees further direct SDAT, in consultation with DoIT and other appropriate entities, to perform a business process analysis in an effort to realize additional efficiencies within the assessment and administrative processes of SDAT and to determine how technology can be utilized to maximize that efficiency. The analysis should produce recommendations to achieve greater efficiencies in the performance of property assessments and other functions through the use of new technologies; improve the transfer of data between SDAT and local governments; and, suggest adequate staffing levels in light of new technology and business process changes. The department should report its findings to the State and Local Advisory Council and the budget committees by December 1, 2015.~~

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Business process analysis	SDAT	December 1, 2015