

Local governments face serious challenges when trying to balance their budgets during complex financial times. This difficulty is exacerbated when the state places burdensome mandates on localities. This task force identifies mandates imposed on localities that are overly burdensome or unnecessary and recommends appropriate changes, providing relief to local governments.

In 2011, the General Assembly approved legislation to create this task force, which consists of five members who serve at the pleasure of the Governor. The legislation specifically charges the task force “to review state mandates imposed on localities and to recommend temporary suspension or permanent repeal of such mandates, or any other action as appropriate.”

Authorizing Legislation: [§ 15.2-2903\(8\) of the Code of Virginia](#)

TASK FORCE MEMBERS

On July 18, 2014, Governor McAuliffe announced these appointments to the task force: The Honorable Mimi Elrod, PhD, Mayor, City of Lexington

Gary Larrowe, County Administrator, Botetourt County

Marcus Newsome, EdD, Superintendent, Petersburg City Public Schools

Wyatt Shields, City Manager, City of Falls Church

The Honorable George Wallace, Former Mayor, City of Hampton

MEETINGS, AGENDAS AND MINUTES

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Documents

- [2012 Interim Report to the Governor](#)
- [2013 Interim Report to the Governor](#)
- [2014 Interim Report to the Governor](#)
- [2015 Interim Report to the Governor](#)
- [2016 Interim Report to the Governor](#)
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