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Housing Workgroup Report
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The Housing Workgroup has been requested by Michael Busch, Speaker of the House of Delegates to address issues raised in House Bill 1078, a Task Force on Homeownership Strategy. While the legislation did not pass, its goal was to examine the impact of the housing crisis on homeownership in Maryland. Stabilizing historically owner-occupied neighborhoods was at the heart of this legislation.

Instead of passing the legislation, the Speaker believed that the Sustainable Growth Commission's Housing Workgroup would be a better venue to examine these critical issues. As a result, Secretary Raymond Skinner will oversee the work of the Neighborhood Stabilization and Homeownership Workgroup, and has tasked his staff with developing a work plan to guide this effort. A workgroup has been constituted and met on Thursday, July 24th.