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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force to Evaluate Existing School Civic Literacy Programs -**
3 **Established**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing a Task Force to Evaluate Existing School Civic
5 Literacy Programs; providing for the membership, chair, and staffing of the
6 Task Force; providing for the duties of the Task Force; prohibiting members of
7 the Task Force from receiving compensation but entitling a member to certain
8 reimbursement; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and
9 recommendations to the State Department of Education on or before a certain
10 date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to
11 establishing a Task Force to Evaluate Existing School Civic Literacy Programs.

12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
13 MARYLAND, That:

14 (a) There is a Task Force to Evaluate Existing School Civic Literacy Programs.

15 (b) The Task Force consists of the following members:

16 (1) five members of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President
17 of the Senate;

18 (2) five members of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of
19 the House; and

20 (3) five members with expertise in the area of civic literacy, appointed by
21 the Governor.

22 (c) The Task Force shall elect a chair from among its members.

23 (d) The State Department of Education shall provide staff for the Task Force.

24 (e) A member of the Task Force:

25 (1) may not receive compensation; but

1 (2) is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State
2 Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

3 (f) The Task Force shall:

4 (1) evaluate existing school civic literacy programs;

5 (2) determine a strategy for enhancing long-term civic education; and

6 (3) make recommendations regarding a plan for implementing a civic
7 education program.

8 (g) The Task Force shall report its findings and recommendations to the State
9 Department of Education on or before December 1, 2005.

10 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
11 July 1, 2005. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and 1 month and, at the
12 end of July 30, 2006, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this
13 Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.