

ENROLLED BILL

-- Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs/Ways and Means --

Introduced by **Senator Britt**

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this
____ day of _____ at _____ o'clock, ____ M.

President.

CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force to Convene a Summit on Civic Literacy in Maryland**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Task Force to Convene a Summit on Civic
4 Literacy in Maryland; providing for the composition, powers, and duties of the
5 Task Force; requiring the State Department of Education and the Maryland
6 Higher Education Commission to provide staffing for the Task Force;
7 prohibiting members of the Task Force from receiving compensation but
8 entitling members to reimbursement for certain expenses; requiring the Task
9 Force to convene a Summit on Civic Literacy for certain purposes; requiring the
10 Task Force to report certain findings and recommendations to the Governor, the
11 State Department of Education, and the General Assembly on or before a certain
12 date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Task
13 Force to Convene a Summit on Civic Literacy in Maryland.

14 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
15 MARYLAND, That:

16 (a) There is a Task Force to Convene a Summit on Civic Literacy in Maryland.

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

2 (1) two members of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President
3 of the Senate;

4 (2) two members of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of
5 the House;

6 (3) the State Superintendent of Schools, or the Superintendent's
7 designee;

8 (4) the Secretary for Higher Education, or the Secretary's designee; ~~and~~

9 (5) two representatives of the Center for Information and Research on
10 Civic Learning and Engagement (CIRCLE);

11 (6) two representatives from the Maryland Association of Student
12 Councils, appointed by the Governor; and

13 (7) one representative from the Maryland Judicial Conference,
14 appointed by the Governor.

15 (c) The Task Force shall elect the chair of the Task Force from among its
16 members.

17 (d) The State Department of Education and the Maryland Higher Education
18 Commission shall provide staff for the Task Force.

19 (e) A member of the Task Force:

20 (1) may not receive compensation; but

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

23 (f) The Task Force shall:

24 (1) convene a Summit for Civic Literacy to:

25 (i) determine a strategy for enhancing the long-term civic
26 engagement and literacy within the State; and

27 (ii) recommend a plan to improve civic engagement and literacy.

28 (2) invite a diverse range of student, teacher, and administrator
29 representatives from elementary, secondary, and higher education, media, civic
30 organizations, and elected officials from across the State of Maryland to participate in
31 the discussions concerning civic engagement and literacy at the summit; and

1 (3) invite the Center for Information and Research on Civic Learning
2 and Engagement based in the University of Maryland's School of Public Policy to
3 facilitate the Summit on Civic Literacy.

4 (g) The Task Force shall report its findings and recommendations for future
5 actions to the Governor, State Department of Education, and in accordance with §
6 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly, on or before December
7 31, 2006.

8 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
9 July 1, 2006. It shall remain effective for a period of 6 months and, at the end of
10 December 31, 2006, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act
11 shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.