

HB1156/164564/1

BY: Appropriations Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 1156
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, strike “Northeastern Maryland” and substitute “Task Force to Study the Creation of a Regional”; in the same line, strike “and Applied Technology”; in the same line, after “Center” insert “in Northeastern Maryland”; strike in their entirety lines 3 through 18, inclusive; and after line 18, insert:

“FOR the purpose of purpose of establishing a Task Force to Study the Creation of a Regional Higher Education Center in Northeastern Maryland; providing for the membership, chair, and staffing of the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving compensation, but authorizing reimbursement of certain expenses; requiring the Task Force to meet a certain number of times each month; requiring the Task Force to study and make recommendations regarding the higher education needs of the Northeastern Maryland region; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and certain committees of the General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Task Force to Study the Creation of a Regional Higher Education Center in Northeastern Maryland.”.

On pages 1 and 2, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 19 on page 1 through line 25 on page 2, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in line 27, strike “the Laws of Maryland read as follows”; and after line 27, insert:

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“(a) There is a Task Force to Study the Creation of a Regional Higher Education Center in Northeastern Maryland.

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

(1) the Secretary of Higher Education, or the Secretary's designee;

(2) the Chancellor of the University System of Maryland, or the Chancellor's designee;

(3) the President of Morgan State University, or the President's designee;

(4) the President of Harford Community College, or the President's designee;

(5) the President of Cecil College, or the President's designee;

(6) the Executive Director of the Higher Education and Conference Center at the Higher Education and Applied Technology Center, or the Executive Director's designee;

(7) the Executive Director of the Maryland Association of Community Colleges, or the Executive Director's designee;

(8) the President of the Maryland Independent College and University Association, or the President's designee;

(9) a representative of the Governor's Workforce Investment Board, appointed by the Executive Director of the Board;

(10) the Commanding General of Aberdeen Proving Ground, or the Commanding General's designee;

(11) the County Superintendent of Harford County Public Schools, or the Superintendent's designee;

(12) the County Superintendent of Cecil County Public Schools, or the Superintendent's designee;

(13) a representative of the Harford County Office of Economic Development, appointed by the Executive Director;

(14) a representative of the Cecil County Office of Economic Development, appointed by the Executive Director; and

(15) the following four members, appointed by the executive director of the organization:

(i) one representative of the Susquehanna Workforce Network;

(ii) one representative of the Chesapeake Science and Security Corridor;

(iii) one representative of the Army Alliance; and

(iv) one representative of the Northeastern Maryland Technology Council.

(c) (1) The Governor shall designate the chair of the Task Force.

(2) The Governor shall consider whether individuals considered to chair the Task Force have any of the following attributes:

(Over)

- (i) familiarity with the northeastern region of Maryland;
 - (ii) familiarity with higher education; and
 - (iii) leadership ability and experience.
- (d) The Office of the Governor shall provide staff for the Task Force.
- (e) A member of the Task Force:
 - (1) may not receive compensation as a member of the Task Force; but
 - (2) is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.
- (f) The Task Force shall meet at least one time per month at such times and places it determines.
- (g) The Task Force shall:
 - (1) examine the need for higher education in Northeastern Maryland;
 - (2) examine the future role of the off-campus site at Harford Community College in meeting the need for higher education in Northeastern Maryland;
 - (3) examine the future role of Harford Community College and Cecil College in meeting the need for higher education in Northeastern Maryland;
 - (4) examine the future role of other segments of higher education in meeting the need for higher education in Northeastern Maryland;

(5) examine all existing higher education courses and program offerings in the Northeastern Maryland region;

(6) examine all existing and planned facilities and resources that are or may be available to meet the need for higher education in Northeastern Maryland;

(7) examine any other matter relevant to meeting the need for higher education in Northeastern Maryland as determined by the Task Force; and

(8) make recommendations regarding:

(i) higher education needs in Northeastern Maryland;

(ii) the participation of all segments of higher education in meeting the higher education needs in Northeastern Maryland;

(iii) whether or not the current higher education institutions and centers are meeting the higher education needs of the region;

(iv) whether or not the creation of a new higher education center is the best way to meet the higher education needs of the Northeastern Maryland region; and

(v) the governance structure and organization of a new regional higher education center if the Task Force recommends the creation of such a center.

(h) On or before December 1, 2011, the Task Force shall report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee, the House Appropriations Committee, and the Joint Committee on Base Realignment and Closure.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On pages 2 through 8, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 28 on page 2 through line 20 on page 8, inclusive.

On page 8, in line 21, strike “4.” and substitute “2.”; in line 22, strike “July” and substitute “June”; and in the same line, after “2011.” insert “It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and 1 month and, at the end of June 30, 2012, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.”.