

SENATE BILL 397

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By: **Senator Klausmeier**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force on the ~~Method of Selecting~~ Membership and Operation of the**
3 **Baltimore County Board of Education**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing the Task Force on the ~~Method of Selecting~~
5 Membership and Operation of the Baltimore County Board of Education;
6 providing for the chairs and staff for the Task Force; prohibiting a member of
7 the Task Force from receiving certain compensation but entitling members to
8 reimbursement for certain expenses; requiring the Task Force to make certain
9 recommendations, including recommendations regarding the method of
10 selecting the Baltimore County Board of Education; requiring the Task Force to
11 hold a certain number of public meetings that allow certain persons to testify
12 about certain issues; requiring the Task Force to make a certain report to
13 certain persons on before a certain date; providing for the termination of this
14 Act; and generally relating to the Task Force on the ~~Method of Selecting~~
15 Membership and Operation of the Baltimore County Board of Education.

16 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
17 MARYLAND, That:

18 (a) There is a Task Force on the ~~Method of Selecting~~ Membership and
19 Operation of the Baltimore County Board of Education.

20 (b) The Task Force consists of the following ~~12~~ 13 members:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike-out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 (1) the Chair of the Baltimore County Senate Delegation, or the
2 Chair's designee;

3 (2) three members of the Senate of Maryland who represent Baltimore
4 County, appointed by the Chair of the Baltimore County Senate Delegation;

5 (3) the Chair of the Baltimore County House Delegation, or the
6 Chair's designee;

7 (4) three members of the House of Delegates who represent Baltimore
8 County, appointed by the Chair of the Baltimore County House Delegation;

9 (5) three members, appointed by the Baltimore County Executive; ~~and~~

10 (6) one member, appointed by the Chair of the Baltimore County
11 Council; and

12 (7) one representative of the Maryland Association of Boards of
13 Education, appointed by the Association.

14 (c) The Chair of the Baltimore County Senate Delegation and the Chair of
15 the Baltimore County House Delegation shall jointly designate the cochairs of the
16 Task Force from among the Senator and Delegate members of the Task Force.

17 (d) The Office of the Baltimore County Executive shall provide staff for the
18 Task Force.

19 (e) A member of the Task Force:

20 (1) may not receive compensation as a member of the Task Force; but

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

23 (f) The Task Force shall make recommendations on the following issues:

24 (1) the ideal size of the Baltimore County Board of Education;

25 (2) the most appropriate method of selecting members of the
26 Baltimore County Board of Education, including consideration of the following
27 methods:

28 (i) all elected;

29 (ii) gubernatorial appointments;

30 (iii) Baltimore County executive appointments;

1 (iv) partially elected and appointed;

2 (v) county nominating commission; and

3 (vi) appointments with additional approval; ~~and~~

4 (3) the appropriate phase-in period for changes to the existing
5 selection process; and

6 (4) improving the transparency and professionalism of the Baltimore
7 County Board of Education.

8 (g) (1) The Task Force shall hold at least one public meeting that allows
9 members of the general public and stakeholder organizations to testify on issues being
10 studied by the Task Force.

11 (2) The Task Force shall extend an invitation to representatives from
12 the following stakeholder organizations to testify at a public meeting:

13 (i) the Teachers Association of Baltimore County;

14 (ii) the Council of Administrative and Supervisory Employees of
15 Baltimore County;

16 (iii) the Education Support Professionals of Baltimore County;

17 (iv) the Baltimore County Chamber of Commerce;

18 (v) the ~~Parent Teacher Association~~ PTA Council of Baltimore
19 County;

20 (vi) the Baltimore County Student Councils;

21 (vii) the Baltimore County chapter of the NAACP;

22 (viii) the Baltimore County League of Women Voters;

23 (ix) the Baltimore County Board of Education; and

24 (x) the Baltimore County Superintendent of Schools.

25 (h) On or before October 1, 2011, the Task Force shall report its findings and
26 recommendations to the Governor, and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State
27 Government Article, the Baltimore County Senate and House Delegations, the State
28 Superintendent of Schools, the Baltimore County Executive, the Baltimore County

1 Council, the Baltimore County Superintendent of Schools, and the Baltimore County
2 Board of Education.

3 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
4 July 1, 2011. It shall remain effective for a period of 6 months and, at the end of
5 December 31, 2011, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act
6 shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.