

HOUSE BILL 1061

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force on Public School Efficiency**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Task Force on Public School Efficiency; providing
4 for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Task Force; establishing the
5 duties of the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving
6 certain compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses;
7 requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the
8 Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for
9 the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Task Force on Public
10 School Efficiency.

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

13 (a) There is a Task Force on Public School Efficiency.

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

15 (1) one member of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President
16 of the Senate;

17 (2) one member of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of
18 the House;

19 (3) the State Superintendent of Schools, or the Superintendent's
20 designee;

21 (4) the Secretary of Budget and Management, or the Secretary's
22 designee; and

23 (5) the following five members, appointed by the Governor:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



- 1 (i) one member who is a public school teacher;
- 2 (ii) one member who is a public school principal;
- 3 (iii) one member who is a parent of a student currently enrolled
4 in a public school in the State;
- 5 (iv) one member of the business community; and
- 6 (v) one member who has experience in public accounting and
7 auditing.
- 8 (c) The State Superintendent of Schools shall serve as chair of the Task
9 Force.
- 10 (d) The State Department of Education shall provide staff for the Task Force.
- 11 (e) A member of the Task Force:
- 12 (1) may not receive compensation as a member of the Task Force; but
- 13 (2) is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard
14 State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.
- 15 (f) The Task Force shall:
- 16 (1) study public school spending, including federal, State, and local
17 funding trends;
- 18 (2) compare public school expenditure data by county;
- 19 (3) assess the potential future impact of funding teacher pension costs
20 on classroom funding;
- 21 (4) solicit anonymous tips from members of the public about
22 inefficiencies in public education; and
- 23 (5) identify best practices and make recommendations for cutting
24 school administration costs, reducing overhead, consolidating services, and providing a
25 greater percentage of existing State education resources to support instruction.
- 26 (g) On or before December 1, 2014, the Task Force shall report its findings
27 and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State
28 Government Article, the General Assembly.

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
2 July 1, 2013. It shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and, at the end of June 30,
3 2015, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be
4 abrogated and of no further force and effect.