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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force to Study a Post-Labor Day Start Date for Maryland Public**
3 **Schools**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing the Task Force to Study a Post-Labor Day Start Date
5 for Maryland Public Schools; providing for the membership, chair, and staff for
6 the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving certain
7 compensation; authorizing a member of the Task Force to receive
8 reimbursement for certain expenses; requiring the Task Force to study issues
9 relating to a post-Labor Day start date for Maryland public schools; requiring
10 the Task Force to report to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before
11 a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating
12 to the Task Force to Study a Post-Labor Day Start Date for Maryland Public
13 Schools.

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

16 (a) There is a Task Force to Study a Post-Labor Day Start Date for
17 Maryland Public Schools.

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

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

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

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

8 (4) the following members, appointed by the Governor:

9 (i) four representatives of local school systems in the State, two
10 of whom are teachers;

11 (ii) one representative of the Maryland State Education
12 Association;

13 (iii) four representatives of businesses impacted by summer
14 tourism;

15 (iv) one representative of the Maryland Tourism Development
16 Board;

17 (v) one student who attends a Maryland public high school;

18 (vi) one parent of a student enrolled in a Maryland public
19 elementary school;

20 (vii) one parent of a student enrolled in a Maryland public middle
21 school; and

22 (viii) one parent of a student enrolled in a Maryland public high
23 school.

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

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

26 (e) A member of the Task Force:

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

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

1 (f) The Task Force shall study the impact of moving the start date of the
2 public school year in the State to after Labor Day on the following areas:

3 (1) the education system, including the academic calendar, planning,
4 administration, and facilities use;

5 (2) the economy; and

6 (3) summer tourism.

7 (g) On or before June 30, 2014, the Task Force shall report its findings and
8 recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State
9 Government Article, the General Assembly.

10 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
11 July 1, 2013. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of June 30,
12 2014, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be
13 abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.