

# SENATE BILL 433

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By: **Senators Ferguson, Colburn, Klausmeier, Madaleno, Shank, and Young**

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force to Study the Establishment of Charter Schools for Adult**  
3 **Education**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing the Task Force to Study the Establishment of Charter  
5 Schools for Adult Education; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of  
6 the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving certain  
7 compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses;  
8 establishing the duties of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to report, on  
9 or before a certain date, its findings and recommendations to the Governor, the  
10 Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee, and the  
11 House Committee on Ways and Means; providing for the termination of this  
12 Act; and generally relating to the Task Force to Study the Establishment of  
13 Charter Schools for Adult Education.

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

16 (a) There is a Task Force to Study the Establishment of Charter Schools for  
17 Adult Education.

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

19 (1) one member of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President  
20 of the Senate;

21 (2) one member of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of  
22 the House;

23 (3) the State Superintendent of Schools, or the State Superintendent's  
24 designee;

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           (4) the Secretary of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation, or the  
2 Secretary's designee;

3           (5) one representative of the Maryland Association of Boards of  
4 Education, appointed by the Executive Director of the Association; and

5           (6) the following members, appointed by the Governor:

6           (i) one representative of the Governor's Workforce Investment  
7 Board;

8           (ii) one representative of an employee organization of public  
9 school teachers;

10           (iii) two representatives of the charter school community;

11           (iv) two representatives of the adult literacy community;

12           (v) one representative of the business community; and

13           (vi) one representative of a local school district.

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

15           (d) The State Department of Education and the Department of Labor,  
16 Licensing, and Regulation shall provide the staff for the Task Force.

17           (e) A member of the Task Force:

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

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

21           (f) The Task Force shall:

22           (1) determine whether a structure for establishing and operating  
23 charter schools for adult education is needed and would be beneficial to the State; and

24           (2) if a structure for establishing and operating charter schools for  
25 adult education is determined to be necessary and beneficial to the State, study and  
26 make recommendations on:

27           (i) the appropriate structure for establishing and operating a  
28 charter school program for adult education in the State;

1                   (ii) the feasibility of funding charter schools for adult education  
2 through the Maryland Public Charter School Program, or alternative funding  
3 mechanisms and sources, or both;

4                   (iii) whether an exception to the age limits for public funding of  
5 education should be created to allow students over 21 years old to be admitted free of  
6 charge to charter schools for adult education;

7                   (iv) the appropriate entity to authorize and provide oversight for  
8 charter schools for adult education;

9                   (v) the appropriate methods of providing accountability for  
10 charter schools for adult education;

11                   (vi) the qualifications required for an entity to apply to become a  
12 charter school for adult education; and

13                   (vii) the statutory provisions required to establish a structure for  
14 charter schools for adult education in the State.

15           (g) On or before December 1, 2013, the Task Force shall report its findings  
16 and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State  
17 Government Article, the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs  
18 Committee and the House Committee on Ways and Means.

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