

SENATE BILL 963

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By: **Senators Mathias, Edwards, and Astle**

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A BILL ENTITLED

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.

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

19 (1) two members of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the
20 President of the Senate;

21 (2) two members of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker
22 of the House;

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

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

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

4 (ii) one representative of the Maryland State Education
5 Association;

6 (iii) four representatives of businesses impacted by summer
7 tourism;

8 (iv) one representative of the Maryland Tourism Development
9 Board;

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

11 (vi) one parent of a student enrolled in a Maryland public
12 elementary school;

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

15 (viii) one parent of a student enrolled in a Maryland public high
16 school.

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

18 (d) The State Department of Education shall provide staff for the 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 study the impact of moving the start date of the
24 public school year in the State to after Labor Day on the following areas:

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

27 (2) the economy; and

28 (3) summer tourism.

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

4 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
5 July 1, 2013. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of June 30,
6 2014, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be
7 abrogated and of no further force and effect.