

SENATE BILL 1005

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By: **Senator Klausmeier**

Introduced and read first time: February 20, 2013

Assigned to: Rules

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Baltimore County – Commission to Study the Establishment of a Truancy**
3 **Reduction Program**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing the Commission to Study the Establishment of a
5 Truancy Reduction Program in Baltimore County; providing for the
6 composition, chair, and staffing of the Commission; prohibiting a member of the
7 Commission from receiving certain compensation, but authorizing the
8 reimbursement of certain expenses; requiring the Commission to study and
9 make recommendations regarding certain matters; requiring the Commission to
10 report its findings and recommendations to the Baltimore County Executive,
11 the Superintendent of the Baltimore County Public Schools, the Baltimore
12 County Board of Education, certain committees of the General Assembly, and
13 the Chair of the Baltimore County Senators and the Chair of the Baltimore
14 County Delegation of the General Assembly on or before a certain date;
15 providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the
16 Commission to Study the Establishment of a Truancy Reduction Program in
17 Baltimore County.

18 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
19 MARYLAND, That:

20 (a) There is a Commission to Study the Establishment of a Truancy
21 Reduction Program in Baltimore County.

22 (b) The Commission consists of:

23 (1) the Baltimore County Executive, or the County Executive's
24 designee;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (2) the Baltimore County State's Attorney, or the State's Attorney's
2 designee;

3 (3) the Director of the Baltimore County Department of Social
4 Services, or the Director's designee;

5 (4) a designee of the Secretary of Juvenile Services who works in
6 Baltimore County; and

7 (5) the following members, appointed by the Baltimore County
8 Executive, in consultation with the Chair of the Baltimore County Senators and the
9 Chair of the Baltimore County Delegation of the General Assembly:

10 (i) one administrative judge of the Baltimore County Circuit
11 Court;

12 (ii) one employee of the Baltimore County Public Schools who
13 works in Pupil Personnel Services;

14 (iii) one employee of the Baltimore County Public Schools who
15 works as a court liaison;

16 (iv) one employee of the Baltimore County Public Schools who
17 works as a school counselor;

18 (v) one employee of the Baltimore County Public Schools who
19 works as a high school principal;

20 (vi) one employee of the Baltimore County Public Schools who
21 works as an Assistant Superintendent or an Executive Director; and

22 (vii) one representative of the Teachers Association of Baltimore
23 County.

24 (c) The Baltimore County Executive, in consultation with the Chair of the
25 Baltimore County Senators and the Chair of the Baltimore County Delegation of the
26 General Assembly, shall designate the chair of the Commission.

27 (d) The Department of Student Support Services of the Baltimore County
28 Public Schools shall provide staff for the Commission.

29 (e) A member of the Commission:

30 (1) may not receive compensation as a member of the Commission; but

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

1 (f) The Commission shall:

2 (1) study the feasibility of establishing a Truancy Reduction Program
3 in Baltimore County;

4 (2) establish the goals of a Truancy Reduction Program, including:

5 (i) reducing the number of students who are chronically truant
6 in Baltimore County; and

7 (ii) educating parents and guardians of students regarding:

8 1. compulsory school attendance laws;

9 2. the effects of truancy; and

10 3. the availability of resources both in and outside the
11 school the student attends to reduce truancy; and

12 (3) make recommendations regarding the feasibility of establishing a
13 Truancy Reduction Program in Baltimore County.

14 (g) On or before December 15, 2013, the Commission shall report its findings
15 and recommendations on the feasibility of establishing a Truancy Reduction Program
16 in Baltimore County to the Baltimore County Executive, the Superintendent of the
17 Baltimore County Public Schools, the Baltimore County Board of Education, and, in
18 accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the Senate Education,
19 Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee, the House Ways and Means
20 Committee, and the Chair of the Baltimore County Senators and the Chair of the
21 Baltimore County Delegation of the General Assembly.

22 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
23 June 1, 2013. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of May 31,
24 2014, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be
25 abrogated and of no further force and effect.