

HOUSE BILL 577

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Assigned to: Appropriations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force to Study Housing and Supportive Services for Unaccompanied**
3 **Homeless Youth – Continuation, Membership, Stipend, and Duties**

4 FOR the purpose of altering the membership and duties of the Task Force to Study
5 Housing and Supportive Services for Unaccompanied Homeless Youth;
6 authorizing certain members of the Task Force to receive a certain stipend as
7 compensation for serving on the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to issue
8 its findings and recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly in
9 preliminary and final reports on or before certain dates; extending the
10 termination date of the Task Force; and generally relating to the Task Force to
11 Study Housing and Supportive Services for Unaccompanied Homeless Youth.

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13 Chapter 544 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2013
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18 Preamble

19 WHEREAS, The Task Force to Study Housing and Supportive Services for
20 Unaccompanied Homeless Youth issued recommendations on November 1, 2013, to
21 improve the identification of and provision of housing and supportive services to
22 unaccompanied homeless youth, and the implementation of those recommendations
23 requires ongoing action by the Task Force and its members; now, therefore,

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
2 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

3 **Chapter 544 of the Acts of 2013**

4 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
5 MARYLAND, That:

6 (c) The Task Force consists of the following members:

7 (1) one member of the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental
8 Affairs Committee, appointed by the President of the Senate;

9 (2) one member of the House Appropriations Committee, appointed by
10 the Speaker of the House of Delegates;

11 (3) the Secretary of Housing and Community Development, or the
12 Secretary's designee;

13 (4) the Secretary of Human Resources, or the Secretary's designee;

14 (5) the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, or the Secretary's
15 designee;

16 (6) the Secretary of Juvenile Services, or the Secretary's designee;

17 (7) the State Superintendent of Schools, or the State Superintendent's
18 designee; [and]

19 **(8) THE SECRETARY OF LABOR, LICENSING, AND REGULATION,**
20 **OR THE SECRETARY'S DESIGNEE;**

21 **(9) THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE**
22 **ADMINISTRATION, OR THE ADMINISTRATOR'S DESIGNEE;**

23 **(10) THE SECRETARY OF PLANNING, OR THE SECRETARY'S**
24 **DESIGNEE;**

25 **(11) THE CHAIR OF THE MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION**
26 **COMMISSION, OR THE CHAIR'S DESIGNEE; AND**

27 **[(8)] (12)** the following members, appointed by the Governor:

28 (i) one representative from the Governor's Office for Children;

1 **(II) ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE**
2 **OF CRIME CONTROL AND PREVENTION;**

3 **[(ii)] (III)** two representatives from the Baltimore Homeless
4 Youth Initiative, one of whom is a service provider and one of whom is a youth or
5 young adult who has experienced homelessness;

6 **[(iii)] (IV)** two representatives from the Prince George's County
7 Homeless Youth Work Group, one of whom is a service provider and one of whom is a
8 youth or young adult who has experienced homelessness; and

9 **[(iv)] (V)** one representative from the Maryland Affordable
10 Housing Coalition.

11 **(f) (1) [A] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS**
12 **SUBSECTION, A member of the Task Force:**

13 **[(1)] (I)** may not receive compensation as a member of the Task
14 Force; but

15 **[(2)] (II)** is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the
16 Standard State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

17 **(2) A YOUTH OR YOUNG ADULT MEMBER OF THE TASK FORCE**
18 **APPOINTED UNDER SUBSECTION (C)(12)(III) OR (IV) OF THIS SECTION MAY**
19 **RECEIVE A SMALL STIPEND DETERMINED BY THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE FOR**
20 **CHILDREN THAT SHALL BE PAID FROM THE BUDGET OF THE OFFICE.**

21 **(g) The Task Force shall:**

22 **(1) (I) CONVENE AN UNACCOMPANIED HOMELESS YOUTH**
23 **ADVISORY BOARD COMPOSED OF YOUTH OR YOUNG ADULTS WHO HAVE**
24 **EXPERIENCED HOMELESSNESS, INCLUDING YOUTH PARTICIPANTS IN THE**
25 **BALTIMORE HOMELESS YOUTH INITIATIVE AND THE PRINCE GEORGE'S**
26 **COUNTY HOMELESS YOUTH WORK GROUP; AND**

27 **(II) SOLICIT AND CONSIDER INPUT FROM THE**
28 **UNACCOMPANIED HOMELESS YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD, INCLUDING INVITING**
29 **AT LEAST ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ADVISORY BOARD TO EACH TASK**
30 **FORCE MEETING;**

31 **(2) SOLICIT AND CONSIDER INPUT FROM COMMUNITY**
32 **ORGANIZATIONS THAT PROVIDE SERVICES TO UNACCOMPANIED HOMELESS**
33 **YOUTH, INCLUDING CONTINUING OR DEVELOPING WORK GROUPS;**

1 [(1) compile existing information on and identify the unique needs of
2 unaccompanied homeless youth, and identify the public and private sector programs
3 and resources currently available to meet those needs;

4 (2) identify gaps in public and private sector programs and resources
5 currently available to meet the needs of unaccompanied homeless youth;

6 (3) collect and compile data on the unaccompanied homeless youth
7 population in the State, including the causes of homelessness in this population and
8 the number of unaccompanied homeless youth in each jurisdiction of the State;

9 (4)] (3) make recommendations on:

10 (i) legislation and policy initiatives to address the needs of
11 unaccompanied homeless youth in the State, **INCLUDING ACCESS TO EMPLOYMENT,
12 TRANSPORTATION, AND THE NEEDS OF SUBPOPULATIONS OF UNACCOMPANIED
13 HOMELESS YOUTH;** and

14 (ii) funding requirements and budgetary priorities to address
15 the needs of unaccompanied homeless youth in the State; [and]

16 [(5)] (4) make recommendations on any other relevant issues or
17 considerations identified by the Task Force; **AND**

18 (5) **OVERSEE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS
19 ISSUED BY THE TASK FORCE ON NOVEMBER 1, 2013, AND ANY ADDITIONAL
20 RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THE TASK FORCE BY:**

21 (I) **SUPPORTING THROUGH ITS MEMBERS LEGISLATION
22 DESIGNED TO IMPLEMENT THE RECOMMENDATIONS;**

23 (II) **PROPOSING AND SUPPORTING THROUGH ITS MEMBERS
24 REGULATIONS AND GUIDANCE DESIGNED TO IMPLEMENT THE
25 RECOMMENDATIONS;**

26 (III) **ALLOCATING THROUGH ITS MEMBERS BUDGETARY AND
27 OTHER RESOURCES TO IMPLEMENT THE RECOMMENDATIONS; AND**

28 (IV) **EVALUATING THE PROGRESS OF ITS MEMBERS AND
29 PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PARTNERS IN IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS.**

30 (h) [On or before November 1, 2013, the] **THE** Task Force shall [report]
31 **ISSUE** its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with §
32 2–1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly **IN A PRELIMINARY**

1 REPORT ON OR BEFORE NOVEMBER 1, 2014, AND IN A FINAL REPORT ON OR
2 BEFORE JUNE 1, 2015.

3 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
4 June 1, 2013. It shall remain effective for a period of [1 year] **2 YEARS** and 1 month
5 and, at the end of June 30, [2014,] **2015**, with no further action required by the
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