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Montgomery, Rosapepe, and Young**

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force to Study School–Based Health Centers**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Task Force to Study School–Based Health
4 Centers; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Task Force;
5 prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving certain compensation,
6 but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses; requiring the Task
7 Force to study and make recommendations regarding policies for the integration
8 and sustainability of School–Based Health Centers in the State; requiring the
9 Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly
10 on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and
11 generally relating to the Task Force to Study School–Based Health Centers.

12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
13 MARYLAND, That:

14 (a) There is a Task Force to Study School–Based Health Centers.

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

16 (1) one member of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President
17 of the Senate;

18 (2) one member of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of
19 the House;

20 (3) the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, or the Secretary's
21 designee;

22 (4) the State Superintendent of Schools, or the State Superintendent's
23 designee;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (5) the Executive Director of the Community Health Resources
2 Commission, or the Executive Director's designee;

3 (6) the Chair or Executive Director of the Maryland Health Benefit
4 Exchange;

5 (7) the Chair of the Maryland Assembly on School-Based Health Care;
6 and

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

8 (i) three executives of School-Based Health Centers from a
9 diverse array of sponsoring organizations and geographic locations, nominated by the
10 Maryland Assembly on School-Based Health Care;

11 (ii) one representative of a managed care organization; and

12 (iii) one representative of a health insurance carrier.

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

14 (d) The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene shall provide staff for the
15 Task Force.

16 (e) A member of the Task Force:

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

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

20 (f) The Task Force shall consult with stakeholders that are interested in
21 advancing the purposes of School-Based Health Centers.

22 (g) The Task Force shall study and make recommendations on:

23 (1) how to fully integrate School-Based Health Centers (SBHC) into
24 the State and local plans to:

25 (i) enhance SBHC clinical capacity to support the State's work
26 in improving access to essential health care services, especially in the areas of primary
27 care, behavioral health, and oral health services;

28 (ii) enhance SBHC facility capacity through local partnerships;

1 (iii) assist the State in meeting network adequacy standards for
2 managed care organizations and qualified health plans;

3 (iv) advance population and public health goals of State and
4 local health officials; and

5 (v) advance State and local education policies and goals for
6 ensuring all Maryland students are in school and ready to learn;

7 (2) how to ensure the long-term sustainability of SBHCs;

8 (3) how to ensure a coordinated interagency and intra-agency effort
9 reflective of the interdisciplinary nature of SBHCs to provide the policy, technical
10 assistance, and program support necessary to sustain quality SBHC efforts across
11 State agencies;

12 (4) an assessment of the resources needed by State agencies to
13 implement the Task Force's plan; and

14 (5) an assessment of if and how the mission and structure of the
15 Maryland School-Based Health Center Policy Advisory Committee can be modified to
16 assist the State in implementing the Task Force's plan.

17 (h) On or before December 1, 2014, the Task Force shall report its findings
18 and recommendations to the General Assembly in accordance with § 2-1246 of the
19 State Government Article.

20 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
21 July 1, 2014. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of June 30,
22 2015, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be
23 abrogated and of no further force and effect.