

SENATE BILL 857

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By: **Senators Kasemeyer and Conway**
Introduced and read first time: January 31, 2014
Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force to Study a Funding Formula for Corollary Athletic Programs**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Task Force to Study a Funding Formula for
4 Corollary Athletic Programs; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing
5 of the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving
6 certain compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses;
7 requiring the Task Force to study and make recommendations regarding certain
8 matters; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to
9 the Governor and certain legislative committees on or before a certain date;
10 providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Task
11 Force to Study a Funding Formula for Corollary Athletic Programs.

12 Preamble

13 WHEREAS, In 2008 the General Assembly enacted the Fitness and Athletic
14 Equity Law for Students with Disabilities Act; and

15 WHEREAS, Corollary Athletic Programs in the State are programs designed to
16 combine groups of students with and without disabilities together in physical activity
17 in accordance with the Fitness and Athletic Equity Law for Students with Disabilities
18 Act; and

19 WHEREAS, Each local school system is required to develop a plan, policies, and
20 procedures to promote and protect the inclusion of students with disabilities in school
21 athletic programs; and

22 WHEREAS, Each local school system is required to provide students with
23 disabilities equivalent opportunities for participation in either the Interscholastic
24 Athletic Program or the Corollary Athletic Program; and

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 WHEREAS, Corollary Athletic Programs are required to provide for the
2 diversity of abilities and interests of students with disabilities; and

3 WHEREAS, Each local school system is required to offer a Corollary Athletic
4 Program in each of the fall, winter, and spring seasons; and

5 WHEREAS, Currently there is no funding for Corollary Athletic Programs in
6 the State; and

7 WHEREAS, Certain organizations provide staffing and facilities for Corollary
8 Athletic Program teams; and

9 WHEREAS, Certain organizations that provide staffing and facilities for the
10 Corollary Athletic Programs are not reimbursed for their expenses; now, therefore,

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

13 (a) There is a Task Force to Study a Funding Formula for Corollary Athletic
14 Programs.

15 (b) The Task Force consists of the following 14 members:

16 (1) two members of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the
17 President of the Senate;

18 (2) two members of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker
19 of the House;

20 (3) the Assistant Superintendent of the Division of Special
21 Education/Early Intervention Services or the Assistant Superintendent's designee;
22 and

23 (4) the following nine members, appointed by the Governor:

24 (i) one representative of the Maryland Association of Boards of
25 Education;

26 (ii) one representative of the Public Schools Superintendents
27 Association;

28 (iii) two representatives of the Special Olympics of Maryland,
29 one of whom is a coach;

30 (iv) one representative of the ARC of Maryland;

31 (v) two local school system athletic directors;

1 (vi) one physical education teacher in a public school,
2 recommended by the State Education Association; and

3 (vii) one adaptive physical education teacher in a public school,
4 recommended by the State Department of Education.

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

6 (d) The State Department of Education shall provide staff for the Task Force.

7 (e) A member of the Task Force:

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

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

11 (f) The Task Force shall study and make recommendations regarding a
12 funding formula for Corollary Athletic Programs and the organizations providing
13 staffing and facilities for these programs.

14 (g) On or before December 1, 2014, the Task Force shall report its findings
15 and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State
16 Government Article, the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee, the Senate
17 Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee, and the House Committee
18 on Ways and Means.

19 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
20 June 1, 2014. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of May 31,
21 2015, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be
22 abrogated and of no further force and effect.