

# HOUSE BILL 771

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By: **Delegates McDonough, Glass, Kach, and Norman**

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

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## A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

### **Commission to Study the Impact of the Common Core State Standards in Harford County**

FOR the purpose of establishing the Commission to Study the Impact of the Common Core State Standards in Harford County; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Commission; prohibiting a member of the Commission from receiving certain compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses; requiring the Commission to study a certain impact, hold certain public meetings, evaluate certain concerns, and make recommendations regarding certain matters; requiring the Commission to report its findings and recommendations to certain persons on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Commission to Study the Impact of the Common Core State Standards in Harford County.

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

(a) There is a Commission to Study the Impact of the Common Core State Standards in Harford County.

(b) The Commission consists of the following members:

(1) the Chair of the Harford County Senators, or the Chair's designee;

(2) the Chair of the Harford County House Delegation, or the Chair's designee;

(3) one representative of the Harford County Council of Parent Teacher Association, appointed by the Council;

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



(4) one representative of the Harford County Education Association, appointed by the Association; and

(5) the following members, appointed by the Harford County Executive:

(i) two teachers who work in public schools in Harford County;

(ii) one principal of a public school in Harford County;

(iii) two individuals who are parents of students currently enrolled in public schools in Harford County; and

(iv) two experts in the field of education.

(c) The following individuals may not be members of the Commission:

(1) the Superintendent of the Harford County Public Schools; and

(2) a member of the Harford County Board of Education.

(d) The County Executive shall designate the chair of the Commission.

(e) The Harford County public schools shall provide staff for the Commission.

(f) A member of the Commission:

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

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

(g) The Commission shall:

(1) study the impact of the implementation of the Common Core State Standards on students, teachers, families of students, and the general public in Harford County;

(2) hold at least six public meetings, one in each councilmanic district in Harford County, to present information about the Common Core State Standards and provide any interested member of the general public an opportunity to:

(i) ask questions about the standards and the implementation of the standards; and

(ii) testify on experiences with and concerns about the implementation of the standards;

(3) evaluate any concerns raised at the public meetings relating to the implementation of the Common Core State Standards; and

(4) make recommendations regarding the implementation of the Common Core State Standards in Harford County.

(h) On or before January 1, 2015, the Commission shall report its findings and recommendations to the Harford County Executive, the Harford County Council, and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the Harford County Senators and House Delegation.

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