SENATE BILL 124

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By: **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By Request – Departmental – Education)**

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A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

Education Coordinating Committee and Lida Lee Tall Learning Resources Center – Repeal

FOR the purpose of repealing the Education Coordinating Committee and the Lida Lee Tall Learning Resources Center; and generally relating to the Education Coordinating Committee and the Lida Lee Tall Learning Resources Center.

BY repealing
Article – Education
Section 24–101 through 24–106 and the subtitle "Subtitle 1. Education Coordinating Committee"
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2008 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

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

Article – Education

[Subtitle 1. Education Coordinating Committee.**]**

[24–101.

There is an Education Coordinating Committee.**]**

[24–102.

EXPLANATION: **CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.**
[Brackets**]** indicate matter deleted from existing law.

The Education Coordinating Committee consists of eight members. Of the members:

(1) Three shall be members of the State Board of Education selected by its President;

(2) Three shall be members of the Maryland Higher Education Commission selected by its Chairman;

(3) One shall be the State Superintendent of Schools ex officio; and

(4) One shall be the Secretary of Higher Education ex officio.**]**

[24–103.

(a) The Education Coordinating Committee:

(1) Shall elect one of its members as its chairman; and

(2) May elect any other officer it requires.

(b) The Committee:

(1) Shall meet at least 4 times a year;

(2) May meet at other times;

(3) May determine the time and place of its meetings; and

(4) May adopt rules for the conduct of its meetings.**]**

[24–104.

(a) The Education Coordinating Committee shall coordinate the policies and activities of:

(1) The State Board of Education;

(2) The State Superintendent of Schools;

(3) The Maryland Higher Education Commission; and

(4) The Secretary of Higher Education.

(b) On its own motion or if requested by the State Board of Education or the Maryland Higher Education Commission, the Education Coordinating Committee shall study and make policy recommendations on matters concerning both:

(1) Elementary and secondary education; and

(2) Higher education.**]**

[24–105.

The State Department of Education and the Maryland Higher Education Commission shall provide staff assistance to the Education Coordinating Committee.**]**

[24–106.

(a) There is a Lida Lee Tall Learning Resources Center.

(b) The purpose of the Lida Lee Tall Learning Resources Center is to provide an accessible laboratory environment for:

(1) Training students from public institutions of higher education to be teachers in elementary schools by providing students the opportunity for early field experience;

(2) Identifying and addressing appropriate early childhood and elementary education research needs and priorities in this State;

(3) Providing opportunities for demonstration and observation of effective teaching practices; and

(4) Providing in–service and staff development opportunities for faculty from teacher education programs, prospective principals and experienced teachers in Maryland elementary schools.

(c) The Governor shall appoint a board of trustees to govern the Lida Lee Tall Learning Resources Center who shall:

(1) Establish policy and exercise general control over the Lida Lee Tall Learning Resources Center;

(2) Appoint the principal and, upon the recommendation of the principal, appoint all professional and support staff and determine the salaries of the professional and support staff;

(3) Authorize the curricula to be used;

(4) Determine admission requirements for students;

(5) Set tuition; and

(6) Encourage collaboration between the Lida Lee Tall Learning Resources Center and the public institutions of higher education in Maryland.

(d) (1) The Board of Trustees shall consist of 11 members. Of the members:

(i) 3 shall be board members, officers, or employees of institutions of higher education in the State of Maryland;

(ii) 3 shall be board members, officers, or employees of local education agencies in the State of Maryland;

(iii) 1 shall be a Board member, officer, or employee of the Maryland State Department of Education;

(iv) 1 shall be a Board member, officer, or employee of the Maryland Higher Education Commission;

(v) 1 shall be the current President of the Lida Lee Tall Learning Resources Center Parent–Teacher Association; and

(vi) 2 shall be public members.

(2) Each member shall serve no more than 2 terms of 3 years each beginning July 1, 1984, except initially 5 members shall serve for a 2–year term.

(3) Each year, the Board shall elect from among the members a chairman and any other officers required.

(4) Each member of the Board is entitled to reimbursement for expenses in accordance with the Standard State Travel Regulations.

(e) The proposed annual program plan and budget of the Lida Lee Tall Learning Resources Center Board of Trustees shall be reviewed and approved by the Education Coordinating Committee prior to submission to the Governor. At the close of each fiscal year, the Board of Trustees shall submit to the Education Coordinating Committee an annual financial report in such form as determined by the Education Coordinating Committee.

(f) Funds for the operation of the Lida Lee Tall Learning Resources Center shall be as provided in the budget.

(g) The Lida Lee Tall Learning Resources Center may receive and spend any grant or gift budgeted or provided for it.**]**

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2014.