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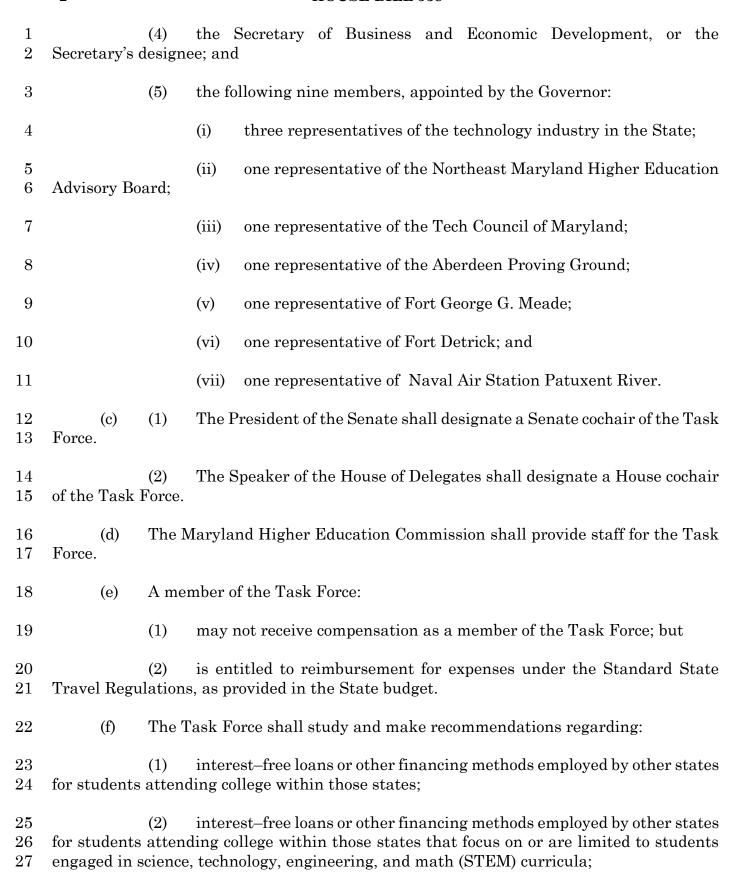
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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning 2 Task Force to Study a Program for Interest-Free Loans to STEM College 3 Students in Maryland 4 FOR the purpose of establishing the Task Force to Study a Program for Interest-Free 5 Loans to STEM College Students in Maryland; providing for the composition, 6 cochairs, and staffing of the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from 7 receiving certain compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain 8 expenses; requiring the Task Force to study and make recommendations regarding 9 certain matters; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain 10 11 date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Task 12 Force to Study a Program for Interest-Free Loans to STEM College Students in Maryland. 13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, 14 15 That: 16 There is a Task Force to Study a Program for Interest–Free Loans to STEM 17 College Students in Maryland. 18 (b) The Task Force consists of the following 13 members: 19 (1) one member of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of 20 the Senate: 21 (2) one member of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of the 22House: 23 (3)the Secretary of Higher Education, or the Secretary's designee;





- 1 (3) the use of public-private partnerships to provide funding, in whole or 2 in part, for students engaged in STEM curricula who enroll in an apprenticeship program 3 or are employed in the State following completion of a course of study;
- 4 (4) the performance of secondary schools or courses of study in preparing students for college or postsecondary education courses of study in STEM curricula;
 - (5) the potential benefits of creating additional manufacturing or technology jobs in the State related to employment that is connected with research or similar activities at Maryland military installations; and

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- 9 (6) the efficacy of a pilot project to provide State assistance to college 10 students engaged in STEM curricula in a local jurisdiction adjacent to a military 11 installation in the State that is engaged in research or similar activities.
- 12 (g) On or before June 30, 2016, the Task Force shall report its findings and 13 recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State 14 Government Article, the General Assembly.
- SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2015. It shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and, at the end of June 30, 2017, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.