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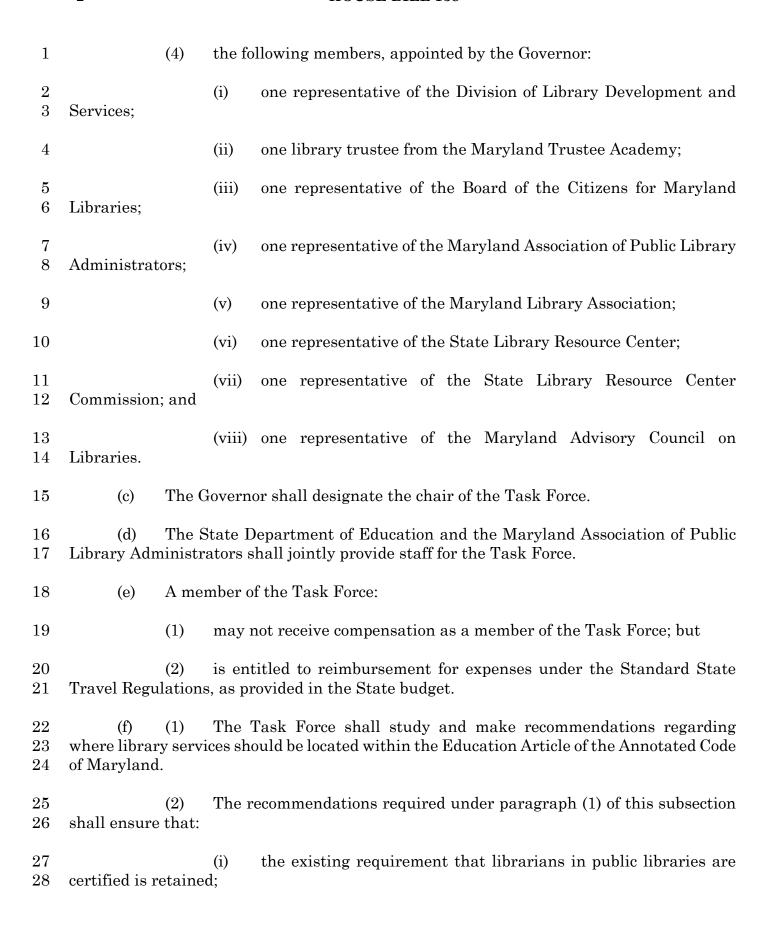
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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning 2 Task Force to Study the Placement of Library Services Within the Education 3 Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland 4 FOR the purpose of establishing the Task Force to Study the Placement of Library Services 5 Within the Education Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland; providing for the 6 composition, chair, and staffing of the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task 7 Force from receiving certain compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of 8 certain expenses; requiring the Task Force to study and make recommendations 9 regarding certain matters; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and 10 recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain 11 date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Task 12 Force to Study the Placement of Library Services Within the Education Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland. 13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND. 14 15 That: 16 There is a Task Force to Study the Placement of Library Services Within the Education Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland. 17 18 (b) The Task Force consists of the following members: 19 two members of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of (1) 20 the Senate; 21 (2) two members of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of 22the House; 23 (3) the State Superintendent of Schools, or the Superintendent's designee; 24and





1 (ii) the existing requirements for public library associates are 2 retained: 3 (iii) professional and clerical employees of the public library system retain membership in the Teachers' Retirement System; 4 5 if an employee of the public library system transfers between 6 library systems, employees are given credit as employees of the county library system from 7 which they are transferred in regards to teacher retirement; 8 the existing statutory funding provisions for libraries are retained in regards to the operating and capital budgets; and 9 10 (vi) Title 23, Subtitles 1 through 5 of the Education Article remain 11 intact. 12 (g) On or before December 1, 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. 15 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2016. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of June 30, 2017, 16

with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and

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of no further force and effect.