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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Baltimore County Anti-Bullying Task Force**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Baltimore County Anti-Bullying Task Force; providing
4 for the composition, chairs, and staffing of the Task Force; prohibiting a member of
5 the Task Force from receiving certain compensation, but authorizing the
6 reimbursement of certain expenses; requiring the Task Force to compile data, study,
7 and make recommendations regarding certain matters; requiring the Task Force to
8 submit preliminary and final reports of its findings and recommendations to the
9 Governor, the members of the Baltimore County delegation to the General Assembly,
10 and certain other entities on or before certain dates; providing for the termination of
11 this Act; and generally relating to the Baltimore County Anti-Bullying Task Force.

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

13 That:

14 (a) There is a Baltimore County Anti-Bullying Task Force.

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

16 ~~(1) two members of the Senate of Maryland who represent Baltimore~~
17 ~~County, one representing each of the principal political parties, appointed by the President~~
18 ~~of the Senate;~~

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



~~(2) two members of the House of Delegates who represent Baltimore County, one representing each of the principal political parties, appointed by the Speaker of the House;~~

~~(3)~~ (1) two members one member of the Baltimore County Board of Education, appointed by the chair of the Baltimore County Board of Education;

(2) the student member of the Baltimore County Board of Education;

~~(4)~~ (3) the Baltimore County Superintendent of Schools, or the Superintendent's designee;

~~(5)~~ (4) the Executive Director of the Baltimore County Public Schools Department of School Safety, or the Executive Director's designee;

~~(6)~~ (5) the Director of the Office of School Climate in the Baltimore County Public Schools Department of Academic Services, or the Director's designee; ~~and~~

~~(7) the following members appointed by the Governor on or before August 1, 2018;~~

~~(i) two representatives from the Teachers Association of Baltimore County;~~

~~(ii) one principal from a Baltimore County public high school, or the principal's designee;~~

~~(iii) one principal from a Baltimore County public middle school, or the principal's designee;~~

~~(iv) two representatives from the PTA Council of Baltimore County; and~~

~~(v) one Baltimore County Public Schools school resource officer.~~

~~(e) The Governor shall designate two members of the General Assembly, one representing each of the two principal political parties, as cochairs of the Task Force.~~

(6) one representative of the Teachers Association of Baltimore County, appointed by the Teachers Association;

(7) one elementary school principal, appointed by the Council of Administrative and Supervisory Employees;

(8) one middle school principal, appointed by the Council of Administrative and Supervisory Employees;

1 (9) one high school principal, appointed by the Council of Administrative
2 and Supervisory Employees;

3 (10) one member of the Baltimore County Student Councils, appointed by
4 the Baltimore County Student Councils;

5 (11) one school counselor from a Baltimore County elementary school,
6 appointed by the Maryland School Counselor Association;

7 (12) one school counselor from a Baltimore County middle school, appointed
8 by the Maryland School Counselor Association;

9 (13) one school counselor from a Baltimore County high school, appointed
10 by the Maryland School Counselor Association;

11 (14) one representative from the PTA Council of Baltimore County,
12 appointed by the PTA Council; and

13 (15) two Baltimore County Public Schools school resource officers, appointed
14 by the Executive Director of the Baltimore County Public Schools Department of School
15 Safety.

16 (c) The Baltimore County Board of Education member shall chair the Task Force.

17 (d) Baltimore County Public Schools shall provide staff for the Task Force.

18 (e) A member of the Task Force:

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

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

22 (f) The Task Force shall:

23 (1) for the 2018–2019 school year, to the extent consistent with State and
24 federal law, compile data on the number of incidents of bullying, cyberbullying,
25 harassment, and intimidation in each public school in Baltimore County and the disposition
26 of each incident;

27 (2) for the 2019–2020 school year, to the extent consistent with State and
28 federal law, compile data on the number of incidents of bullying, cyberbullying,
29 harassment, and intimidation in each public school in Baltimore County and the disposition
30 of each incident;

1 (3) study current disciplinary actions for students found responsible for
2 violations of the Baltimore County Public Schools' bullying policy ~~at the middle school and~~
3 ~~high school levels;~~

4 (4) study the range of possible disciplinary actions for students found
5 responsible for violations of the Baltimore County Public Schools' bullying policy ~~at the~~
6 ~~middle school and high school levels;~~ and

7 (5) make recommendations regarding:

8 (i) whether Baltimore County Public Schools should prescribe a
9 countywide disciplinary action for violations of the Baltimore County Public Schools'
10 bullying policy;

11 (ii) whether community service should be prescribed as a possible
12 disciplinary action for students found responsible for violations of the Baltimore County
13 Public Schools' bullying policy;

14 ~~(ii)~~ (iii) anti-bullying strategies and anti-bullying programming,
15 including the development of a countywide anti-bullying campaign;

16 ~~(iii)~~ (iv) options for victims of bullying who feel that their safety is
17 threatened if they continue to attend their current school;

18 ~~(iv)~~ (v) a procedure for providing immediate notification,
19 consistent with State and federal law, to the parent of a victim of bullying or harassment
20 and the parent of a perpetrator of an act of bullying or harassment in Baltimore County
21 Public Schools;

22 ~~(v)~~ (vi) a procedure for reporting to the parent of a victim of
23 bullying the actions taken to protect the victim in Baltimore County Public Schools;

24 ~~(vi)~~ (vii) a process for anonymous reporting by students to protect
25 students from retaliation;

26 ~~(vii)~~ (viii) resources that Baltimore County Public Schools should
27 make available to students who have been the target of bullying and to parents of those
28 students;

29 ~~(viii)~~ (ix) electronic learning as an option for students found
30 responsible for violations of the Baltimore County Public Schools' bullying policy and whose
31 presence in school would be disruptive; and

32 ~~(ix)~~ (x) any other findings of the Task Force.

33 (g) (1) On or before July 1, 2019, the Task Force shall submit a preliminary
34 report of its findings on the matters listed in subsection (f)(1) of this section to the Governor

1 and, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, the members of the
2 Baltimore County delegation to the General Assembly.

3 (2) On or before December 1, 2020, the Task Force shall submit a final
4 report of its findings and recommendations on the matters listed in subsection (f)(2)
5 through (5) of this section to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State
6 Government Article, the members of the Baltimore County delegation to the General
7 Assembly.

8 (3) The Task Force additionally shall submit the reports required under
9 paragraphs (1) and (2) of this subsection to the following local entities:

- 10 (i) the Baltimore County Executive;
- 11 (ii) the Baltimore County Council;
- 12 (iii) the Baltimore County Superintendent of Schools;
- 13 (iv) the Baltimore County Board of Education;
- 14 (v) the Teachers Association of Baltimore County; and
- 15 (vi) the PTA Council of Baltimore County.

16 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
17 1, 2018. It shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and 6 months and, at the end of
18 December 31, 2020, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall
19 be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.