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Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force to Evaluate Existing School Civic Literacy Programs**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Task Force to Evaluate Existing School Civic Literacy
4 Programs; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Task Force;
5 prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving certain compensation, but
6 authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses; requiring the Task Force to
7 evaluate, determine, and make recommendations regarding certain matters;
8 requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the State
9 Department of Education, the Governor, and the General Assembly on or before a
10 certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to
11 establishing the Task Force to Evaluate Existing School Civic Literacy Programs.

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

14 (a) There is a Task Force to Evaluate Existing School Civic Literacy Programs.

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

16 (1) five members of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of
17 the Senate;

18 (2) five members of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of
19 the House; and

20 (3) five members with expertise in the area of civic literacy, appointed by
21 the Governor.

22 (c) The Task Force shall elect a chair from among its members.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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1 (d) The State Department of Education shall provide staff for the Task Force.

2 (e) A member of the Task Force:

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

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

6 (f) The Task Force shall:

7 (1) evaluate existing school civic literacy programs;

8 (2) determine a strategy for enhancing long-term civic education; and

9 (3) make recommendations regarding a plan for implementing a civic
10 education program.

11 (g) On or before December 1, 2020, the Task Force shall report its findings and
12 recommendations to the State Department of Education, the Governor, and, in accordance
13 with § 2-2157 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.

14 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
15 1, 2020. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and 1 month and, at the end of July
16 31, 2021, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be
17 abrogated and of no further force and effect.