

BY: Committee on Ways and Means

AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1309

(First Reading File Bill)

On page 1, in line 2, strike "Baltimore City - Public Schools" and substitute "Education"; strike in their entirety lines 4 through 12 and substitute:

"FOR the purpose of establishing a task force to study and make recommendations on the licensure of educational assistants and paraprofessionals who work with children in the public schools of this State; providing for the membership of the task force; providing for its staffing; requiring a report by a certain date; and providing for the effective date of this Act. "

and strike in their entirety lines 13 through 17.

On pages 1 and 2, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 18 on page 1 through line 11 on page 2 and substitute:

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

That:

(a) There is a Task Force on Educational Assistants and Paraprofessionals in the Public Schools of Maryland.

(b) The Task Force shall review the present utilization of educational assistants and paraprofessionals by the county boards of education and make recommendations on:

(1) Entry level standards for educational assistants and paraprofessionals;

(2) Training and experience to be required of educational assistants and paraprofessionals;

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(3) The development of examinations for entry into educational and paraprofessional careers;

(4) The licensing of educational assistants and paraprofessionals;

(5) Career ladders that educational assistants and paraprofessionals can anticipate following; and

(6) Other matters that the Task Force considers of significance.

(c) The Task Force shall be composed of 23 members as follows:

(1) Two Senators appointed by the President of the Senate of Maryland;

(2) Two Delegates appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates;

(3) Two teachers appointed by the State Superintendent of Schools;

(4) Eight educational assistants/paraprofessionals appointed by the State Superintendent of Schools chosen from lists of nominees provided by statewide organizations representing educational assistants/paraprofessionals for collective bargaining purposes in proportion to the membership of each organization;

(5) One member appointed by the Maryland Association of Boards of Education;

(6) One member appointed by the Public School Superintendents Association of Maryland;

(7) One member appointed by the Maryland Congress of Parents and Teachers, Inc.;

(8) One member from the State Department of Education's Division of Certification and Accreditation appointed by the State Superintendent of Schools;

(9) One member from the State Department of Education's Division of Instruction and Staff Development appointed by the State Superintendent of Schools;

(10) One member who is a county special education administrator appointed by the State Superintendent of Schools;

(11) One member appointed by the State Secretary of Higher Education;

(12) One member appointed by the Maryland Association of Community Colleges;

and

(13) A chairman appointed by the Governor.

(d) The Maryland State Department of Education shall provide staff support to the Task Force.

(e) The Task Force shall report its recommendations to the Governor and, subject to § 2-1312 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly by December 15, 1996.”.

On page 2, in line 13, strike “October 1” and substitute “June 1”.