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**By: Delegate Frank**

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Baltimore County - Commission to Study the Baltimore County School System**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing a Commission to Study the Baltimore County School  
4 System; specifying the composition, powers, and duties of the Commission;  
5 requiring the Commission to report its findings and recommendations by a certain  
6 date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the  
7 Commission to Study the Baltimore County School System.

8 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
9 MARYLAND, That:

10 (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

11 (2) "County Board" means the Board of Education of Baltimore County.

12 (3) "County Council" means the County Council of Baltimore County.

13 (4) "County Executive" means the County Executive of Baltimore County.

14 (b) There is a Commission to Study the Baltimore County School System.

15 (c) The Commission consists of 11 members appointed as follows:

16 (1) Four members of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker;

17 (2) Two members of the Senate, appointed by the President;

18 (3) One member of the County Council or a representative of the County  
19 Council, appointed by the County Council;

20 (4) One member of the County Board, appointed by the County Board;

21 (5) One member representing the County Executive, appointed by the  
22 County Executive; and

23 (6) Two members of the public who reside in Baltimore County, appointed  
24 by the Governor.

25 (d) The President and Speaker shall jointly appoint a Senator and a Delegate  
26 each to serve as cochairman.

27 (e) The Commission shall:

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1                   (1) Examine all issues surrounding the relationship between the Baltimore  
2 County School System and State and local government including, but not limited to:

3                   (i) The current method of education funding;

4                   (ii) The accountability of education funds; and

5                   (iii) School board member selection; and

6                   (2) After publicizing the hearing in a newspaper of general circulation in the  
7 County, hold at least one public hearing in the County.

8                   (f) Each member of the Commission shall serve without compensation.

9                   (g) The County Board, in cooperation with other appropriate local units, shall  
10 provide staff for the Commission to the extent possible within existing resources.

11                   (h) The Commission shall issue a final report of its findings and  
12 recommendations, subject to § 2-1312 of the State Government Article, to the General  
13 Assembly before November 1, 1996.

14                   SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
15 June 1, 1996. It shall remain in effect until November 15, 1996, and at the end of  
16 November 15, 1996, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act  
17 shall be abrogated and of no further force or effect.