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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education - Public Schools - Task Force on School Choice**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing a Task Force on School Choice to explore the possibility
4 of permitting parents to choose the public school within the State that their child
5 will attend; specifying the membership, duties, and staffing of the Task Force;
6 requiring the Task Force to report to the General Assembly before a certain date;
7 providing for the effective date of this Act; providing for the termination of this Act;
8 and generally relating to a Task Force on School Choice.

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

11 (a) There is a Task Force on School Choice.

12 (b) The Task Force consists of 17 members appointed as follows:

13 (1) Ten parents of students in public schools, appointed by the Governor;

14 (2) One member of the State Board of Education, appointed by the
15 President of the Board;

16 (3) Two members of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of
17 the House;

18 (4) Two members of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of
19 the Senate; and

20 (5) Two members of the Maryland Congress of Parents and Teachers, Inc.,
21 appointed by the President of the Association.

22 (c) Upon its organization, the Task Force shall elect a chair from among its
23 members.

24 (d) Each member of the Task Force shall serve without compensation.

25 (e) Staffing for the Task Force shall be provided by the State Board of Education.

26 (f) The Task Force shall explore the possibility of permitting parents to choose
27 the public school within the county that their child will attend.

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Task Force shall
2 report to the General Assembly on or before January 1, 1997, in accordance with § 2-1312
3 of the State Government Article, with its findings and recommendations.

4 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
5 June 1, 1996. It shall remain in effect for a period of 7 months and, at the end of January
6 1, 1997, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be
7 abrogated and of no further force and effect.