

BY: Committee on Ways and Means

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1310

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in lines 2 and 3, strike “Senatorial and House of Delegates Scholarship Programs - Abolition and Transfer of Funds” and substitute “Higher Education Scholarship Programs - Task Force”; and strike in their entirety lines 4 through 13, inclusive, and substitute:

“FOR the purpose of establishing a task force to study and make recommendations on the State higher education scholarship programs; providing for the membership of the task force; providing for the staffing of the task force; requiring a report by a certain date; and generally relating to the Task Force on Higher Education Scholarship Programs in Maryland.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On pages 1 through 7, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 14 on page 1 through line 28 on page 7 and substitute:

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

(a) There is a Task Force on Higher Education Scholarship Programs in Maryland.

(b) The Task Force shall review current policies, procedures, and practices for providing scholarships. The Task Force shall also review the distribution of funds under existing State scholarship programs and comment on whether those scholarship programs are meeting the needs of students. The Task Force shall make recommendations on:

(1) Efficient and practicable options to address student scholarship needs;

(2) Eligibility criteria used to award State scholarships; and

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(3) Other matters that the Task Force considers significant.

(c) The Task Force shall be composed of 14 members as follows:

(1) Three members of the House of Delegates of Maryland, appointed by the Speaker of the House;

(2) Three members of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of the Senate;

(3) Two representatives of the Maryland Higher Education Commission, to be appointed by the Governor;

(4) A representative of the Governor's Executive Staff, to be appointed by the Governor;

(5) A representative of the Board of Regents of the University of Maryland System, to be appointed by the Governor;

(6) A representative of the Maryland Independent Colleges and Universities Association, to be appointed by the Governor; and

(7) Three members of the public who have significant experience in areas relevant to the Task Force, to be appointed by the Governor.

(d) The Speaker of the House and President of the Senate shall designate Cochairmen of the Task Force;

(e) The Maryland Higher Education Commission shall provide staff for the Task Force.

(f) A member of the Task Force may not receive compensation for serving on the Task Force.

(g) The Task Force shall make its final report on or before December 1, 1997 to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1312 of the State Government Article, to the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee, the Senate Economic and Environmental Affairs Committee, the House Appropriations Committee, and the House Ways and Means Committee of the General Assembly.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1997.”.