

BY: Committee on Ways and Means

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 999

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike “and Marriott” and substitute “Marriott, and Greenip”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, in line 2, before “Public” insert “Task Force on”; strike beginning with “Public” in line 3 down through “Program” in line 18 and substitute “Task Force on Public Charter Schools; providing for the membership, chairman, duties, and staffing of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to report to the Governor and the General Assembly on its findings and recommended legislation by a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Task Force on Public Charter Schools”; and strike in their entirety lines 19 through 24, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, strike beginning with “are” in line 1 down through “rather” in line 2; in line 7, strike “now,” and substitute “and”; and in line 8, strike “therefore,” and substitute:

“WHEREAS, The Report of the Public Charter School Study Group to the State Board of Education supports the position that a charter school should be eligible for local, State, and federal funds; and

WHEREAS, The Maryland State Department of Education's Guidelines for Use by Local School Systems in Considering Charter School Applications states that public charter schools should not be viewed as a threat to traditional public education or public school funding; now, therefore,”.

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 2, in line 10, strike “the Laws of Maryland read as follows”; and after line 10, insert:

“(a) There is a Task Force on Public Charter Schools.

(Over)

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

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

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

(3) the following members appointed by the Governor:

(i) the Superintendent of Public Schools or the Superintendent's designee;

(ii) one member of the State Board of Education;

(iii) one representative from the Maryland State Teachers Association;

(iv) one member of a local board of education;

(v) one local superintendent of schools;

(vi) a principal of an established Maryland charter school; and

(vii) a parent of a Maryland public charter school student.

(c) The Governor shall designate one of the members as Chairman of the Task Force.

(d) The Department of Legislative Services shall provide staff support for the Task Force.

(e) The Task Force shall:

(1) review House Bill 999, as originally introduced in the 1998 Session of the General Assembly, and other states' statutes relating to public charter schools;

(2) recommend legislation for consideration by the General Assembly during the 1999 Session that encompasses the findings of the Task Force and ensures that Maryland public charter schools will qualify and be competitive for federal assistance; and

(3) report its findings and recommended legislation to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly by December 1,

1998.”.

On pages 2 through 10, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 11 on page 2 through line 37 on page 10, inclusive.

On page 11, in line 1, strike “3.” and substitute “2.”; and in line 2, after “1998.” insert “It shall remain effective for a period of 6 months and, at the end of December 31, 1998, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.”.