
By: **Southern Maryland Delegation**

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Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Drivers' Education - Task Force on Driver's Education Programs in**
3 **Maryland**

4 FOR the purpose of creating a Task Force on Driver's Education Programs in
5 Maryland; providing for the composition, organization, staffing, and duties of
6 the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to make a certain report on or before a
7 certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to
8 the Task Force on Driver's Education Programs in Maryland.

9 Preamble

10 WHEREAS, Driving is a life experience fundamental in today's society and
11 common to most of the State's youth; and

12 WHEREAS, Driver's education programs are no longer provided in Maryland
13 public schools; and

14 WHEREAS, Increasing accidents and deaths are occurring among our student
15 population; and

16 WHEREAS, Instructional technologies including simulation techniques have
17 evolved in recent years to the point of financial viability and realism; now, therefore,

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

20 (1) There is a Task Force on Driver's Education Programs in Maryland.

21 (2) The Task Force shall be comprised of the following 18 members:

22 (i) Two members from the House of Delegates, appointed by the
23 Speaker of the House;

24 (ii) Two members from the Senate, appointed by the President of
25 the Senate;

26 (iii) Two members from the Motor Vehicle Administration;

- 1 (iv) Two local board of education representatives, appointed by the
2 Maryland Association of Boards of Education, of which:
- 3 1. One member shall be from a charter county; and
4 2. One member shall be from a commission county;
- 5 (v) One member from the Department of State Police;
- 6 (vi) One member from the State Emergency Medical Services
7 Board;
- 8 (vii) The State Insurance Commissioner, or the Commissioner's
9 designee;
- 10 (viii) The State Superintendent of Schools, or the Superintendent's
11 designee;
- 12 (ix) One local school superintendent, appointed by the Public School
13 Superintendents Association of Maryland;
- 14 (x) Two secondary school principals, appointed by the Maryland
15 Association of Secondary School Principals;
- 16 (xi) Two members from the Maryland Professional Driver
17 Education Association; and
- 18 (xii) One member of the State Parent Teacher's Association.
- 19 (3) The Governor shall designate the Chairman of the Task Force.
- 20 (4) The Department of Legislative Services shall provide staff for the
21 Task Force.
- 22 (5) A member of the Task Force may not receive compensation.
- 23 (6) The Task Force shall:
- 24 (i) Examine driver education program standards and criteria
25 currently required by private drivers' schools licensed in the State;
- 26 (ii) Examine driver education program standards and criteria
27 currently required by other states;
- 28 (iii) Evaluate what can be done to improve private driver education
29 programs in the State;
- 30 (iv) Evaluate the feasibility and merits of returning driver's
31 education programs to the public schools, including:
- 32 1. The level of State oversight required; and

