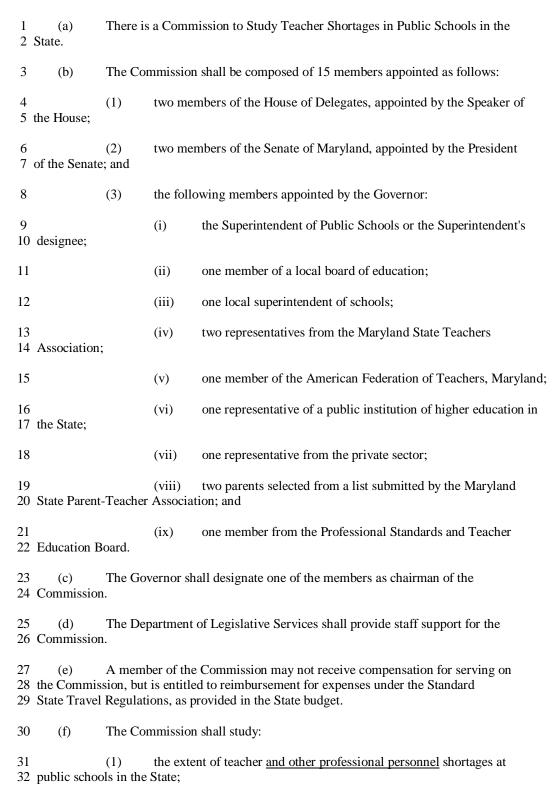
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21 MARYLAND, That:

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By: Senators Pinsky, Collins, McFadden, and Blount Introduced and read first time: February 5, 1999 Assigned to: Economic and Environmental Affairs Committee Report: Favorable with amendments Senate action: Adopted Read second time: March 17, 1999			
1	AN ACT concerning		
2	Primary and Secondary Education - Teacher Shortage - Study Commission		
3 4 5 6 7 8 9	FOR the purpose of establishing a Commission to Study Teacher Shortages in Public Schools in the State; providing for the membership, chairman, duties, and staffing of the Commission; requiring the Commission to report to the Governor and General Assembly on its findings and recommendations by a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the establishment of a Commission to Study Teacher Shortages in Public Schools in the State.		
10	Preamble		
11 12	WHEREAS, The nation faces a teacher shortage of 2 million teachers by the year 2005, including a shortage in Maryland of 30,000 teachers; and		
13 14	WHEREAS, Fifty percent of those who enter the profession leave the field within the first 5 years; and		
15 16	WHEREAS, Statistics show that teachers tend to remain in the profession if they can be retained beyond 6 years; and		
17	WHEREAS, Fifty percent of Maryland teachers come from out-of-state; and		
18 19	WHEREAS, On any given day twenty-five percent of teachers in Maryland schools are noncertificated or are teaching out of their field; now, therefore,		
20	SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF		



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5	(5)	possible solutions to alleviate teacher shortages.
3	(4) performance; and	the impact that teacher shortages have on student academic
2	(3)	how local school systems handle teacher shortages;
1	(2)	the cause and effect of teacher shortages;

- 6 (g) The Commission shall report its findings and recommendations to the 7 Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the 8 General Assembly by December 1, 1999.
- 9 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect 10 July 1, 1999. It shall remain effective for a period of 6 months and, at the end of 11 December 31, 1999, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act 12 shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.