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By: **Senator Middleton**  
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CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

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  
21 MARYLAND.

1 (2) THE TASK FORCE SHALL BE COMPRISED OF THE FOLLOWING 18  
2 MEMBERS:

3 (I) TWO MEMBERS FROM THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, APPOINTED  
4 BY THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE;

5 (II) TWO MEMBERS FROM THE SENATE, APPOINTED BY THE  
6 PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE;

7 (III) TWO MEMBERS FROM THE MOTOR VEHICLE ADMINISTRATION;

8 (IV) TWO LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION REPRESENTATIVES,  
9 APPOINTED BY THE MARYLAND ASSOCIATION OF BOARDS OF EDUCATION, OF WHICH:

10 1. ONE MEMBER SHALL BE FROM A ~~CHARTER~~ HOME RULE  
11 COUNTY; AND

12 2. ONE MEMBER SHALL BE FROM A COMMISSION COUNTY;

13 (V) ONE MEMBER FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE;

14 (VI) ONE MEMBER FROM THE STATE EMERGENCY MEDICAL  
15 SERVICES BOARD;

16 (VII) THE STATE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER, OR THE  
17 COMMISSIONER'S DESIGNEE;

18 (VIII) THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS, OR THE  
19 SUPERINTENDENT'S DESIGNEE;

20 (IX) ONE LOCAL SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT, APPOINTED BY THE  
21 PUBLIC SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS ASSOCIATION OF MARYLAND;

22 (X) TWO SECONDARY SCHOOL PRINCIPALS, APPOINTED BY THE  
23 MARYLAND ASSOCIATION OF SECONDARY SCHOOL PRINCIPALS;

24 (XI) TWO MEMBERS FROM THE MARYLAND PROFESSIONAL DRIVER  
25 EDUCATION ASSOCIATION; AND

26 (XII) ONE MEMBER OF THE STATE PARENT TEACHER'S ASSOCIATION.

27 (3) THE GOVERNOR SHALL DESIGNATE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TASK  
28 FORCE.

29 (4) ~~THE DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES~~ MOTOR VEHICLE  
30 ADMINISTRATION SHALL PROVIDE STAFF SUPPORT FOR THE TASK FORCE.

31 (5) A MEMBER OF THE TASK FORCE MAY NOT RECEIVE COMPENSATION.

32 (6) THE TASK FORCE SHALL:

1 (I) EXAMINE DRIVER EDUCATION PROGRAM STANDARDS AND  
2 CRITERIA CURRENTLY REQUIRED BY PRIVATE DRIVERS' SCHOOLS LICENSED IN THE  
3 STATE;

4 (II) EXAMINE DRIVER EDUCATION PROGRAM STANDARDS AND  
5 CRITERIA CURRENTLY REQUIRED BY OTHER STATES;

6 (III) EVALUATE WHAT CAN BE DONE TO IMPROVE PRIVATE DRIVER  
7 EDUCATION PROGRAMS IN THE STATE;

8 (IV) EVALUATE THE FEASIBILITY AND MERITS OF RETURNING  
9 DRIVER'S EDUCATION PROGRAMS TO THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS, INCLUDING:

10 1. THE LEVEL OF STATE OVERSIGHT REQUIRED; AND

11 2. THE COSTS AND DRAWBACKS TO THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS;  
12 AND

13 (V) MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS BASED ON ITS EVALUATIONS AND  
14 FINDINGS.

15 (7) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 1999, THE TASK FORCE SHALL REPORT  
16 ITS FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, SUBJECT TO §  
17 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE.

18 (8) THIS ACT SHALL TERMINATE AND BE OF NO EFFECT AFTER APRIL 1,  
19 2000.

20 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
21 ~~October~~ July 1, 1999.