
By: **Senators Middleton and Stone**
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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Driver's Education Council**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing a State Driver's Education Council; specifying the
4 membership of the Council; recommending a certain diversity for the
5 membership of the Council; requiring the Governor to appoint a chairman of the
6 Council; providing for the terms of the members of the Council; requiring a
7 certain number of meetings of the Council; prohibiting a member of the Council
8 from receiving certain compensation; authorizing a member of the Council to
9 receive reimbursement for certain expenses; specifying the duties of the Council;
10 providing for staffing of the Council; requiring the Council to submit an annual
11 report to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date;
12 specifying the terms of the initial members of the Council; and generally
13 relating to the State Driver's Education Council.

14 BY adding to
15 Article - Transportation
16 Section 16-508
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (1999 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

19 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
20 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

21 **Article - Transportation**

22 16-508.

23 (A) THERE IS A STATE DRIVER'S EDUCATION COUNCIL.

24 (B) THE COUNCIL SHALL CONSIST OF THE FOLLOWING 17 MEMBERS:

25 (1) ONE MEMBER FROM THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES APPOINTED BY THE
26 SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE;

27 (2) ONE MEMBER FROM THE SENATE OF MARYLAND APPOINTED BY THE
28 PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE;

1 (3) THE SECRETARY OF THE STATE POLICE, OR THE SECRETARY'S
2 DESIGNEE;

3 (4) THE STATE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER, OR THE COMMISSIONER'S
4 DESIGNEE;

5 (5) THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS, OR THE
6 SUPERINTENDENT'S DESIGNEE;

7 (6) TWO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ADMINISTRATION WHO HAVE
8 RESPONSIBILITY FOR DRIVER AND VEHICLE POLICIES AND PROGRAMS, INCLUDING
9 DRIVER'S EDUCATION AND LICENSING, DESIGNATED BY THE ADMINISTRATOR;

10 (7) TWO REPRESENTATIVES OF LOCAL BOARDS OF EDUCATION
11 DESIGNATED BY THE MARYLAND ASSOCIATION OF BOARDS OF EDUCATION, OF
12 WHICH:

13 (I) ONE SHALL BE FROM A LOCAL JURISDICTION THAT PROVIDES A
14 DRIVER EDUCATION PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, OR
15 THROUGH A PRIVATE PROVIDER; AND

16 (II) ONE SHALL BE FROM A LOCAL JURISDICTION THAT DOES NOT
17 PROVIDE A DRIVER EDUCATION PROGRAM;

18 (8) A LOCAL SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT DESIGNATED BY THE PUBLIC
19 SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS ASSOCIATION OF MARYLAND;

20 (9) A SECONDARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL DESIGNATED BY THE MARYLAND
21 ASSOCIATION OF SECONDARY SCHOOL PRINCIPALS;

22 (10) THE PRESIDENT OF THE MARYLAND STATE PARENT TEACHERS
23 ASSOCIATION, OR THE PRESIDENT'S DESIGNEE; AND

24 (11) THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS TO BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR:

25 (I) A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE FIRE-RESCUE OR EMERGENCY
26 MEDICAL SERVICE COMMUNITY;

27 (II) TWO REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE MARYLAND PROFESSIONAL
28 DRIVER EDUCATION ASSOCIATION; AND

29 (III) TWO MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

30 (C) TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE, THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE COUNCIL
31 SHALL BE DIVERSE WITH REGARD TO GEOGRAPHIC, RACIAL, AND GENDER
32 REPRESENTATION.

33 (D) THE GOVERNOR SHALL DESIGNATE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL.

34 (E) (1) THE TERM OF A MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL IS 3 YEARS.

1 (2) THE TERMS OF MEMBERS ARE STAGGERED AS REQUIRED BY THE
2 TERMS PROVIDED FOR MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL ON OCTOBER 1, 2000.

3 (3) AT THE END OF A TERM, A MEMBER CONTINUES TO SERVE UNTIL A
4 SUCCESSOR IS APPOINTED AND QUALIFIES.

5 (4) A MEMBER WHO IS APPOINTED AFTER A TERM HAS BEGUN SERVES
6 ONLY FOR THE REST OF THE TERM AND UNTIL A SUCCESSOR IS APPOINTED AND
7 QUALIFIES.

8 (F) THE ADVISORY COUNCIL SHALL MEET REGULARLY, AT LEAST TWO TIMES
9 A YEAR, AT THE CALL OF THE CHAIRMAN.

10 (G) A MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL MAY NOT RECEIVE COMPENSATION FOR
11 SERVING ON THE COUNCIL, BUT IS ENTITLED TO REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES
12 UNDER THE STANDARD STATE TRAVEL REGULATIONS, AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE
13 BUDGET.

14 (H) THE COUNCIL SHALL:

15 (1) MAINTAIN OVERSIGHT OF DRIVER EDUCATION ACTIVITIES AND
16 PROGRAMS IN THE STATE;

17 (2) EXAMINE AND EVALUATE NECESSARY MODIFICATIONS AND
18 IMPROVEMENTS IN THE DRIVER EDUCATION ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS IN THE
19 STATE; AND

20 (3) MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS BASED ON ITS EVALUATION
21 CONCERNING DRIVER EDUCATION ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS IN THE STATE.

22 (I) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE STAFFING FOR THE COUNCIL.

23 (J) THE COUNCIL SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR AND THE
24 GENERAL ASSEMBLY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT
25 ARTICLE, ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 1 OF EACH YEAR.

26 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the terms of the initial
27 members of the State Driver's Education Council shall expire as follows:

28 (1) 6 members in 2001;

29 (2) 6 members in 2002; and

30 (3) 5 members in 2003.

31 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
32 October 1, 2000.