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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland School Performance Assessment Program - Study Commission**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing a Commission to evaluate and recommend changes  
4 to the Maryland School Performance Assessment Program; providing for the  
5 membership, chairman, duties, and staffing of the Commission; requiring the  
6 Commission to report to the Governor and to the General Assembly by a certain  
7 date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the  
8 establishment of a Commission to Study the Maryland School Performance  
9 Assessment Program.

10 BY adding to

11 Article - Education  
12 Section 5-208.1  
13 Annotated Code of Maryland  
14 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

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

17 **Article - Education**

18 5-208.1.

19 (A) THERE IS A COMMISSION TO STUDY THE MARYLAND SCHOOL  
20 PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT PROGRAM.

21 (B) THE COMMISSION SHALL BE COMPOSED OF THE FOLLOWING 15  
22 MEMBERS:

23 (1) ONE MEMBER OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, APPOINTED BY THE  
24 SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE;

25 (2) ONE MEMBER OF THE SENATE OF MARYLAND, APPOINTED BY THE  
26 PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE;

1 (3) THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION OR  
2 THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S DESIGNEE;

3 (4) THE FOLLOWING 12 MEMBERS, APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR:

4 (I) THE DEAN OF AN ACCREDITED COLLEGE OF EDUCATION  
5 WITHIN THE STATE;

6 (II) ONE MEMBER FROM THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY;

7 (III) ONE PRINCIPAL SERVING IN A PUBLIC ELEMENTARY OR  
8 MIDDLE SCHOOL WITHIN THE STATE;

9 (IV) SEVEN REPRESENTATIVES, GEOGRAPHICALLY BALANCED,  
10 FROM THE ORGANIZATION SERVING AS THE EXCLUSIVE REPRESENTATIVE OF  
11 TEACHERS IN EIGHT DIFFERENT SCHOOL SYSTEMS, ONE OF WHICH SHALL BE  
12 BALTIMORE CITY;

13 (V) ONE PARENT SELECTED FROM A LIST SUBMITTED BY THE  
14 MARYLAND PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION; AND

15 (VI) ONE MEMBER OF THE PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS AND  
16 TEACHER EDUCATION BOARD.

17 (C) THE GOVERNOR SHALL DESIGNATE ONE OF THE MEMBERS AS CHAIRMAN  
18 OF THE COMMISSION.

19 (D) THE DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES SHALL PROVIDE STAFF  
20 SUPPORT FOR THE COMMISSION.

21 (E) A MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION MAY NOT RECEIVE COMPENSATION FOR  
22 SERVING ON THE COMMISSION, BUT IS ENTITLED TO REIMBURSEMENT FOR  
23 EXPENSES UNDER THE STANDARD STATE TRAVEL REGULATIONS, AS PROVIDED IN  
24 THE STATE BUDGET.

25 (F) THE COMMISSION SHALL:

26 (1) CREATE AND ADMINISTER A SURVEY TO BE DISTRIBUTED  
27 STATEWIDE TO SCHOOL PERSONNEL FOR GRADES KINDERGARTEN THROUGH 8 WHO  
28 ADMINISTER THE MARYLAND SCHOOL PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT PROGRAM; AND

29 (2) EVALUATE THE RESULTS OF THE SURVEY AND, ON THE BASIS OF  
30 THOSE RESULTS, RECOMMEND MODIFICATIONS AND CHANGES TO THE STATE  
31 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION WITH RESPECT TO THE MARYLAND SCHOOL  
32 PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT PROGRAM.

33 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Commission shall  
34 report to the Governor, and in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government  
35 Article, to the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2001 and on or before  
36 December 1, 2002.

1 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
2 July 1, 2001. It shall remain effective for a period of 18 months and, at the end of  
3 December 31, 2002, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act  
4 shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.