

BY: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 571

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, strike line 2 in its entirety and substitute “Task Force to Study the Governing and Fiscal Structure of the Enoch Pratt Free Library System”; strike beginning with “requiring” in line 3 down through “Library;” in line 14 and substitute “creating a Task Force to Study the Governing and Fiscal Structure of the Enoch Pratt Free Library System; providing for the membership of the Task Force; requiring the members of the Task Force to elect the chairman; providing the staffing for the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving compensation; requiring the Task Force to study the governing structure of the Enoch Pratt Free Library System for certain defects or impediments, including the established system for appointing the board of directors and the board of trustees; requiring the Task Force to study the fiscal structure of the Enoch Pratt Free Library System for certain defects or impediments; requiring the Task Force to make certain recommendations; requiring the Task Force to submit a certain report to the General Assembly on or before a certain date;”; and strike in their entirety lines 16 through 30, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in line 2 strike “the Laws of Maryland read as follows”.

On pages 2 through 5, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 3 on page 2 through line 3 on page 5, inclusive, and substitute:

“(a) There is a Task Force to Study the Governance of the Enoch Pratt Free Library System.

(b) The Task Force consists of the following members:

(1) the Mayor of Baltimore City or the Mayor’s designee;

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(2) three representatives of the Baltimore City Council;
(3) three representatives of the Baltimore City House of Delegates Delegation in the General Assembly;

(4) three representatives of the Baltimore City Senate Delegation in the General Assembly;

(5) one representative of the State Auditor's Office, appointed by the Governor;

(6) the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Enoch Pratt Free Library or the Chairman's designee;

(7) the Director of the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now (ACORN) or the Director's designee; and

(8) four representatives of Baltimore City residents that use any of the branch libraries in the system, appointed by the Mayor of Baltimore City.

(c) The members of the Task Force shall elect the chairman of the Task Force.

(d) The Department of Legislative Services shall provide staff for the Task Force.

(e) A member of the Task Force may not receive compensation.

(f) The Task Force shall:

(1) study the governing structure of the Enoch Pratt Free Library System to determine whether there are defects in the operation of the system or impediments to the efficient operation of the system, including the established system for appointing the board of directors and the board of trustees;

(2) study the fiscal structure of the Enoch Pratt Free Library System to determine whether there are defects in the funding of the system or impediments to the efficient operation of the system; and

(3) recommend actual solutions to any problems found in the governing or fiscal structure of the system, including suggested legislation on a State or city level or work plan for solving structural defects.

(g) The Task Force shall report its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly, subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, on or before January 15, 2004.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 5, in line 5, strike “October” and substitute “July”.