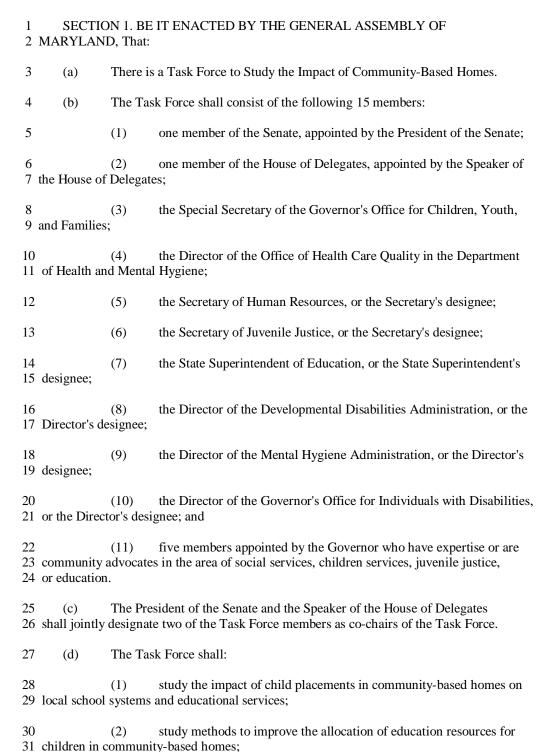
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					Committee Report: Favorable with amendments House action: Adopted Read second time: March 20, 2003					
						CHAPTER				
1	AN ACT concerning									
2	Education - Task Force to Study the Impact of Community-Based Homes									
3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11	FOR the purpose of establishing the Task Force to Study the Impact of Community-Based Homes; providing for the membership of the Task Force; specifying duties of the Task Force; providing for the staffing of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to study certain issues and report to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date; prohibiting members of the Task Force from receiving certain compensation but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Task Force to Study the Impact of Community-Based Homes.									
12	Preamble									
	WHEREAS, Governor Glendening, by Executive Order, established the Task Force to Study the Licensing and Monitoring of Community-Based Homes for Children in 2001; and									
18	WHEREAS, The Task Force was charged to conduct an evaluation of Maryland's system for licensing and monitoring of community-based homes for children in order to address community concerns and ensure the continued operation and development of successful community-based programs; and									
	WHEREAS, As a result of the study, the Task Force recommended further study on education issues, including linking children in out-of-home placements with local school services; now, therefore,									



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	involvement attend; and	(3) in the loc	study the need for after school programs and for provider cal schools where children placed in community-based homes	
	community-l		study the impact of providing on-site educational instruction in nes on the academic success of the children placed in a ne; and	
		_	report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the General e December 31, 2003.	
10	(e)	The Tas	k Force may:	
11 12	the State;	(1)	conduct site visits to community-based homes for children around	
15			visit and review the licensing and monitoring programs at the n Resources, the Department of Juvenile Justice, the and Mental Hygiene, and the State Department of Education;	
17 18	enrolled chi	(3) ldren fror	visit local public schools in communities around the State that have n community-based homes.	
	Children, Y	outh, and	Partment of Legislative Services, the Governor's Office for Families, and the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene the Task Force.	
	the Task For	rce, but is	per of the Task Force may not receive compensation for serving on a entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard ons, as provided in the State budget.	
27	SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2003. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of June 30, 2004, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.			