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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force to Study the Effects of Teenage Pregnancy**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Task Force to Study the Effects of Teenage  
4 Pregnancy; providing for the composition, chairman, and staff of the Task Force;  
5 authorizing a member of the Task Force to receive certain reimbursement, as  
6 provided in the State budget; requiring the Task Force to study certain  
7 consequences of teenage pregnancy on a teenage girl and economic effects of  
8 teenage pregnancy on the State; requiring the Task Force to submit a certain  
9 report on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and  
10 generally relating to the Task Force to Study the Effects of Teenage Pregnancy.

11 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
12 MARYLAND, That:

13 (a) There is a Task Force to Study the Effects of Teenage Pregnancy.

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

15 (1) two members of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President  
16 of the Senate;

17 (2) two members of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of  
18 the House;

19 (3) the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, or the Secretary's  
20 designee;

21 (4) the Secretary of Human Resources, or the Secretary's designee;

22 (5) the Special Secretary for Children, Youth, and Families, or the  
23 Special Secretary's designee; and

24 (6) the following members, appointed by the Governor:

25 (i) one psychologist with experience working with pregnant  
26 teenagers;

1                   (ii)     one individual with expertise in education issues related to  
2 teenage pregnancy in the State; and

3                   (iii)    one individual with expertise in the economic effects of teenage  
4 pregnancy in the State.

5       (c)     The Governor shall designate the chairman of the Task Force.

6       (d)     The Office for Children, Youth, and Families shall provide staff for the  
7 Task Force.

8       (e)     A member of the Task Force:

9           (1)     may not receive compensation; but

10          (2)     is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State  
11 Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

12       (f)     The Task Force shall:

13           (1)     study the psychological, social, and educational consequences of  
14 teenage pregnancy on a teenage girl; and

15           (2)     study the economic effects of teenage pregnancy on the State.

16       (g)     The Task Force shall report its findings and recommendations to the  
17 Governor and, subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General  
18 Assembly on or before October 1, 2005.

19       SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
20 October 1, 2003. It shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and 1 month and, at  
21 the end of October 31, 2005, with no further action required by the General Assembly,  
22 this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.