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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force to Study Leasing New Public School Facilities**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing a Task Force to Study Leasing New Public School  
4 Facilities; providing for the composition of the Task Force; requiring the  
5 Governor to appoint the chairman of the Task Force; requiring certain entities to  
6 jointly provide staffing for the Task Force; prohibiting members serving on the  
7 Task Force from receiving compensation but entitling members to  
8 reimbursement of expenses under a certain law; requiring the Task Force to  
9 study and make recommendations regarding the feasibility of leasing new public  
10 school facilities, including the evaluation of certain issues; requiring the Task  
11 Force to be appointed and to begin deliberations on or before a certain date;  
12 requiring the Task Force to submit a certain report to the Governor and the  
13 General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of  
14 this Act; and generally relating to the Task Force to Study Leasing New Public  
15 School Facilities.

16 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
17 MARYLAND, That:

18 (a) There is a Task Force to Study Leasing New Public School Facilities.

19 (b) The Task Force consists of the following 13 members:

20 (1) two members of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President  
21 of the Senate;

22 (2) two members of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of  
23 the House;

24 (3) the Secretary of Budget and Management, or the Secretary's  
25 designee;

26 (4) the Secretary of General Services, or the Secretary's designee;

1 (5) the State Superintendent of Schools, or the State Superintendent's  
2 designee;

3 (6) the Executive Director of the Interagency Committee on School  
4 Construction;

5 (7) the Executive Director of the Maryland Economic Development  
6 Corporation; and

7 (8) the following four members appointed by the Governor:

8 (i) one member of the State Board of Education; and

9 (ii) three representatives of county governments.

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

11 (d) The Interagency Committee on School Construction, the Maryland State  
12 Department of Education, the Department of Budget and Management, and the  
13 Department of Legislative Services shall jointly provide staff for the Task Force.

14 (e) A member of the Task Force:

15 (1) may not receive compensation; but

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

18 (f) The Task Force shall study and make recommendations regarding the  
19 feasibility of leasing new public school facilities including:

20 (1) evaluating the potential costs and benefits of the State and local  
21 governments leasing new public school facilities;

22 (2) comparing the leasing of schools to the current practice of  
23 constructing new school buildings;

24 (3) researching and reviewing current State regulations to determine if  
25 regulations permit the leasing of newly constructed school facilities; and

26 (4) studying any other issue that the Task Force determines relevant to  
27 the evaluation of leasing new school facilities.

28 (g) The Task Force shall be appointed and begin its deliberations on or before  
29 August 1, 2004.

30 (h) On or before January 31, 2005, the Task Force shall report its findings and  
31 recommendations to the Governor and, subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government  
32 Article, to the General Assembly.

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take  
2 effect July 1, 2004. It shall remain in effect for a period of seven months and, at the  
3 end of January 31, 2005, with no further action required by the General Assembly,  
4 this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.