
By: **Delegate Menes**
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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force to Study the Prevention of Fetal Alcohol Syndrome**

3 FOR the purpose of creating a Task Force to Study the Prevention of Fetal Alcohol
4 Syndrome; providing for the composition of the Task Force; requiring the Task
5 Force to choose a chairman from among its members; requiring the Department
6 of Health and Mental Hygiene to provide staffing for the Task Force; prohibiting
7 a Task Force member from receiving compensation but entitling members to
8 reimbursement for certain expenses under certain regulations; requiring the
9 Task Force to, jointly with the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene,
10 identify certain at-risk individuals and groups, review and coordinate certain
11 State programs related to Fetal Alcohol Syndrome, and develop guidelines for
12 the creation of a certain campaign related to Fetal Alcohol Syndrome; requiring
13 the Task Force to submit a certain report to the Governor and certain
14 committees of the General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for
15 the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Task Force to Study the
16 Prevention of Fetal Alcohol Syndrome.

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

19 (a) There is a Task Force to Study the Prevention of Fetal Alcohol Syndrome.

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

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

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

25 (3) the Secretary of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, or
26 the Secretary's designee;

27 (4) the State Superintendent of Education, or the State Superintendent's
28 designee;

1 (5) the Director of the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Administration, or the
2 Director's designee;

3 (6) the Secretary of the Department of Human Resources, or the
4 Secretary's designee;

5 (7) the Secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Correctional
6 Services, or the Secretary's designee;

7 (8) the Secretary of the Department of Juvenile Services, or the
8 Secretary's designee;

9 (9) the Secretary of Housing and Community Development, or the
10 Secretary's designee;

11 (10) one representative of the ARC of Maryland;

12 (11) one parent of a child with Fetal Alcohol Syndrome, appointed by the
13 Governor;

14 (12) one faculty member from Johns Hopkins University or the University
15 of Maryland with expertise in Fetal Alcohol Syndrome, appointed by the Governor;
16 and

17 (13) one public advocate knowledgeable about Fetal Alcohol Syndrome,
18 appointed by the Governor.

19 (c) The Task Force shall elect a chairman from among its members.

20 (d) The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene shall provide staff for the
21 Task Force.

22 (e) A member of the Task Force:

23 (1) may not receive compensation for serving on the Task Force; but

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

26 (f) The Task Force shall:

27 (1) jointly, with the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, identify
28 individuals, families, and populations in the State that are at risk for acquiring Fetal
29 Alcohol Syndrome and Fetal Alcohol Effects;

30 (2) review and coordinate existing programs of State agencies that
31 involve Fetal Alcohol Syndrome; and

32 (3) develop guidelines for the creation of a comprehensive statewide
33 Fetal Alcohol Syndrome public awareness, prevention, and education campaign.

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Task Force shall
2 issue a report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor, and subject to §
3 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the Senate Education, Health, and
4 Environmental Affairs Committee, and the House Ways and Means Committee on or
5 before October 31, 2005.

6 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
7 October 1, 2004. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and 1 month and, at
8 the end of October 31, 2005, with no further action required by the General Assembly,
9 this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.