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House Bill 978

(Delegate Kelley, *et al.*)

Ways and Means

Task Force to Study Implementing a Parental Involvement Grade in Public Schools

This bill establishes a Task Force to Study Implementing a Parental Involvement Grade in Public Schools. The task force is required to study and make recommendations regarding the feasibility of implementing a parental involvement grading system in public schools. The Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) must provide staff support for the task force. The task force must report its findings and recommendations to the Governor, the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee, and the House Ways and Means Committee by July 1, 2005.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2004 and sunsets June 30, 2005.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Any expense reimbursements for task force members and staffing costs for MSDE are assumed to be minimal and absorbable within existing budgeted resources.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Background: The Maryland's Parent Advisory Council (M-PAC) is a statewide group of approximately 150 parents and advocates appointed by the State Superintendent of Schools in the fall of 2003 to advise MSDE on a variety of parental involvement issues. M-PAC will assist MSDE with meeting Goal 5 (parents will be involved in education) of

MSDE's comprehensive vision for education, known as Achievement Matters Most: Maryland's Plan for Every Student.

Additional Information

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