

BY: Committee on Ways and Means

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1236

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, strike in their entirety lines 2 and 3 and substitute:

“Community College Students with Disabilities Task Force”;

strike in their entirety lines 4 through 12, inclusive, and substitute:

“FOR the purpose of establishing the Community College Students with Disabilities Task Force; providing for the membership and staffing of the Task Force; providing for the charge of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to issue a certain report by a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to students with disabilities attending community colleges in the State.”;

and strike in their entirety lines 13 through 17, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On pages 1 and 2, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 18 on page 1 through line 23 on page 2, inclusive, and substitute:

“SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

That:

(a) There is a Community College Students with Disabilities Task Force.

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

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

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House:

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

(3) the Executive Director of the Maryland Association of Community Colleges;

Higher Education:

(4) three representatives of community colleges, appointed by the Secretary of

Secretary of Higher Education;

(5) a community college student with a documented disability, appointed by the

Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, or a designee;

(7) two members of the public, appointed by the Governor;

(8) the Secretary of the Department of Disabilities, or a designee, who shall serve as co-chairman of the Task Force; and

(9) the Secretary of Higher Education, or a designee, who shall serve as co-chairman of the Task Force.

(c) The Task Force may establish subcommittees as deemed necessary to fulfill its duties.

(d) The Maryland Higher Education Commission, State Department of Disabilities, and Maryland Association of Community Colleges shall provide staff for the Task Force.

(e) The Task Force shall:

(1) identify programmatic and physical barriers for students with disabilities attending community colleges in the State;

(2) identify gaps in resources for technology, equipment, and services for students with disabilities;

(3) develop strategies to improve educational and employment outcomes for

students with disabilities; and

(4) develop a series of recommendations that will result in Maryland community colleges having the resources to actively serve students with disabilities with the appropriate supports, services, and training necessary to achieve student education and employment goals.

(f) The Task Force shall report its findings and recommendations to the Governor, and the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, on or before December 1, 2005.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2005. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of June 30, 2006, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.”.