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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force to Implement Holocaust, Genocide, Human Rights, and**
3 **Tolerance Education**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing the Task Force to Implement Holocaust, Genocide,
5 Human Rights, and Tolerance Education; providing for the membership of the
6 Task Force; requiring the Governor to designate the chair of the Task Force;
7 requiring the University System of Maryland to provide staff for the Task Force;
8 prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving compensation;
9 authorizing a member of the Task Force to be reimbursed for certain expenses;
10 requiring the Task Force to advise the University System of Maryland regarding
11 the establishment of a certain pilot program and to make recommendations
12 regarding certain course content and certain training activities and exercises;
13 requiring the Task Force to submit certain reports; providing for the
14 termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Task Force to Implement
15 Holocaust, Genocide, Human Rights, and Tolerance Education at the University
16 System of Maryland.

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

19 (a) There is a Task Force to Implement Holocaust, Genocide, Human Rights,
20 and Tolerance Education in the State.

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

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

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

26 (3) the Secretary of the Maryland Higher Education Commission, or the
27 Secretary's designee;

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

3 (5) the following members, appointed by the Governor:

4 (i) one professor of sociology at the University System of Maryland;

5 (ii) two survivors of the Holocaust, or two children of survivors of
6 the Holocaust;

7 (iii) two survivors of Cambodian genocide;

8 (iv) two survivors of Serbian genocide; and

9 (v) two citizens of the State interested in the subject matter.

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

11 (d) The University System of Maryland shall provide staff for the Task Force.

12 (e) A member of the Task Force:

13 (1) may not receive compensation; but

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

16 (f) The Task Force shall:

17 (1) advise the University System of Maryland regarding the
18 establishment of a pilot program at a campus chosen by the Board of Regents that
19 creates a Center for Excellence on the Study of the Holocaust, Genocide, Human
20 Rights, and Tolerance that promotes education regarding the Holocaust, genocide,
21 human rights, and tolerance; and

22 (2) make recommendations regarding:

23 (i) course content and other curricular materials for the effective
24 teaching of the Holocaust, genocide, human rights, and tolerance; and

25 (ii) training activities and exercises for teachers to effectively teach
26 about the Holocaust, genocide, human rights, and tolerance.

27 (g) The Task Force shall submit to the Governor and, in accordance with §
28 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly:

29 (1) an interim report on or before March 1, 2007; and

30 (2) a final report on or before September 1, 2008.

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
2 October 1, 2005. It shall remain effective for a period of 3 years and, at the end of
3 September 30, 2008, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this
4 Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.