

BY: Committee on Ways and Means

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 36
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike “Delegate Pugh” and substitute “Delegates Pugh, Anderson, Branch, Carter, C. Davis, Doory, Goodwin, Hammen, Harrison, Haynes, Kirk, Krysiak, Marriott, McHale, McIntosh, Oaks, Paige, and Rosenberg”; strike in their entirety lines 2 and 3 and substitute “Task Force to Study Increasing the Age Range for Compulsory School Attendance in Maryland”; strike beginning with “increasing” in line 4 down through “City” in line 14 and substitute “establishing the Task Force to Study Increasing the Age Range for Compulsory School Attendance in Maryland; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Task Force; prohibiting members of the Task Force from receiving compensation but entitling members to reimbursement for certain expenses under certain regulations; requiring the Task Force to study and make recommendations concerning increasing the age range for compulsory school attendance in the State; requiring the Task Force to submit a certain report to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Task Force to Study Increasing the Age Range for Compulsory School Attendance in Maryland”; and strike in their entirety lines 15 through 19, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, in line 21, strike “the Laws of Maryland read as follows”.

On pages 1 through 4, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 22 on page 1 through line 28 on page 4, inclusive, and substitute:

“(a) There is a Task Force to Study Increasing the Age Range for Compulsory School Attendance in Maryland.

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

(Over)

- Senate;

 - (1) one member of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of the
- House;

 - (2) one member of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of the
 - (3) the State Superintendent of Schools, or the State Superintendent's designee;
 - (4) one teacher, appointed by the State Superintendent of Schools;
 - (5) one member of the State Board of Education, designated by the State Board of
- Education; and

 - (6) the following six members, appointed by the Governor:
 - (i) one representative of the juvenile justice system;
 - (ii) one representative of The Johns Hopkins University;
 - (iii) one representative of a parent and teacher association;
 - (iv) one parent of a child who attends a public school in the State;
 - (v) one member of a local board of education representing a school with
- high drop out rates in the State; and

 - (vi) one representative of the University System of Maryland.
- (c) The Governor shall designate the chair of the Task Force.
- (d) The Department of Education shall provide staff for the Task Force.
- (e) A member of the Task Force:
 - (1) may not receive compensation as a member of the Task Force; but

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

(f) The Task Force shall:

(1) study and make recommendations concerning the advantages and costs of requiring compulsory school attendance for children between the ages of 15 and 18 years old;

(2) study the number of students at least 16 years old and under the age of 18 who dropped out of high school, broken down by year and socioeconomic status;

(3) study the number of students at least 16 years old and under the age of 18 who had contact with the juvenile justice system, broken down by age and the reason for the contact, if available; and

(4) study and make recommendations concerning any other issues the Task Force determines relevant to whether the age range for compulsory school attendance should be extended to 18 years old.

(g) On or before June 30, 2007, the Task Force shall report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 4, in line 29, strike “3.” and substitute “2.”; in line 30, strike “3 years and 5 months” and substitute “1 year and 6 months”; and in line 31, strike “November 30, 2009” and substitute “December 31, 2007”.