

BY: Committee on Ways and Means

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1297
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, strike “Evaluate Existing School” and substitute “Convene a Summit on”; in the same line, strike “Programs -” and substitute “in Maryland”; in line 3, strike “Established”; strike beginning with “a” in line 4 down through “Programs” in line 11 and substitute “the Task Force to Convene a Summit on Civic Literacy in Maryland; providing for the composition, powers, and duties of the Task Force; requiring the State Department of Education and the Maryland Higher Education Commission to provide staffing for the Task Force; prohibiting members of the Task Force from receiving compensation but entitling members to reimbursement for certain expenses; requiring the Task Force to convene a Summit on Civic Literacy for certain purposes; requiring the Task Force to report certain findings and recommendations to the Governor, the State Department of Education, 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 Convene a Summit on Civic Literacy in Maryland”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, strike in their entirety lines 14 through 20, inclusive; in line 21, strike “(b)” and substitute “(a)”; in the same line, strike “Evaluate Existing School” and substitute “Convene a Summit on”; in the same line, strike “Programs” and substitute “in Maryland”; in line 22, strike “(c)” and substitute “(b)”; in lines 23 and 25, in each instance, strike “three” and substitute “two”; and in line 26, strike “and”.

On page 2, strike in their entirety lines 1 through 5, inclusive, and substitute:

- “(3) the State Superintendent of Schools, or the Superintendent’s designee;
- “(4) the Secretary for Higher Education, or the Secretary’s designee;

(Over)

(5) two representatives of the Center for Information and Research on Civic Learning and Engagement (CIRCLE), appointed by the Governor;

(6) two representatives from the Maryland Association of Student Councils, appointed by the Governor; and

(7) one representative from the Maryland Judicial Conference, appointed by the Governor.”;

in lines 6, 7, 8, 12, and 17, strike “(e)”, “(f)”, “(g)”, “(h)”, and “(i)”, respectively, and substitute “(c)”, “(d)”, “(e)”, “(f)”, and “(g)”, respectively; in line 6, strike “a chair” and substitute “the chair of the Task Force”; in line 7, after “Education” insert “and the Maryland Higher Education Commission”; in line 9, strike “as a member of the Task Force”; strike beginning with “evaluate” in line 13 down through “program” in line 16 and substitute: “convene a Summit on Civil Literacy to:

(i) determine a strategy for enhancing long-term civic engagement and literacy within the State; and

(ii) recommend a plan to improve civic engagement and literacy;

(2) invite a diverse range of student, teacher, and administrator representatives from elementary, secondary, and higher education, media, civic organizations, and elected officials from across the State of Maryland to participate in the discussions concerning civic engagement and literacy at the summit; and

(3) invite the Center for Information and Research on Civic Learning and Engagement based in the University of Maryland’s School of Public Policy to facilitate the Summit on Civic Literacy”;

in line 17, after “recommendations” insert “for future actions”; in the same line, after “the” insert “Governor,”; in line 18, after “Education” insert “, and in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly,”; in the same line, strike “1” and substitute “31”; in line 20, strike “1 year and 1 month” and substitute “6 months”; and in line 21, strike “July 30, 2007” and substitute “December 31, 2006”.