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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2                   **Task Force on Improvement of Continuing Education Opportunities for**  
3                   **Senior Citizens**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing the Task Force on Improvement of Continuing  
5 Education Opportunities for Senior Citizens; providing for the membership,  
6 chair, and staff of the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from  
7 being compensated as a member of the Task Force; authorizing a member of the  
8 Task Force to be reimbursed for expenses under certain circumstances;  
9 requiring the Task Force to study impediments to the participation of senior  
10 citizens in continuing education and to make recommendations regarding ways  
11 to reduce impediments to the participation of senior citizens in continuing  
12 education; requiring the Task Force to report to the Governor and the General  
13 Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act;  
14 and generally relating to the Task Force on Improvement of Continuing  
15 Education Opportunities for Senior Citizens.

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

18     (a)     There is a Task Force on Improvement of Continuing Education  
19 Opportunities for Senior Citizens.

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

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

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

25             (3)     the Secretary of Aging, or the Secretary's designee;

26             (4)     the Secretary of Higher Education, or the Secretary's designee;

27             (5)     the State Superintendent of Schools, or the Superintendent's  
28 designee;

1           (6)     a representative of the American Association of Retired People,  
2 appointed by the Governor; and

3           (7)     a representative of senior citizens, appointed by the Governor.

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

5       (d)     The Department of Aging shall provide staff for the Task Force.

6       (e)     A member of the Task Force:

7           (1)     may not receive compensation as a member of the Task Force; but

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

10      (f)     The Task Force shall:

11           (1)     study impediments to the participation of senior citizens in  
12 continuing education, including access to transportation, access to education  
13 locations, and access to and familiarity with computers and other technology; and

14           (2)     make recommendations regarding ways to reduce impediments to the  
15 participation of senior citizens in continuing education.

16      (g)     On or before December 1, 2006, the Task Force shall report its findings and  
17 recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State  
18 Government Article, the General Assembly.

19      SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
20 July 1, 2006. It shall remain effective for a period of 6 months and, at the end of  
21 December 31, 2006, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act  
22 shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.