

# HOUSE BILL 19

F2

71r0995

---

By: **Delegates Cardin, Morhaim, and Stein**  
Introduced and read first time: January 12, 2007  
Assigned to: Ways and Means

---

## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

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

4 FOR the purpose of altering the membership of the Task Force to Implement  
5 Holocaust, Genocide, Human Rights, and Tolerance Education to authorize  
6 certain individuals to appoint certain former members of the Senate of  
7 Maryland and the House of Delegates, respectively, as members of the Task  
8 Force; and generally relating to the Task Force to Implement Holocaust,  
9 Genocide, Human Rights, and Tolerance Education.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
11 Chapter 483 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2005  
12 Section 1

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
14 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

15 **Chapter 483 of the Acts of 2005**

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

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

20 (b) (1) The Task Force consists of the following members:

---

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (i) [two members of the Senate of Maryland] **THE FOLLOWING**  
2 **MEMBERS**, appointed by the President of the Senate:

3 **1. ONE MEMBER OF THE SENATE OF MARYLAND;**  
4 **AND**

5 **2. ONE FORMER MEMBER OF THE SENATE OF**  
6 **MARYLAND;**

7 (ii) [two members of the House of Delegates] **THE FOLLOWING**  
8 **MEMBERS**, appointed by the Speaker of the House:

9 **1. ONE MEMBER OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES;**  
10 **AND**

11 **2. ONE FORMER MEMBER OF THE HOUSE OF**  
12 **DELEGATES;**

13 (iii) the Secretary of the Maryland Higher Education  
14 Commission, or the Secretary's designee;

15 (iv) the Chancellor of the University System of Maryland, or the  
16 Chancellor's designee;

17 (v) the State Superintendent of Schools, or the Superintendent's  
18 designee; and

19 (vi) the following members, appointed by the Governor:

20 **1. one professor of sociology at the University System of**  
21 **Maryland; and**

22 **2. five members of the public who are residents of the**  
23 **State, with preference given to:**

24 **A. individuals who have served prominently as**  
25 **spokespersons for or as leaders of organizations serving members of religious, ethnic,**  
26 **national heritage, or social groups that were subject to genocide, torture, wrongful**  
27 **deprivation of liberty or property, officially imposed or sanctioned violence, or other**  
28 **forms of human rights violations and persecution;**

1                   B. individuals who are involved in activities to enhance  
2 the public's awareness of the Holocaust and genocide or who have demonstrated an  
3 interest or involvement in the study of the Holocaust or genocide; and

4                   C. representatives of the academic community with  
5 specialized knowledge of the Holocaust or genocide studies.

6                   (2) The members of the Task Force shall be residents of the State.

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

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

10                  (e) A member of the Task Force:

11                   (1) may not receive compensation; but

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

14                  (f) (1) The Task Force shall advise the University System of Maryland  
15 regarding the establishment of a pilot program at a campus chosen by the Board of  
16 Regents that creates a Center for Excellence on the Study of the Holocaust, Genocide,  
17 Human Rights, and Tolerance that promotes education regarding the Holocaust,  
18 genocide, human rights, and tolerance.

19                   (2) The Task Force may examine:

20                   (i) current course offerings on the subjects of the Holocaust,  
21 genocide, human rights, and tolerance at constituent institutions of the University  
22 System of Maryland;

23                   (ii) academic approaches taken in other states for the effective  
24 teaching of the Holocaust, genocide, human rights, and tolerance;

25                   (iii) national best practices regarding training activities and  
26 exercises for public school teachers to effectively teach about the Holocaust, genocide,  
27 human rights, and tolerance; and

28                   (iv) possible sources of funds to establish and sustain a Center  
29 for Excellence on the Study of the Holocaust, Genocide, Human Rights, and Tolerance.

1                   (3) The Task Force may not make recommendations regarding  
2 mandatory course content or curricular materials for the University System of  
3 Maryland or public schools.

4                   (g) The Task Force shall submit to the Governor and, in accordance with §  
5 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly:

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

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

8                   SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
9 June 1, 2007.