

HOUSE BILL 1049

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Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force on the HPV Vaccine**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing a Task Force on the HPV Vaccine; providing for the
4 membership and staffing of the Task Force; providing that the members of the
5 Task Force may not receive compensation but are entitled to a certain
6 reimbursement; providing for the duties of the Task Force; requiring the Task
7 Force to report certain findings and recommendations to the Governor and the
8 General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of
9 this Act; and generally relating to the Task Force on the HPV Vaccine.

10 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
11 MARYLAND, That:

12 (a) There is a Task Force on the HPV Vaccine.

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

14 (1) one member of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President
15 of the Senate;

16 (2) one member of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of
17 the House;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (3) one representative from the Maryland State Teachers Association,
2 appointed by the Association;

3 (4) one representative of the Maryland Association of Boards of
4 Education, appointed by the Association;

5 (5) one representative of the Maryland Association of County Health
6 Officers, appointed by the Association;

7 (6) one physician member of the Medical Chirurgical Faculty of
8 Maryland, appointed by the organization;

9 (7) one physician member of the Maryland Chapter of the American
10 Academy of Pediatrics, appointed by the organization;

11 (8) one representative from a pharmaceutical company that
12 manufactures the HPV vaccine, appointed by the company; and

13 (9) the following members, appointed by the Governor:

14 (i) one representative of the health insurance industry; and

15 (ii) two consumer members.

16 (c) The Task Force shall elect the chair of the Task Force from among its
17 members.

18 (d) The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene shall provide staff for the
19 Task Force.

20 (e) A member of the Task Force:

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

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

24 (f) The Task Force shall:

25 (1) examine federal and State programs on the HPV vaccine; and

26 (2) recommend a plan to implement a HPV vaccine program in the
27 State, including:

- 1 (i) the appropriate age requirements for a female to receive the
2 HPV vaccine;
- 3 (ii) the use of a mandatory HPV vaccine for female children;
- 4 (iii) the availability and affordability of the HPV vaccine; and
- 5 (iv) a public education campaign for the HPV vaccine.

6 (g) The Task Force shall report its findings and recommendations to the
7 Governor, and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the
8 Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee, and the House
9 Health and Government Operations Committee on or before December 1, 2008.

10 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
11 July 1, 2007. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and 6 months and, at the
12 end of December 31, 2008, with no further action required by the General Assembly,
13 this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.