

# HOUSE BILL 1319

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Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

### 2 **Maryland Civil Rights Commission**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Maryland Civil Rights Commission; providing for  
4 the purpose of the Commission; providing for the membership, terms, and chair  
5 and vice chair of the Commission; prohibiting members from receiving  
6 compensation but entitling members to reimbursement for certain expenses in  
7 accordance with the Standard State Travel Regulations in the State budget;  
8 providing for the powers of the Commission; authorizing the Commission to  
9 apply for and receive certain gifts, grants, and donations; authorizing the  
10 Commission to adopt certain rules and regulations; and generally relating to the  
11 Maryland Civil Rights Commission.

12 BY adding to

13 Article – Education

14 Section 24–601 through 24–607 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 6.  
15 Maryland Civil Rights Commission”

16 Annotated Code of Maryland

17 (2006 Replacement Volume)

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

### 20 **Article – Education**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1                   **SUBTITLE 6. MARYLAND CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION.**

2   **24-601.**

3                   **THERE IS A MARYLAND CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION.**

4   **24-602.**

5                   **THE PURPOSE OF THE MARYLAND CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION IS TO**  
6 **PROVIDE OR ASSIST EDUCATION OFFICIALS AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS WITH**  
7 **INFORMATION FOR, AND THE COORDINATION OR MODIFICATION OF, COURSES**  
8 **OR PROGRAMS THAT INCLUDE THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT, WITH AN**  
9 **EMPHASIS ON MARYLAND'S HISTORY.**

10 **24-603.**

11                   **(A) THE COMMISSION CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING 13 MEMBERS:**

12                   **(1) ONE MEMBER OF THE SENATE OF MARYLAND, APPOINTED BY**  
13 **THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE;**

14                   **(2) ONE MEMBER OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, APPOINTED BY**  
15 **THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE;**

16                   **(3) ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM EACH OF THE FOLLOWING**  
17 **INSTITUTIONS OR ORGANIZATIONS APPOINTED BY THE HEAD OF THE**  
18 **APPROPRIATE INSTITUTION OR ORGANIZATION:**

19                   **(I) UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND LAW SCHOOL;**

20                   **(II) MORGAN STATE UNIVERSITY;**

21                   **(III) COPPIN STATE UNIVERSITY;**

22                   **(IV) UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, BALTIMORE;**

23                   **(V) NAACP;**

24                   **(VI) UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, COLLEGE PARK;**

1                   **(VII) UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, EASTERN SHORE;**

2                   **(VIII) BOWIE STATE UNIVERSITY; AND**

3                   **(IX) SALISBURY UNIVERSITY; AND**

4                   **(4) TWO INDIVIDUALS FROM THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE WITH**  
5 **KNOWLEDGE, EXPERIENCE, OR EXPERTISE OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT,**  
6 **APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR.**

7                   **(B) (1) THE TERM OF A MEMBER IS 4 YEARS AND UNTIL A SUCCESSOR**  
8 **IS APPOINTED AND QUALIFIES.**

9                   **(2) A MEMBER APPOINTED TO FILL A VACANCY IN AN UNEXPIRED**  
10 **TERM SERVES ONLY FOR THE REMAINDER OF THAT TERM AND UNTIL A**  
11 **SUCCESSOR IS APPOINTED AND QUALIFIES.**

12                   **(3) (I) A MEMBER MAY BE APPOINTED TO NO MORE THAN TWO**  
13 **FULL CONSECUTIVE TERMS.**

14                   **(II) A MEMBER WHO HAS SERVED LESS THAN A FULL**  
15 **4-YEAR TERM MAY BE REAPPOINTED TO TWO FULL TERMS.**

16 **24-604.**

17                   **(A) (1) THE COMMISSION SHALL ELECT A CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR**  
18 **FROM AMONG ITS MEMBERS.**

19                   **(2) THE TERM OF THE CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR IS 2 YEARS.**

20                   **(B) A MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERS SERVING ON THE COMMISSION IS A**  
21 **QUORUM.**

22                   **(C) A MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION MAY NOT RECEIVE**  
23 **COMPENSATION, BUT IS ENTITLED TO BE REIMBURSED FOR EXPENSES**  
24 **INCURRED WHILE ACTUALLY ENGAGED IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THE**  
25 **MEMBER'S DUTIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STANDARD STATE TRAVEL**  
26 **REGULATIONS IN THE STATE BUDGET.**

1 **24-605.**

2 **THE COMMISSION MAY:**

3 (1) **PROVIDE ASSISTANCE AND ADVICE TO ELEMENTARY AND**  
4 **SECONDARY SCHOOLS REGARDING EDUCATION AND AWARENESS PROGRAMS**  
5 **ABOUT THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT;**

6 (2) **SURVEY AND CATALOG THE EXTENT TO WHICH CIVIL RIGHTS**  
7 **EDUCATION EXISTS IN THE STATE CURRICULA;**

8 (3) **INVENTORY CIVIL RIGHTS MEMORIALS, EXHIBITS, AND**  
9 **RESOURCES THAT COULD BE USED IN CLASSROOMS AND OTHER EDUCATIONAL**  
10 **PROGRAMS;**

11 (4) **DEVELOP A CONTINUING LIST OF VOLUNTEERS WHO ARE**  
12 **WILLING TO SHARE THEIR KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCES CONCERNING THE**  
13 **STRUGGLE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS;**

14 (5) **PREPARE REPORTS FOR THE GOVERNOR, AND, IN**  
15 **ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE**  
16 **GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON THE INCLUSION OF CIVIL RIGHTS STUDIES INTO THE**  
17 **EDUCATION SYSTEM OF THE STATE; AND**

18 (6) **PROVIDE ASSISTANCE AND ADVICE TO ANY OTHER GROUP OR**  
19 **ORGANIZATION SEEKING TO EDUCATE INDIVIDUALS ABOUT THE CIVIL RIGHTS**  
20 **MOVEMENT, WITH AN EMPHASIS ON MARYLAND HISTORY.**

21 **24-606.**

22 **THE COMMISSION MAY APPLY FOR AND RECEIVE GIFTS, GRANTS, AND**  
23 **DONATIONS FROM ANY PUBLIC OR PRIVATE SOURCE, INCLUDING FEDERAL AND**  
24 **PRIVATE FOUNDATION GRANTS.**

25 **24-607.**

26 **THE COMMISSION MAY ADOPT RULES AND REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT**  
27 **THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE.**

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