

CHAPTER 373

(House Bill 19)

AN ACT concerning

Task Force to Implement Holocaust, Genocide, Human Rights, and Tolerance Education – Membership

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

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

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

Chapter 483 of the Acts of 2005

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

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

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

(i) ~~two members~~ **ONE MEMBER** of the Senate of Maryland; ~~THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS~~, appointed by the President of the Senate; :

~~1. ONE MEMBER OF THE SENATE OF MARYLAND;~~

~~AND~~

~~2. ONE FORMER MEMBER OF THE SENATE OF MARYLAND;~~

(ii) ~~two members~~ **ONE MEMBER** of the House of Delegates ~~THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS~~, appointed by the Speaker of the House:

- ~~1. ONE MEMBER OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES;~~
AND
~~2. ONE FORMER MEMBER OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES;~~

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- (c) The Governor shall designate the chair of the Task Force.
- (d) The University System of Maryland shall provide staff for the Task Force.
- (e) A member of the Task Force:
 - (1) may not receive compensation; but
 - (2) is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.
- (f)
 - (1) The Task Force shall advise the University System of Maryland regarding the establishment of a pilot program at a campus chosen by the Board of Regents that creates a Center for Excellence on the Study of the Holocaust, Genocide, Human Rights, and Tolerance that promotes education regarding the Holocaust, genocide, human rights, and tolerance.
 - (2) The Task Force may examine:
 - (i) current course offerings on the subjects of the Holocaust, genocide, human rights, and tolerance at constituent institutions of the University System of Maryland;
 - (ii) academic approaches taken in other states for the effective teaching of the Holocaust, genocide, human rights, and tolerance;
 - (iii) national best practices regarding training activities and exercises for public school teachers to effectively teach about the Holocaust, genocide, human rights, and tolerance; and
 - (iv) possible sources of funds to establish and sustain a Center for Excellence on the Study of the Holocaust, Genocide, Human Rights, and Tolerance.
 - (3) The Task Force may not make recommendations regarding mandatory course content or curricular materials for the University System of Maryland or public schools.
- (g) The Task Force shall submit to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly:
 - (1) an interim report on or before March 1, 2007; and

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

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

Approved by the Governor, May 8, 2007.