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BY: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 952
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, strike line 2, and substitute:

“Task Force on the Use of College Entrance Examinations for Admission to Public Institutions of Higher Education”;

and strike beginning with “prohibiting” in line 3 down through “State” in line 10 and substitute “establishing a Task Force on the Use of College Entrance Examinations for Admission to Public Institutions of Higher Education; establishing the membership and staffing of the Task Force; providing for the designation of the chair of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to evaluate and make recommendations regarding certain issues; requiring the Task Force to submit a certain report to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving certain compensation; authorizing a member of the Task Force to receive certain reimbursements; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Task Force on the Use of College Entrance Examinations for Admission to Public Institutions of Higher Education”.

On pages 1 and 2, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 11 on page 1 through line 15 on page 2, inclusive, and substitute:

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

(a) There is a Task Force on the Use of College Entrance Examinations for Admission to Public Institutions of Higher Education.

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

(1) One member of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of the Senate;

(2) One member of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of the House;

(3) The Secretary of Higher Education, or the Secretary's designee;

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

(5) The following members appointed by the Governor:

(i) One student enrolled in a public high school in the State;

(ii) One student enrolled in a public institution of higher education in the State;

(iii) One guidance counselor at a public high school in the State;

(iv) One admissions officer at a public institution of higher education in the State;

(v) One member of the faculty at a public institution of higher education in the State;

(vi) One representative of the University System of Maryland who has specialized knowledge relating to the pilot program being conducted at Salisbury University to evaluate the use of college entrance examinations for purposes of admission to Salisbury University;

(vii) One representative from the Maryland Association of Boards of Education;

(viii) One representative of the Community Colleges Association of Maryland;

(ix) One representative of the Maryland Parent Teacher Association; and

(x) One representative of the Maryland Chamber of Commerce.

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

(d) The Department of Education and the Maryland Higher Education Commission jointly shall provide staff support for the Task Force.

(e) A member of the Task Force:

(1) May not receive compensation for work on the Task Force; but

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

(f) The Task Force shall:

(1) Conduct a study of the use of college entrance examinations for admission to public institutions of higher education in the State;

(2) Assess whether college entrance examinations provide value or information beyond that which is obtained through other measures of student

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achievement presented by applicants for admission to public institutions of higher education in the State;

(3) Assess the effect on the range of socioeconomic populations in the State with regard to the use of college entrance examinations for admission to public institutions of higher education in the State; and

(4) On or before December 31, 2008, submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in line 17, strike “October” and substitute “July”; and in the same line, after “2008.” insert “It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of June 30, 2009, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.”.