

HB0503/585169/1

BY: Committee on Ways and Means

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 503
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1 of the bill, strike line 2 in its entirety and substitute “Task Force on Student Physical Fitness in Maryland Public Schools”; in line 3, after “of” insert “establishing a Task Force on Student Physical Fitness in Maryland Public Schools; providing for the membership and chair of the Task Force; requiring the State Department of Education to provide staff for the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving certain compensation but entitling members to reimbursement for certain expenses; providing for the duties of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to submit a certain report to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Task Force on Student Physical Fitness in Maryland Public Schools”; and strike beginning with “requiring” in line 3 down through “fitness” in line 11.

On pages 1 and 2, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 12 on page 1 through line 20 on page 2, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in line 22, strike “the Laws of Maryland read as follows”; after line 22, insert:

“(a) There is a Task Force on Student Physical Fitness in Maryland Public Schools.

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

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(1) one member of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of the House;

(2) one member of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of the Senate;

(3) one representative of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, appointed by the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene; and

(4) the following members appointed by the Governor:

(i) one representative of the State Department of Education;

(ii) one representative of the Maryland Association of Boards of Education;

(iii) one representative of the Maryland Association of Counties;

(iv) one representative of the American Diabetes Association;

(v) one representative of the American Heart Association;

(vi) one representative of the American Cancer Society;

(vii) one representative of the Personal Development, Health & Physical Education Teachers Association; and

(viii) one representative of the National Parent Teachers Association.

(c) The members of the Task Force shall elect a chair from among the members of the Task Force.

- (d) The State Department of Education 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) The Task Force shall study:
- (1) the advisability of requiring all public schools in the State to provide a minimum amount of physical activity or physical education to students in the public school system each week;
 - (2) the effects on childhood obesity and related health issues of requiring students to participate in a minimum amount of physical activity or physical education each week;
 - (3) the monetary costs of requiring public schools to provide a minimum amount of physical activity or physical education for students, how these costs may be minimized, and whether additional outside funding resources are available for these purposes; and
 - (4) and analyze the results obtained by any local school systems in the State and other states that have current physical activity or physical education requirements.
- (g) On or before November 20, 2008, the Task Force shall report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.”.

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On pages 2 and 3, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 23 on page 2 through line 32 on page 3, inclusive.

On page 3, in line 33, strike “4.” and substitute “2.”; in line 34, 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.”.