

HB0784/935566/2

BY: Committee on Ways and Means

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 784

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike “and Wood” and substitute “Wood, Barve, Doory, Elmore, Frick, Gilchrist, Hixson, Ivey, Jennings, Krebs, Olszewski, Rice, Ross, Serafini, F. Turner, and Walker”; in line 2, strike “Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children” and substitute “Task Force on Educational Issues Affecting Military Children”; and strike beginning with “, through” in line 3 down through “Children” in line 22 and substitute “a Task Force on Educational Issues Affecting Military Children; 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 General Assembly by 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 Educational Issues Affecting Military Children”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On pages 1 and 2, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 23 on page 1 through line 2 on page 2, inclusive.

On page 2, in line 4, strike “the Laws of Maryland read as follows”.

On pages 2 through 27, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 5 on page 2 through line 21 on page 27, inclusive, and substitute:

“(a) There is a Task Force on Educational Issues Affecting Military Children.”

(Over)

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

(4) The following members appointed by the Governor:

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

(ii) One local superintendent, as a representative from the Public School Superintendents Association of Maryland;

(iii) Two school principals from school systems significantly affected by the federal Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC);

(iv) One representative from an organization that represents military families; and

(v) Two military school liaison officers.

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

(d) The Department of Education shall provide staff support for the Task Force.

(e) A member of the Task Force:

(1) May not receive compensation as a member of 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) Identify and examine educational issues that affect military children;

(2) Identify and examine existing efforts in the State to ease the transition of children of military families to Maryland schools;

(3) Make recommendations on efforts that would ease the transition of children of military families to Maryland schools, including recommendations concerning:

(i) The awarding of credit for previously completed work;

(ii) The timely receipt of paperwork necessary for local school systems to facilitate transfers of children of military families into Maryland schools;

(iii) The opportunity for children of military families transitioning to Maryland schools to graduate on time and the effect of the State's graduation requirements on children in military families;

(iv) The transition of children in military families with disabilities; and

(Over)

(v) The participation of children in military families in extracurricular activities; and

(4) Examine and make recommendations on issues surrounding the feasibility of the State joining the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunities for Military Children.

(g) On or before December 1, 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.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2008. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of May 31, 2009, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.”.