

SENATE BILL 861

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By: **Senators Conway and Exum**

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Assigned to: Rules

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force to Study Abuse of Performance-Enhancing Substances**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Task Force to Study Abuse of
4 Performance-Enhancing Substances; providing for the membership of the
5 Task Force; providing for the designation of the chair of the Task Force;
6 requiring the Department of Legislative Services to provide staff support to the
7 Task Force; providing that a member of the Task Force is not entitled to
8 compensation but is entitled to certain reimbursement; requiring the Task
9 Force to study certain items; requiring the Task Force to make certain
10 recommendations; requiring the Task Force to submit certain reports to the
11 Governor and General Assembly on or before certain dates; providing for the
12 termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Task Force to Study
13 Abuse of Performance-Enhancing Substances.

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

16 (a) There is a Task Force to Study Abuse of Performance-Enhancing
17 Substances.

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

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

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

23 (3) the following 15 members, appointed by the Governor:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



- 1 (i) one representative of the Department of Health and Mental
2 Hygiene;
- 3 (ii) one representative of the Maryland State Department of
4 Education;
- 5 (iii) one representative of a local school system in the State;
- 6 (iv) one representative of a county health department;
- 7 (v) one representative of the hospital industry;
- 8 (vi) one practicing pediatrician;
- 9 (vii) one representative of Powered by ME!, a community-based
10 steroids education group;
- 11 (viii) one representative of the health and fitness club industry;
- 12 (ix) one representative of the Maryland Recreation and Parks
13 Association;
- 14 (x) one representative of the University System of Maryland;
- 15 (xi) one representative of the Maryland Independent Colleges
16 and Universities Association;
- 17 (xii) one representative of the Association of Independent
18 Maryland Schools;
- 19 (xiii) one representative of the Maryland Parent Teacher
20 Association;
- 21 (xiv) one representative of a local law enforcement agency; and
- 22 (xv) one representative of a professional sports team in the State.
- 23 (c) The Governor shall designate the chair of the Task Force.
- 24 (d) The Department of Legislative Services shall provide staff for the Task
25 Force.
- 26 (e) A member of the Task Force:
- 27 (1) may not receive compensation as a member of the Task Force; but
- 28 (2) is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard
29 State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

1 (f) The Task Force shall study:

2 (1) the problems associated with the use of anabolic steroids and other
3 performance-enhancing substances, particularly among student athletes and other
4 young people;

5 (2) the successes and challenges of community-based programs that
6 are advocating to address the problems associated with the abuse of
7 performance-enhancing substances;

8 (3) current programs within the Department of Health and Mental
9 Hygiene and local health departments that address the abuse of
10 performance-enhancing substances;

11 (4) the issue of randomized voluntary or mandatory testing
12 performance-enhancing substances of students in the public high schools in the State;

13 (5) the education and knowledge of physicians, particularly
14 pediatricians and orthopedic surgeons, of the prevalence of use of
15 performance-enhancing substances and the problems associated with that use;

16 (6) current curricula in the public and nonpublic schools regarding
17 performance-enhancing substances; and

18 (7) the ability of the State to oversee a comprehensive public education
19 campaign, in coordination with interested stakeholders, addressing the abuse of
20 performance-enhancing substances.

21 (g) The Task Force shall make recommendations regarding:

22 (1) the enhancement of State and local health department initiatives
23 regarding performance-enhancing substances;

24 (2) the enhancement of school curricula regarding
25 performance-enhancing substances; and

26 (3) methods to educate physicians, parents, coaches, and others
27 regarding performance-enhancing substances.

28 (h) (1) On or before November 30, 2008, the Task Force shall submit an
29 interim report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance
30 with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.

31 (2) On or before July 31, 2009, the Task Force shall submit a final
32 report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with §
33 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
2 July 1, 2008. It shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and, at the end of June 30,
3 2010, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be
4 abrogated and of no further force and effect.