

HOUSE BILL 120

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By: **Delegates Stein and Krebs**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force to Study How to Improve Financial Literacy in the State**
3 **- Membership, Staffing, and Extension**

4 FOR the purpose of extending the reporting and termination provisions relating to the
5 Task Force to Study How to Improve Financial Literacy in the State; altering
6 the composition and staffing of the Task Force; making certain stylistic changes;
7 and generally relating to the Task Force to Study How to Improve Financial
8 Literacy in the State.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Chapter 186 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2008
11 Section 1 and 2

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
13 Chapter 187 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2008
14 Section 1 and 2

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

17 **Chapter 186 of the Acts of 2008**

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

20 (a) There is a Task Force to Study How to Improve Financial Literacy in the

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike-out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



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

3 (1) two members of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the
4 President of the Senate;

5 (2) two members of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker
6 of the House;

7 (3) the State Superintendent of Schools, or the Superintendent's
8 designee;

9 (4) the Secretary of Housing and Community Development, or the
10 Secretary's designee;

11 (5) the Chief of the Consumer Protection Division of the Office of the
12 Attorney General, or the Chief's designee;

13 (6) the Commissioner of Financial Regulation in the Department of
14 Labor, Licensing, and Regulation, or the Commissioner's designee;

15 **(7) THE STATE TREASURER, OR THE TREASURER'S DESIGNEE;**

16 **(8) THE SECRETARY OF LABOR, LICENSING, AND REGULATION,**
17 **OR THE SECRETARY'S DESIGNEE;**

18 **[(7)] (9)** the following members, appointed jointly by the President of
19 the Senate and the Speaker of the House:

20 (i) two representatives of the Maryland State Teachers
21 Association, one of whom teaches a course involving principles of financial literacy;

22 (ii) one representative of the American Federation of Teachers;

23 (iii) one representative from the consumer credit counseling
24 industry; and

25 (iv) two representatives from a community development
26 corporation or a community-focused nonprofit organization; and

27 **[(8)] (10)** the following members, appointed by the Governor:

28 (i) one representative of the Maryland State Board of
29 Education;

1 (ii) one representative of the Maryland Council on Economic
2 Education;

3 (iii) **ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE MARYLAND COALITION**
4 **FOR FINANCIAL LITERACY;**

5 [(iii)] (iv) one representative of a State-chartered community
6 bank;

7 [(iv)] (v) one representative of a State-chartered credit union;

8 [(v)] (vi) one representative of a federal-chartered bank or
9 savings bank that has a branch in Maryland;

10 [(vi)] (vii) one representative of a federal-chartered credit union
11 headquartered in Maryland; and

12 [(vii)] (viii) one licensed mortgage broker holding the Maryland
13 Association of Mortgage Brokers' "Lending Seal of Integrity".

14 (c) (1) The President of the Senate shall designate one of the members
15 appointed from the Senate as co-chair of the Task Force.

16 (2) The Speaker of the House shall designate one of the members
17 appointed from the House as co-chair of the Task Force.

18 (d) The Department of Legislative Services **AND THE DEPARTMENT OF**
19 **LABOR, LICENSING, AND REGULATION** shall **JOINTLY** provide staff for the Task
20 Force.

21 (e) A member of the Task Force:

22 (1) may not receive compensation as a member of the Task Force; but

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

25 (f) The Task Force shall:

26 (1) study the current ability of high school students to understand
27 basic financial concepts;

28 (2) evaluate the current provision of financial literacy education in
29 Maryland's public schools;

30 (3) assess the utility of financial literacy education as part of primary
31 and secondary education;

1 (4) study the current ability of consumers over the age of 21 who have
2 achieved a high school diploma to understand basic financial concepts;

3 (5) study the problems created for the average consumer by a lack of
4 financial literacy or knowledge, including an inability to:

5 (i) determine how to set financial goals;

6 (ii) establish basic household budgets;

7 (iii) locate the best-priced financial services products relative to
8 current economic situations;

9 (iv) understand how credit can improve or impede progress
10 toward financial goals; and

11 (v) evaluate offers for products; and

12 (6) make recommendations regarding:

13 (i) how to address the problems identified under item (5) of this
14 subsection; and

15 (ii) the benefits and drawbacks of requiring financial literacy
16 education as part of primary and secondary education.

17 (g) On or before December 1, [2008] **2009**, the Task Force shall report to the
18 Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the
19 General Assembly regarding its findings and recommendations.

20 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
21 July 1, 2008. It shall remain effective for a period of [1 year] **2 YEARS** and, at the end
22 of June 30, [2009] **2010**, with no further action required by the General Assembly,
23 this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

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Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.