

HOUSE BILL 274

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force on the Correlation Between Population Size of Middle and High**
3 **Schools and Academic Achievement**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing a Task Force on the Correlation Between Population
5 Size of Middle and High Schools and Academic Achievement; establishing the
6 membership and staffing of the Task Force; providing for the designation of the
7 chair of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to evaluate and make policy
8 recommendations regarding certain issues; prohibiting a member of the Task
9 Force from receiving certain compensation; authorizing a member of the Task
10 Force to receive certain reimbursements; requiring the Task Force to submit a
11 certain report to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain
12 date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the
13 Task Force on the Correlation Between Population Size of Middle and High
14 Schools and Academic Achievement.

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

17 (a) There is a Task Force on the Correlation Between Population Size of
18 Middle and High Schools and Academic Achievement.

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

20 (1) one member of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President
21 of the Senate;

22 (2) one member of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of
23 the House;

24 (3) the State Superintendent of Schools, or the Superintendent's
25 designee;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (4) the president of the Maryland State Teachers Association, or the
2 president's designee; and

3 (5) the president of the Maryland Parent-Teacher Association, or the
4 president's designee.

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

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

8 (e) A member of the Task Force:

9 (1) may not receive compensation for serving on the Task Force; but

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

12 (f) The Task Force shall:

13 (1) conduct a study of the student population size of Maryland's
14 middle and high schools, that:

15 (i) compares the student population size of Maryland schools to
16 the student population size of middle and high schools in surrounding states;

17 (ii) compares the student population size of Maryland schools to
18 the student population size of the highest performing middle and high schools in the
19 United States; and

20 (iii) compares the student population size of Maryland schools to
21 the student population size of all middle and high schools in the United States;

22 (2) conduct a study of contemporary research on the correlation
23 between the student population size of middle and high schools and the academic
24 achievement of students; and

25 (3) identify and make recommendations on the optimum student
26 population for Maryland middle and high schools.

27 (g) On or before December 1, 2010, the Task Force shall report its findings
28 and recommendations to the Governor, and in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State
29 Government Article, the General Assembly.

30 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
31 October 1, 2009. It shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and, at the end of

1 September 30, 2011, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act
2 shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.