

SENATE BILL 755

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By: **Senator Pugh**

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force to Study High School Dropout Rates of Persons in the Criminal**
3 **Justice System**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing the Task Force to Study High School Dropout Rates
5 of Persons in the Criminal Justice System; providing for the membership and
6 staffing of the Task Force; requiring the Governor to designate the chair of the
7 Task Force; providing that a member of the Task Force may not receive
8 compensation as a member of the Task Force but is entitled to a certain
9 reimbursement; requiring the Task Force to study certain issues and to make
10 certain reports to the Governor and General Assembly; providing for the
11 termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Task Force to Study High
12 School Dropout Rates of Persons in the Criminal Justice System.

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

15 (a) There is a Task Force to Study High School Dropout Rates of Persons in
16 the Criminal Justice System.

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

18 (1) two members of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the
19 President of the Senate;

20 (2) two members of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker
21 of the House;

22 (3) the State Superintendent of Education, or the Superintendent's
23 designee;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (4) the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services, or the
2 Secretary's designee;

3 (5) one representative of the Office of the Public Defender; and

4 (6) one representative of the Office of the Attorney General.

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

6 (d) The Department of Budget and Management shall provide staff for the
7 Task Force.

8 (e) A member of the Task Force:

9 (1) may not receive compensation as a member of 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) study the high school dropout statistics of people who have been
14 incarcerated, arrested, or otherwise processed through the criminal justice system;
15 and

16 (2) study the fiscal impact on the criminal justice system of people who
17 have dropped out of high school.

18 (g) On or before December 31, 2011, the Task Force shall report its findings
19 to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the
20 General Assembly.

21 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
22 June 1, 2011. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of May 31,
23 2012, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be
24 abrogated and of no further force and effect.