

HOUSE BILL 724

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By: **Delegates Kaiser, Carr, Frick, Luedtke, B. Robinson, Stocksdales, Stukes, Summers, Washington, and Zucker**

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Department of Education – School Guidance Counselors – Reporting**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring local school systems to report certain information on
4 school guidance counselors to the State Department of Education on or before a
5 certain date; requiring the State Department of Education to report certain
6 information to the General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for
7 the termination of this Act; and generally relating to reporting of information on
8 school guidance counselors.

9 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
10 MARYLAND, That:

11 (a) On or before December 31, 2012, each local school system shall submit to
12 the State Department of Education:

13 (1) A description of the local school system's school guidance counselor
14 program, including:

15 (i) Data relating to the number of school guidance counselors
16 employed by the local school system;

17 (ii) The general duties and responsibilities of the school
18 guidance counselors; and

19 (iii) The activities of the school guidance counselors that are
20 designed to promote the college readiness of students in grades 6 through 12; and

21 (2) Any other information requested by the State Department of
22 Education for purposes of subsection (b) of this section.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (b) On or before December 31, 2013, the State Department of Education shall
2 submit a report to the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State
3 Government Article, on:

4 (1) The data collected and information compiled under subsection (a)
5 of this section; and

6 (2) The feasibility of and costs associated with the establishment of a
7 college readiness program implemented through school guidance counselors that
8 targets students in grades 6 through 12.

9 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
10 July 1, 2012. It shall remain effective for a period 2 years and, at the end of June 30,
11 2014, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be
12 abrogated and of no further force and effect.