

HOUSE BILL 724

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Department of Education – School Guidance Counselors and Pupil**
3 **Personnel Workers – Reporting**

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

11 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
12 MARYLAND, That:

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

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

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

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

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1 (ii) The general duties and responsibilities of the school
2 guidance counselors; ~~and~~

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

5 (iv) The number of students each school guidance counselor is
6 responsible for at the school;

7 (2) A description of the local school system's pupil personnel worker
8 program, including:

9 (i) Data relating to the number of pupil personnel workers
10 employed by the local school system;

11 (ii) The general duties and responsibilities of the pupil
12 personnel workers; and

13 (iii) The number of students each pupil personnel worker is
14 responsible for at the school; and

15 ~~(2)~~ (3) Any other information requested by the State Department of
16 Education for purposes of subsection (b) of this section.

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

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

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

25 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
26 July 1, 2012. It shall remain effective for a period 2 years and, at the end of June 30,
27 2014, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be
28 abrogated and of no further force and effect.