

SENATE BILL 721

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By: **Senator Zirkin**

Introduced and read first time: February 3, 2012

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force on Climate Control in Public Schools in Baltimore County**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Task Force on Climate Control in Public Schools
4 in Baltimore County; providing for the composition, chairs, and staffing of the
5 Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving certain
6 compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses;
7 requiring the Task Force to study and make recommendations regarding certain
8 matters; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to
9 the Baltimore County Senate Delegation, the Baltimore County House
10 Delegation, the Baltimore County Board of Education, the Board of Public
11 Works, the Interagency Committee on School Construction, and the Baltimore
12 County Executive on or before a certain date; defining a certain term; providing
13 for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Task Force on
14 Climate Control in Public Schools in Baltimore County.

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

17 (a) (1) In this section, “climate control” means a system for regulating
18 temperature and humidity.

19 (2) “Climate control” includes heating and cooling systems and ducted
20 and ductless systems.

21 (b) There is a Task Force on Climate Control in Public Schools in Baltimore
22 County.

23 (c) The Task Force consists of the following members:

24 (1) the Chair of the Baltimore County Senators, or the Chair’s
25 designee;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (2) the Chair of the Baltimore County House Delegation, or the
2 Chair's designee;

3 (3) one member appointed by the Baltimore County Executive;

4 (4) one member of the Baltimore County Council, appointed by the
5 Chair of the Baltimore County Council;

6 (5) one member appointed by the Baltimore County Board of
7 Education;

8 (6) one member representing the Office of Physical Facilities of
9 Baltimore County Public Schools, appointed by the Baltimore County Board of
10 Education;

11 (7) one member appointed by the Parent Teacher Association Council
12 of Baltimore County;

13 (8) one representative from the Teachers Association of Baltimore
14 County; and

15 (9) one representative from the Interagency Committee on School
16 Construction.

17 (d) The Chair of the Baltimore County Senators, or the Chair's designee, and
18 the Chair of the Baltimore County House Delegation, or the Chair's designee, jointly
19 shall serve as cochairs of the Task Force.

20 (e) The Office of the Baltimore County Executive shall provide staff for the
21 Task Force.

22 (f) A member of the Task Force:

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

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

26 (g) The Task Force shall make recommendations on the following issues:

27 (1) the effects of inadequate climate control on student and teacher
28 performances;

29 (2) the costs of providing climate control for all public schools in
30 Baltimore County in a timely manner;

1 (3) the projected timeline for providing climate control for all public
2 schools in Baltimore County;

3 (4) funding mechanisms and strategies for providing climate control
4 for all public schools in all Baltimore County; and

5 (5) the prioritization of public schools within Baltimore County for
6 receiving climate control.

7 (h) On or before July 1, 2013, the Task Force shall report its findings and
8 recommendations to the Baltimore County Senators, the Baltimore County House
9 Delegation, the Baltimore County Board of Education, the Board of Public Works, the
10 Interagency Committee on School Construction, and the Baltimore County Executive.

11 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
12 July 1, 2012. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and 6 months and, at the
13 end of December 31, 2013, with no further action required by the General Assembly,
14 this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.