

SENATE BILL 983

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By: **Senator Ferguson**

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Assigned to: Rules

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force to Develop a Creativity and Innovation Index for Maryland**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Task Force to Develop a Creativity and
4 Innovation Index for Maryland; providing for the composition, chair, and
5 staffing of the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from
6 receiving certain compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain
7 expenses; requiring the Task Force to study and make recommendations
8 regarding certain matters; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and
9 recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a
10 certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to
11 the Task Force to Develop a Creativity and Innovation Index for Maryland.

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

14 (a) There is a Task Force to Develop a Creativity and Innovation Index for
15 Maryland.

16 (b) The Task Force consists of the following 11 members:

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

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

21 (3) the State Superintendent of Schools, or the Superintendent's
22 designee;

23 (4) the Secretary of Business and Economic Development, or the
24 Secretary's designee; and

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



- 1 (5) the following five members, appointed by the Governor:
- 2 (i) one representative of local school superintendents;
- 3 (ii) one representative of public school teachers;
- 4 (iii) one representative of the Maryland Parent Teacher
5 Association;
- 6 (iv) one representative of the Maryland State Arts Council; and
- 7 (v) one representative of the Maryland Chamber of Commerce.
- 8 (c) The Governor shall designate the chair of the Task Force.
- 9 (d) The Maryland State Department of Education shall provide staff for the
10 Task Force.
- 11 (e) A member of the Task Force:
- 12 (1) may not receive compensation as a member of the Task Force; but
- 13 (2) is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard
14 State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.
- 15 (f) The Task Force shall:
- 16 (1) study how to measure the opportunities for Maryland students to
17 engage in innovative work, including core curriculum classes and the availability of
18 before and after school programs that provide creative opportunities for students,
19 including arts education, debate clubs, science fairs, theater performances, concerts,
20 and filmmaking;
- 21 (2) consult, as appropriate, with individuals who are experts or have
22 experience in innovation in the fields of business, science, technology, mathematics,
23 engineering, and arts education; and
- 24 (3) make recommendations regarding the creation of a Creativity and
25 Innovation Index for Maryland to measure the opportunities for Maryland students to
26 engage in innovative work in K–12 schools.
- 27 (g) On or before December 31, 2013, 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.

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
2 July 1, 2012. It shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and, at the end of June
3 30, 2014, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be
4 abrogated and of no further force and effect.