

## Chapter 392

(House Bill 813)

AN ACT concerning

### **Task Force to Study the Impact of Expanding Credit and Noncredit Courses for Students with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities**

FOR the purpose of establishing the Task Force to Study the Impact of Expanding Credit and Noncredit Courses for Students with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving certain compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses; requiring the Task Force to study and make recommendations regarding certain matters; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Task Force to Study the Impact of Expanding Credit and Noncredit Courses for Students with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities.

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

(a) There is a Task Force to Study the Impact of Expanding Credit and Noncredit Courses for Students with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities.

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

(1) one member of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of the Senate;

(2) one member of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of the House;

(3) the Secretary of Higher Education, or the Secretary's designee;

(4) the Chancellor of the University System of Maryland, or the Chancellor's designee;

(5) the President of Morgan State University, or the President's designee;

(6) the President of St. Mary's College of Maryland, or the President's designee;

~~(7) the President of a community college, appointed by the Maryland Association of Community Colleges, or the President's designee; the President of Baltimore City Community College, or the President's designee;~~

~~(8) (8) the Executive Director of the Maryland Association of Community Colleges, or the Executive Director's designee; and~~

~~(8) (9) the Assistant State Superintendent for Rehabilitation Services, or the Assistant State Superintendent's designee;~~

~~(9) (10) the Secretary of the Maryland Department of Disabilities, or the Secretary's designee;~~

~~(10) (11) the Director of the Developmental Disabilities Administration, or the Director's designee; and~~

~~(11) the Chair of the Maryland Commission on Disabilities, or the Chair's designee; and~~

~~(9) (12) the following members, appointed by the Governor:~~

~~(i) two individuals with an intellectual or a developmental disability;~~

~~(ii) one employer of individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities; and~~

~~(ii) (iii) three representatives of organizations that represent individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.~~

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

(d) The Maryland Higher Education Commission shall provide staff for the Task Force.

(e) A member of the Task Force:

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

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

(f) The Task Force shall:

(1) study the impact of credit and expanding the availability of credit and noncredit course offerings for students with intellectual and developmental disabilities at public institutions of higher education in the State, including costs, distance learning options, pathways to meaningful credentials or gainful employment, as defined in regulations adopted under Title IV of the federal Higher Education Act, barriers, and logistics; and

(2) make recommendations regarding the expansion of credit and noncredit course offerings for students with intellectual and developmental disabilities at public institutions of higher education in the State.

(g) On or before January 1, 2014, the Task Force shall report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2013. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of June 30, 2014, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

**Approved by the Governor, May 2, 2013.**