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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Commission on the Establishment of a Maryland Educators Service**  
3 **Memorial**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing the Commission on the Establishment of a Maryland  
5 Educators Service Memorial; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing  
6 of the Commission; requiring that the members of the Commission be appointed  
7 on or before a certain date; prohibiting a member of the Commission from  
8 receiving certain compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain  
9 expenses; specifying the duties of the Commission; requiring the Commission to  
10 report its initial findings and recommendations to the Governor and the  
11 General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of  
12 this Act; and generally relating to the Commission on the Establishment of a  
13 Maryland Educators Service Memorial.

14 Preamble

15 WHEREAS, Maryland educators dedicate their lives on a daily basis in service  
16 to the learning, care, safety, and future of the children in the State; and

17 WHEREAS, Educators are committed to nurturing the intellectual growth and  
18 character development of Maryland's children and, because of their work, instill in the  
19 children a spirit of lifelong learning and good citizenship that enriches the State; and

20 WHEREAS, Educators provide a safe and welcoming learning environment that  
21 honors every child, their heritage, and their contributions; and

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1           WHEREAS, The State recognizes the heroic service of educators in response to  
2 the tragedies of school violence and, in doing so, also seeks to recognize the everyday  
3 heroic acts shown through the dedication, compassion, and commitment of educators  
4 across the State; and

5           WHEREAS, The creation of the Maryland Educators Service Memorial would  
6 recognize the sacrifices, commitment, dedication, and contribution of all Maryland  
7 educators past, present, and future, and ensure that their service to the State and its  
8 children will be remembered and honored; now, therefore,

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

11           (a)    There is a Commission on the Establishment of a Maryland Educators  
12 Service Memorial.

13           (b)    The Commission consists of the following members:

14                   (1)   two members of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the  
15 President of the Senate;

16                   (2)   two members of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker  
17 of the House;

18                   (3)   the Secretary of General Services, or the Secretary's designee;

19                   (4)   the State Superintendent of Education, or the Superintendent's  
20 designee;

21                   (5)   a member of the State Board of Education, appointed by the  
22 President of the Board; and

23                   (6)   the following members, appointed by the Governor:

24                           (i)   two retired educators who are residents of the State and who  
25 taught in the State; and

26                           (ii)  two educators who are residents of the State and who are  
27 actively employed in the State.

28           (c)    The members of the Commission shall be appointed on or before July 15,  
29 2013.

30           (d)    The President and the Speaker shall appoint a Senator and a Delegate,  
31 respectively, to serve as cochairs.

1 (e) The State Department of Education shall provide staff for the  
2 Commission.

3 (f) A member of the Commission:

4 (1) may not receive compensation as a member of the Commission; but

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

7 (g) The Commission shall:

8 (1) identify an appropriate site on property located within the State  
9 Capitol Complex or another appropriate site in Annapolis in close proximity to the  
10 State Capitol Complex for the location of a Maryland Educators Service Memorial;

11 (2) estimate the total funding required for the design, construction,  
12 and appropriate placement of the memorial;

13 (3) consider preliminary design ideas for the construction of the  
14 memorial;

15 (4) make recommendations regarding an appropriate site for the  
16 location of the memorial and the design of the memorial; and

17 (5) provide ongoing review and recommendations regarding the  
18 funding and construction of the memorial.

19 (h) On or before December 1, 2013, the Commission shall report its initial  
20 findings and recommendations to the Governor for possible inclusion in the Fiscal  
21 Year 2015 Operating and Capital Budgets and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the  
22 State Government Article, to the General Assembly.

23 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
24 June 1, 2013. It shall remain effective for a period of 3 years and, at the end of May  
25 31, 2016, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be  
26 abrogated and of no further force and effect.