

SENATE BILL 433

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By: **Senators Ferguson, Colburn, Klausmeier, Madaleno, Shank, and Young**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force to Study the Establishment of ~~Charter Schools for Adult~~**
3 **~~Education~~ Educational Programs for Adult Learners**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing the Task Force to Study the Establishment of ~~Charter~~
5 ~~Schools for Adult Education~~ Educational Programs for Adult Learners;
6 providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Task Force; prohibiting
7 a member of the Task Force from receiving certain compensation, but
8 authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses; establishing the duties of
9 the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to report, on or before a certain date,
10 its findings and recommendations to the Governor, the Senate Education,
11 Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee, and the House Committee on
12 Ways and Means; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally
13 relating to the Task Force to Study the Establishment of ~~Charter Schools for~~
14 ~~Adult Education~~ Educational Programs for Adult Learners.

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

17 (a) There is a Task Force to Study the Establishment of ~~Charter Schools for~~
18 ~~Adult Education~~ Educational Programs for Adult Learners.

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

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

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

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

5 (4) the Secretary of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation, or the
6 Secretary's designee;

7 (5) one representative of the Maryland Association of Boards of
8 Education, appointed by the Executive Director of the Association; and

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

10 (i) one representative of the Governor's Workforce Investment
11 Board;

12 (ii) one representative of an employee organization of public
13 school teachers;

14 (iii) two representatives of the charter school community;

15 (iv) two representatives of the adult literacy community;

16 (v) one representative of the business community; and

17 (vi) one representative of a local school district.

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

19 (d) The State Department of Education and the Department of Labor,
20 Licensing, and Regulation shall provide the staff for the Task Force.

21 (e) A member of the Task Force:

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

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

25 (f) The Task Force shall:

26 (1) determine whether a structure for establishing and operating
27 ~~charter schools for adult education~~ educational programs for adult learners is needed
28 and would be beneficial to the State; and

1 (2) if a structure for establishing and operating ~~charter schools for~~
2 ~~adult education~~ educational programs for adult learners is determined to be necessary
3 and beneficial to the State, study and make recommendations on:

4 (i) the appropriate structure for establishing and operating ~~a~~
5 ~~charter school program for adult education~~ educational programs for adult learners in
6 the State;

7 (ii) ~~the feasibility of funding charter schools for adult education~~
8 ~~through the Maryland Public Charter School Program, or alternative funding~~
9 ~~mechanisms and sources, or both;~~

10 (ii) a funding source for educational programs for adult
11 learners;

12 (iii) whether an exception to the age limits for public funding of
13 education should be created to allow students over 21 years old to be ~~admitted free of~~
14 ~~charge to charter schools for adult education~~ able to access public primary and
15 secondary education funding for educational programs for adult learners;

16 (iv) the appropriate entity to authorize and provide oversight for
17 ~~charter schools for adult education~~ educational programs for adult learners;

18 (v) the appropriate methods of providing accountability for
19 ~~charter schools for adult education~~ educational programs for adult learners;

20 (vi) the qualifications required for an entity to apply to become ~~a~~
21 ~~charter school for adult education~~ an educational program for adult learners; and

22 (vii) the statutory provisions required to establish a structure for
23 ~~charter schools for adult education~~ educational programs for adult learners in the
24 State.

25 (g) On or before December 1, 2013, the Task Force shall report its findings
26 and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State
27 Government Article, the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs
28 Committee and the House Committee on Ways and Means.

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