

SENATE BILL 124

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(PRE-FILED)

By: **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By Request – Departmental – Education)**

Requested: November 5, 2013

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education Coordinating Committee and Lida Lee Tall Learning Resources**
3 **Center – Repeal**

4 FOR the purpose of repealing the Education Coordinating Committee and the Lida
5 Lee Tall Learning Resources Center; and generally relating to the Education
6 Coordinating Committee and the Lida Lee Tall Learning Resources Center.

7 BY repealing

8 Article – Education

9 Section 24–101 through 24–106 and the subtitle “Subtitle 1. Education
10 Coordinating Committee”

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
14 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

15 **Article – Education**

16 **[Subtitle 1. Education Coordinating Committee.]**

17 **[24–101.**

18 **There is an Education Coordinating Committee.]**

19 **[24–102.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 The Education Coordinating Committee consists of eight members. Of the
2 members:

3 (1) Three shall be members of the State Board of Education selected
4 by its President;

5 (2) Three shall be members of the Maryland Higher Education
6 Commission selected by its Chairman;

7 (3) One shall be the State Superintendent of Schools ex officio; and

8 (4) One shall be the Secretary of Higher Education ex officio.]

9 [24–103.

10 (a) The Education Coordinating Committee:

11 (1) Shall elect one of its members as its chairman; and

12 (2) May elect any other officer it requires.

13 (b) The Committee:

14 (1) Shall meet at least 4 times a year;

15 (2) May meet at other times;

16 (3) May determine the time and place of its meetings; and

17 (4) May adopt rules for the conduct of its meetings.]

18 [24–104.

19 (a) The Education Coordinating Committee shall coordinate the policies and
20 activities of:

21 (1) The State Board of Education;

22 (2) The State Superintendent of Schools;

23 (3) The Maryland Higher Education Commission; and

24 (4) The Secretary of Higher Education.

25 (b) On its own motion or if requested by the State Board of Education or the
26 Maryland Higher Education Commission, the Education Coordinating Committee
27 shall study and make policy recommendations on matters concerning both:

1 (1) Elementary and secondary education; and

2 (2) Higher education.]

3 [24–105.

4 The State Department of Education and the Maryland Higher Education
5 Commission shall provide staff assistance to the Education Coordinating Committee.]

6 [24–106.

7 (a) There is a Lida Lee Tall Learning Resources Center.

8 (b) The purpose of the Lida Lee Tall Learning Resources Center is to provide
9 an accessible laboratory environment for:

10 (1) Training students from public institutions of higher education to
11 be teachers in elementary schools by providing students the opportunity for early field
12 experience;

13 (2) Identifying and addressing appropriate early childhood and
14 elementary education research needs and priorities in this State;

15 (3) Providing opportunities for demonstration and observation of
16 effective teaching practices; and

17 (4) Providing in–service and staff development opportunities for
18 faculty from teacher education programs, prospective principals and experienced
19 teachers in Maryland elementary schools.

20 (c) The Governor shall appoint a board of trustees to govern the Lida Lee
21 Tall Learning Resources Center who shall:

22 (1) Establish policy and exercise general control over the Lida Lee Tall
23 Learning Resources Center;

24 (2) Appoint the principal and, upon the recommendation of the
25 principal, appoint all professional and support staff and determine the salaries of the
26 professional and support staff;

27 (3) Authorize the curricula to be used;

28 (4) Determine admission requirements for students;

29 (5) Set tuition; and

1 (6) Encourage collaboration between the Lida Lee Tall Learning
2 Resources Center and the public institutions of higher education in Maryland.

3 (d) (1) The Board of Trustees shall consist of 11 members. Of the
4 members:

5 (i) 3 shall be board members, officers, or employees of
6 institutions of higher education in the State of Maryland;

7 (ii) 3 shall be board members, officers, or employees of local
8 education agencies in the State of Maryland;

9 (iii) 1 shall be a Board member, officer, or employee of the
10 Maryland State Department of Education;

11 (iv) 1 shall be a Board member, officer, or employee of the
12 Maryland Higher Education Commission;

13 (v) 1 shall be the current President of the Lida Lee Tall
14 Learning Resources Center Parent–Teacher Association; and

15 (vi) 2 shall be public members.

16 (2) Each member shall serve no more than 2 terms of 3 years each
17 beginning July 1, 1984, except initially 5 members shall serve for a 2–year term.

18 (3) Each year, the Board shall elect from among the members a
19 chairman and any other officers required.

20 (4) Each member of the Board is entitled to reimbursement for
21 expenses in accordance with the Standard State Travel Regulations.

22 (e) The proposed annual program plan and budget of the Lida Lee Tall
23 Learning Resources Center Board of Trustees shall be reviewed and approved by the
24 Education Coordinating Committee prior to submission to the Governor. At the close
25 of each fiscal year, the Board of Trustees shall submit to the Education Coordinating
26 Committee an annual financial report in such form as determined by the Education
27 Coordinating Committee.

28 (f) Funds for the operation of the Lida Lee Tall Learning Resources Center
29 shall be as provided in the budget.

30 (g) The Lida Lee Tall Learning Resources Center may receive and spend any
31 grant or gift budgeted or provided for it.]

32 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
33 July 1, 2014.