

HOUSE BILL 211

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Introduced and read first time: January 30, 2015

Assigned to: Appropriations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force to Study Pay It Forward**

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

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

12 That:

13 (a) There is a Task Force to Study Pay It Forward.

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

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

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

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

20 (4) the State Treasurer, or the State Treasurer's designee;

21 (5) a representative from the University System of Maryland, appointed by
22 the Chancellor of the University System of Maryland;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (6) a representative from Morgan State University, appointed by the
2 President of Morgan State University;

3 (7) a representative from St. Mary's College of Maryland, appointed by the
4 President of St. Mary's College of Maryland;

5 (8) the Executive Director of the Maryland Association of Community
6 Colleges;

7 (9) the Executive Director of the Maryland Independent College and
8 University Association;

9 (10) one member of the public with public financial advisory expertise,
10 appointed by the Governor;

11 (11) one member of the public with public underwriting expertise, appointed
12 by the Governor; and

13 (12) a representative from Davenport & Company.

14 (c) The Secretary of Higher Education, or the Secretary's designee, shall be the
15 chair of the Task Force.

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

18 (e) A member of the Task Force:

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

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

22 (f) The Task Force shall:

23 (1) examine the possibility of replacing the current system of charging
24 students tuition and fees upfront to attend a public institution or school in the State with
25 the concept of Pay It Forward, which would allow students to attend higher education and
26 then pay for the education received with a percent of their gross income for a certain
27 number of years;

28 (2) investigate the model used at Yale University regarding tuition and
29 fees being paid retroactively as a percent of wages earned by the student and identify best
30 practices;

1 (3) examine similar proposals, studies, and reports in Oregon, New Jersey,
2 Ohio, and Pennsylvania;

3 (4) analyze the possibility of long-term private financing as the seed money
4 for a Pay It Forward program until such program can be self-sustaining, including
5 feasibility of private donations and private foundations; and

6 (5) make recommendations on:

7 (i) the possible implementation, feasibility, and phase-in schedule
8 of a Pay It Forward program;

9 (ii) potential problems with a Pay It Forward program in the State;

10 (iii) how to determine the payback percentage per year and the
11 number of years payback should occur; and

12 (iv) any additional findings of the Task Force.

13 (g) On or before December 1, 2016, the Task Force shall report its findings and
14 recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State
15 Government Article, the General Assembly.

16 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
17 1, 2015. It shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and, at the end of June 30, 2017,
18 with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and
19 of no further force and effect.