

Chapter 647

(House Bill 1087)

AN ACT concerning

Task Force to Study a Promise Scholarship Program in Prince George's County**PG 438-16**

FOR the purpose of establishing the Task Force to Study a Promise Scholarship Program in Prince George's County; 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 Prince George's County Executive 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 a Promise Scholarship Program in Prince George's County.

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

(a) There is a Task Force to Study a Promise Scholarship Program in Prince George's County.

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

(1) one member of the Prince George's County House Delegation, appointed by the Chair of the Prince George's County House Delegation;

(2) one member of the Prince George's County Senate Delegation, appointed by the Chair of the Prince George's County Senate Delegation;

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

(4) the President of Prince George's Community College, or the President's designee;

(5) the Chair of the Prince George's County Council, or the Chair's designee;

(6) the Chief Executive Officer of the Prince George's County Public School System, or the Chief Executive Officer's designee;

(7) the President of the Prince George's County Economic Development Corporation, or the President's designee;

(8) the Director of the Prince George's County Department of Housing and Community Development, or the Director's designee;

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

(10) the President of the Prince George's County Chamber of Commerce, or the President's designee;

(11) the President of the Greater Prince George's Business Roundtable, or the President's designee; ~~and~~

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

(13) the President of Bowie State University, or the President's designee;
and

~~(12)~~ (14) the following members, appointed by the Prince George's County Executive:

Trustees;

(i) one member of the Prince George's Community College Board of

(ii) one student who attends Prince George's Community College;

(iii) one Prince George's County business owner; ~~and~~

(iv) one representative of Civic Nation; and

(v) one representative of the Prince George's County Educators' Association.

(c) The President of Prince George's Community College shall chair the Task Force.

(d) The Office of the President of Prince George's Community College 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 feasibility of creating a Prince George's County Promise Scholarship Program to provide scholarships to pay for tuition and mandatory fees not covered by federal or State financial aid for graduates of Prince George's County public high schools who enroll at Prince George's Community College; and

(2) make recommendations regarding:

(i) the feasibility of creating the Program;

(ii) academic and financial eligibility requirements for the Program;

(iii) funding sources for the Program; and

(iv) academic and social supports to help students succeed in the Program.

(g) On or before January 1, 2017, the Task Force shall report its findings and recommendations to the Prince George's County Executive 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 June 1, 2016. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of May 31, 2017, 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 19, 2016.