

HOUSE BILL 1195

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By: **Delegate Lam**

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Assigned to: Appropriations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force to Reduce Recidivism and Reform Correctional Education**

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

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

13 That:

14 (a) There is a Task Force to Reduce Recidivism and Reform Correctional
15 Education.

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

17 (1) one member of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of
18 the Senate;

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

21 (3) two representatives of the Department of Labor, Licensing, and
22 Regulation, including one from Correctional Education, appointed by the Secretary of
23 Labor, Licensing, and Regulation;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (4) a representative of the State Department of Education, appointed by
2 the State Superintendent of Schools;

3 (5) two representatives of the Department of Public Safety and
4 Correctional Services, including one from Maryland Correctional Enterprises, appointed by
5 the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services; and

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

7 (i) one representative of the Maryland Parole Commission;

8 (ii) one representative of the Maryland Commission on Correctional
9 Standards;

10 (iii) one former or current member of the Correctional Education
11 Association; and

12 (iv) one representative of the business community.

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

14 (d) The Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation shall provide staff for
15 the Task Force.

16 (e) A member of the Task Force:

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

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

20 (f) The Task Force shall study and make recommendations regarding:

21 (1) the adequacy of resources used in State correctional education,
22 including State, local, and private funding;

23 (2) the quality and effectiveness of current correctional education
24 programs for adult and juvenile offenders, including the use of computers and technology;

25 (3) the benefits of correctional education programs collaborating with
26 institutions of higher education, businesses and the private sector, prison industries, and
27 treatment programs;

28 (4) the optimal system for State oversight and management of correctional
29 education; and

1 (5) the collection of data and outcome measures for participants in
2 correctional education programs.

3 (g) On or before December 31, 2016, the Task Force shall report its findings and
4 recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State
5 Government Article, the General Assembly.

6 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June
7 1, 2016. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and 1 month, and at the end of June
8 30, 2017, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be
9 abrogated and of no further force and effect.