

HOUSE BILL 1543

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By: **Delegate Conaway**

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Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force to Study the Feasibility of Installing Solar Panels on Baltimore City**
3 **Public Schools**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing the Task Force to Study the Feasibility of Installing Solar
5 Panels on Baltimore City Public Schools; providing for the composition, chair, and
6 staffing of the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving
7 certain compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses;
8 requiring the Task Force to study and make recommendations regarding certain
9 matters; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the
10 Baltimore City Delegation to the General Assembly on or before a certain date;
11 providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Task Force to
12 Study the Feasibility of Installing Solar Panels on Baltimore City Public Schools.

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

15 (a) There is a Task Force to Study the Feasibility of Installing Solar Panels on
16 Baltimore City Public Schools.

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

18 (1) the Director of the Interagency Committee on School Construction, or
19 the Director's designee;

20 (2) a representative of the Baltimore City Public School System, appointed
21 by the Baltimore City Public School System;

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

23 (4) the Director of the Maryland Energy Administration, or the Director's
24 designee; and

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (5) a representative of the Public Service Commission, appointed by the
2 Public Service Commission.

3 (c) The Director of the Interagency Committee on School Construction, or the
4 Director's designee, shall chair the Task Force.

5 (d) The Interagency Committee on School Construction shall provide staff for the
6 Task Force.

7 (e) A member of the Task Force:

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

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

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

12 (1) the feasibility of installing solar panels on Baltimore City public
13 schools;

14 (2) whether the solar panels could be installed during construction or
15 renovation of a public school;

16 (3) whether the installation of solar panels on a public school would
17 produce enough energy:

18 (i) for the operation of the school; and

19 (ii) to sell back to the grid;

20 (4) whether the installation of solar panels on a public school would reduce
21 Baltimore City's expenditures; and

22 (5) any other factor that the Task Force considers necessary to make its
23 recommendations.

24 (g) On or before December 31, 2017, the Task Force shall report its findings and
25 recommendations to the Baltimore City Delegation to the General Assembly, in accordance
26 with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article.

27 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June
28 1, 2017. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of May 31, 2018, with
29 no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no
30 further force and effect.