

# SENATE BILL 696

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## ENROLLED BILL

— Finance/Health and Government Operations —

Introduced by **Senators Feldman, Astle, Benson, Hershey, ~~and Reilly~~ Reilly, Jennings, Klausmeier, Mathias, Middleton, Oaks, and Rosapepe**

Read and Examined by Proofreaders:

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock, \_\_\_\_\_ M.

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President.

### CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

### 2 **Task Force on Long-Term Care Education and Planning**

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

11 Preamble

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#### EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.

*Italics indicate opposite chamber/conference committee amendments.*



1 WHEREAS, Baby boomers represent 15% of the U.S. population and Maryland is  
2 home to 1.5 million baby boomers; and

3 WHEREAS, About one-quarter of the 1.5 million baby boomers in the State will  
4 require long-term care that will cost at least \$100,000 over the course of their lifetimes,  
5 with nearly two-thirds of this population having to pay for this care out of pocket; and

6 WHEREAS, A number of Maryland residents may not understand that they may not  
7 be able to rely on the State and federal government to pay for their long-term care needs;  
8 and

9 WHEREAS, Many Maryland residents may be under a misconception that the  
10 Maryland Medical Assistance Program and other State programs will sufficiently cover the  
11 cost of their long-term care; and

12 WHEREAS, Maryland residents are in need of education regarding the cost of and  
13 need for planning for long-term care; now, therefore,

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

16 (a) There is a Task Force on Long-Term Care Education and Planning.

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

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

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

22 ~~(3)~~ (1) the Secretary of Aging, or the Secretary's designee;

23 ~~(4)~~ (2) the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, or the Secretary's  
24 designee;

25 ~~(5)~~ (3) the Maryland Insurance Commissioner, or the Commissioner's  
26 designee; and

27 ~~(6)~~ (4) the following members, appointed by the Governor:

28 (i) one representative of the Maryland Association of Certified  
29 Public Accountants;

30 (ii) one representative of the Maryland Bar Association;

1 (iii) one representative of the Financial Planning Association of  
2 Maryland;

3 (iv) one representative of the Maryland Association of Health  
4 Underwriters;

5 (v) one representative of the National Association of Insurance and  
6 Financial Advisors of Maryland; ~~and~~

7 (vi) one representative of the Maryland Association of Private  
8 Colleges and Career Schools;

9 (vii) one representative of the Health Facilities Association of  
10 Maryland; and

11 (viii) one representative of a long-term care insurer or a trade  
12 association that includes long-term care insurers.

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

14 (d) ~~The Department of Aging shall~~ United Seniors of Maryland may provide staff  
15 for 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:

21 (1) examine the status of long-term care education in the State;

22 (2) consider options for improving efforts to educate residents of the State  
23 about planning for long-term care; and

24 (3) make recommendations regarding long-term care education, including  
25 recommendations regarding education methods that will:

26 (i) ensure that no Maryland resident reaches the age of 50 without  
27 having received complete information about the risk of needing long-term care and the  
28 private options available to pay for long-term care; and

29 (ii) include information about the Maryland Medical Assistance  
30 Program, how the Program is funded, and whom the Program is intended to serve.

1 (g) On or before December 1, 2017, the Task Force shall report its findings and  
2 recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State  
3 Government Article, the General Assembly.

4 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June  
5 1, 2017. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and 1 month and, at the end of June  
6 30, 2018, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be  
7 abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Approved:

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Governor.

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President of the Senate.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.