

# SENATE BILL 696

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## 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

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

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

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

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

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

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

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

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

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

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

10 (1) one member of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of  
11 the Senate;

12 (2) one member of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of the  
13 House;

14 (3) the Secretary of Aging, or the Secretary's designee;

15 (4) the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, or the Secretary's  
16 designee;

17 (5) the Maryland Insurance Commissioner, or the Commissioner's  
18 designee; and

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

20 (i) one representative of the Maryland Association of Certified  
21 Public Accountants;

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

23 (iii) one representative of the Financial Planning Association of  
24 Maryland;

25 (iv) one representative of the Maryland Association of Health  
26 Underwriters;

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

29 (vi) one representative of the Maryland Association of Private  
30 Colleges and Career Schools;

1                   (vii) one representative of the Health Facilities Association of  
2 Maryland; and

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

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

6           (d)     The Department of Aging shall provide staff for the 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:

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

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

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

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

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

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

25           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June  
26 1, 2017. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and 1 month and, at the end of June  
27 30, 2018, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be  
28 abrogated and of no further force and effect.