

HOUSE BILL 1661

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force to Study Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and**
3 **Careers (PARCC) Testing Time**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing the Task Force to Study Partnership for Assessment of
5 Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) Testing Time; providing for the
6 composition, cochairs, and staffing of the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the
7 Task Force from receiving certain compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement
8 of certain expenses; requiring the Task Force to study and make recommendations
9 regarding certain matters; requiring the Task Force to submit a preliminary and a
10 final report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor, the State Board of
11 Education, and the General Assembly on or before certain dates; providing for the
12 termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Task Force to Study
13 Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) Testing
14 Time.

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

17 (a) There is a Task Force to Study Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for
18 College and Careers (PARCC) Testing Time.

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

20 (1) two members of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of
21 the Senate;

22 (2) two members of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of
23 the House;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



- 1 (3) the State Superintendent of Schools, or the State Superintendent's
2 designee;
- 3 (4) the Secretary of Higher Education, or the Secretary's designee; and
- 4 (5) the following members, appointed on or before June 30, 2018, by the
5 Governor:
- 6 (i) one representative of the State Board of Education;
- 7 (ii) two representatives of the Maryland State Education
8 Association;
- 9 (iii) one representative of the Baltimore Teachers Union;
- 10 (iv) one representative of the Public School Superintendents
11 Association of Maryland;
- 12 (v) one representative of the Maryland Association of Boards of
13 Education;
- 14 (vi) two representatives of the Maryland Parent Teacher Association
15 who are parents of students enrolled in Maryland public schools;
- 16 (vii) one representative of the Maryland Association of Student
17 Councils who is a student enrolled in a Maryland public school;
- 18 (viii) one academic expert whose area of expertise is educational
19 measurement;
- 20 (ix) one academic expert whose area of expertise is curriculum and
21 instruction;
- 22 (x) one representative of the Maryland Business Roundtable for
23 Education;
- 24 (xi) one representative of the Maryland Association of Elementary
25 School Principals; and
- 26 (xii) one representative from the Maryland Association of Secondary
27 School Principals.
- 28 (c) The Governor shall designate two cochairs of the Task Force.
- 29 (d) The State Department of Education shall provide staff for the Task Force.
- 30 (e) A member of the Task Force:

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

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

4 (f) The Task Force shall:

5 (1) study ways to reduce the PARCC assessment testing time;

6 (2) study alternative assessments to the PARCC assessment that have
7 shorter testing time but produce the same results; and

8 (3) make recommendations regarding the findings of the Task Force.

9 (g) On or before December 31, 2018, the Task Force shall submit a preliminary
10 report of its findings and recommendations on the matters listed in subsection (f) of this
11 section to the Governor, the State Board of Education, and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of
12 the State Government Article, the General Assembly.

13 (h) On or before December 31, 2019, the Task Force shall submit a final report of
14 its findings and recommendations on the matters listed in subsection (f) of this section to
15 the Governor, the State Board of Education, and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State
16 Government Article, the General Assembly.

17 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June
18 1, 2018. It shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and 1 month and, at the end of June
19 30, 2020, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be
20 abrogated and of no further force and effect.