

HOUSE BILL 1047

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By: **Delegates Bhandari, Sydnor, Turner, and Washington**

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force to Study Admission Practices at Public Senior Higher Education**
3 **Institutions**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing the Task Force to Study Admission Practices at Public
5 Senior Higher Education Institutions; 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 Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for the
11 termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Task Force to Study Admission
12 Practices at Public Senior Higher Education Institutions.

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

15 (a) There is a Task Force to Study Admission Practices at Public Senior Higher
16 Education Institutions.

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) the Secretary of Higher Education, or the Secretary's designee; and

23 (4) the following members, appointed by the Secretary of Higher
24 Education:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (i) three admission officers representing public senior higher
2 education institutions in the State; and

3 (ii) three chief financial officers representing public senior higher
4 education institutions in the State.

5 (c) The Secretary of Higher Education shall designate the chair of the Task Force.

6 (d) The Maryland Higher Education Commission shall provide staff for the Task
7 Force.

8 (e) A member of the Task Force:

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

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

12 (f) The Task Force shall:

13 (1) examine the admission practices of Maryland public senior higher
14 education institutions that relate to the admission of in-State versus out-of-state
15 students, including the extent to which the revenues from out-of-state tuition incentivize
16 the admission of out-of-state students over in-State students;

17 (2) for each Maryland public senior higher education institution, compile
18 data on:

19 (i) the proportion of out-of-state students; and

20 (ii) the number of in-State students who would otherwise qualify for
21 admission, but are displaced in favor of out-of-state students;

22 (3) analyze the admission policies and out-of-state and in-State
23 population trends of comparable public university systems in other states; and

24 (4) make findings and recommendations regarding the admission practices
25 of Maryland public senior higher education institutions that relate to the admission of
26 out-of-state students versus in-State students.

27 (g) On or before December 31, 2019, the Task Force shall report its findings and
28 recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State
29 Government Article, the General Assembly.

30 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
31 1, 2019. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of June 30, 2020, this

1 Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no
2 further force and effect.