A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

Task Force to Evaluate Existing School Civic Literacy Programs

FOR the purpose of establishing the Task Force to Evaluate Existing School Civic Literacy Programs; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving certain compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses; requiring the Task Force to evaluate, determine, and make recommendations regarding certain matters; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the State Department of Education, the Governor, and the General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to establishing the Task Force to Evaluate Existing School Civic Literacy Programs.

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

(a) There is a Task Force to Evaluate Existing School Civic Literacy Programs.

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

(1) five members of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of the Senate;

(2) five members of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of the House; and

(3) five members with expertise in the area of civic literacy, appointed by the Governor.

(c) The Task Force shall elect a chair from among its members.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.
The State Department of Education shall provide staff for the Task Force.

A member of the Task Force:

1. may not receive compensation as a member of the Task Force; but
2. is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

The Task Force shall:

1. evaluate existing school civic literacy programs;
2. determine a strategy for enhancing long–term civic education; and
3. make recommendations regarding a plan for implementing a civic education program.

On or before December 1, 2020, the Task Force shall report its findings and recommendations to the State Department of Education, the Governor, and, in accordance with § 2–2157 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2020. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and 1 month and, at the end of July 31, 2021, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.