

HOUSE BILL 825

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force to Evaluate Existing School Civic Literacy Programs**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Task Force to Evaluate Existing School Civic Literacy
4 Programs; and generally relating to the Task Force to Evaluate Existing School Civic
5 Literacy Programs.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

17 (d) The State Department of Education shall provide staff for the Task Force.

18 (e) A member of the Task Force:

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

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

3 (f) The Task Force shall:

4 (1) evaluate existing school civic literacy programs;

5 (2) determine a strategy for enhancing long-term civic education; and

6 (3) make recommendations regarding a plan for implementing a civic
7 education program.

8 (g) On or before December 1, 2022, the Task Force shall report its findings and
9 recommendations to the State Department of Education, the Governor, and, in accordance
10 with § 2-1257 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.

11 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
12 1, 2022. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and 1 month and, at the end of July
13 31, 2023, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be
14 abrogated and of no further force and effect.