

**SB0491/113124/1**

BY: Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 491  
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, strike beginning with “**Board**” in line 2 down through “**Negotiations**” in line 3 and substitute “– **Task Force to Study School Bus Operator Contracts and Wages**”; strike beginning with “requiring” in line 4 down through “employees” in line 9 and substitute “establishing the Task Force to Study School Bus Operator Contracts and Wages in Charles County; and generally relating to the Task Force to Study School Bus Operator Contracts and Wages”; and strike in their entirety lines 10 through 14, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, in line 16, strike “the Laws of Maryland read as follows”.

On pages 1 and 2, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 17 on page 1 through line 4 on page 2, inclusive, and substitute:

“(a) There is a Task Force to Study School Bus Operator Contracts and Wages in Charles County.

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

(1) one member of the Senate of Maryland who represents Charles County, appointed by the President of the Senate;

(2) one member of the House of Delegates who represents Charles County, appointed by the Speaker of the House;

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(3) one Charles County Commissioner, designated by the President of the Commission;

(4) the Chair of the Charles County Board of Education, or the Chair's designee;

(5) the Superintendent of Charles County Public Schools, or the Superintendent's designee;

(6) three members of the Charles County Bus Contractors Association, designated by the President of the Association; and

(7) three members of the Amalgamated Transit Union, Local 689, designated by the President of the Union.

(c) The President of the Commission shall designate the chair of the Task Force.

(d) The Maryland Department of Labor shall provide staff for the Task Force.

(e) 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.

(f) The Task Force shall:

(1) study issues related to student transportation, bus driver wages, and multiyear contracts for bus contractors in Charles County; and

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(2) research best practices in surrounding jurisdictions related to the facilitation of student transportation.

(g) On or before September 1, 2023, the Task Force shall report its findings and recommendations to the members of the Charles County delegation to the General Assembly in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government Article.”.

On page 2, in line 6, after “2023.” insert “It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of June 30, 2024, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.”.