

HOUSE BILL 1237

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Department of Education – Task Force to Study the Maryland Online ~~IEP~~**
3 **Special Education System**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing the Task Force to Study the Maryland Online ~~IEP~~ Special
5 Education System; and generally relating to the Task Force to Study the Maryland
6 Online ~~IEP~~ Special Education System.

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

9 (a) (1) In this section, “system” means the Maryland Online ~~IEP~~ Special
10 Education System.

11 (2) “System” includes:

12 (i) the Maryland Online Individualized Education Program; and

13 (ii) the Maryland Online Individualized Family Service Plan.

14 (b) There is a Task Force to Study the Maryland Online ~~IEP~~ Special Education
15 System.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 (c) The Task Force consists of:

2 (1) the Assistant State Superintendent of Early Intervention and Special
3 Education Services, or the Assistant State Superintendent's designee;

4 (2) the Chief Information Officer of the Office of Information Technology in
5 the State Department of Education, or the Chief Information Officer's designee; and

6 (3) the following members, appointed by the State Superintendent of
7 Schools:

8 (i) three general education public school teachers, representing an
9 urban, a suburban, and a rural local school system;

10 (ii) three special education public school teachers, representing a
11 large, medium, and small local school system;

12 (iii) three experienced Individualized Family Service Plan
13 coordinators;

14 ~~(iii)~~ (iv) one representative of the Maryland State ~~Educators~~
15 Education Association;

16 ~~(iv)~~ (v) one representative of a special education advocacy
17 organization; and

18 ~~(v)~~ (vi) two parents of students enrolled in a public school that
19 have an individualized education program.

20 (d) The State Superintendent shall designate the chair of the Task Force.

21 (e) The State Department of Education shall provide staff for the Task Force.

22 (f) A member of the Task Force:

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

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

26 (g) The Task Force shall:

27 (1) study the effectiveness, functionality, and usability of the Maryland
28 Online ~~IEP System~~ Individualized Education Program and the Maryland Online
29 Individualized Family Service Plan;

1 (2) determine the availability of other platforms and how other platforms
2 compare to the current system in terms of effectiveness, functionality, usability, and cost;

3 (3) evaluate the costs of maintaining or upgrading the current system or
4 purchasing or leasing another platform; and

5 (4) make recommendations to maintain and upgrade the system or replace
6 the system with another platform as determined by the Task Force.

7 (h) On or before June 1, 2025, the Task Force shall report its findings and
8 recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State
9 Government Article, the General Assembly.

10 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
11 1, 2024. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of June 30, 2025, this
12 Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no
13 further force and effect.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.