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By: **Delegate Hixson**

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Commission on the Establishment of a Maryland Educators Service**
3 **Memorial**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing the Commission on the Establishment of a Maryland
5 Educators Service Memorial; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing
6 of the Commission; requiring that the members of the Commission be appointed
7 on or before a certain date; prohibiting a member of the Commission from
8 receiving certain compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain
9 expenses; specifying the duties of the Commission; requiring the Commission to
10 report its initial findings and recommendations to the Governor and the
11 General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of
12 this Act; and generally relating to the Commission on the Establishment of a
13 Maryland Educators Service Memorial.

14 Preamble

15 WHEREAS, Maryland educators dedicate their lives on a daily basis in service
16 to the learning, care, safety, and future of the children in the State; and

17 WHEREAS, Educators are committed to nurturing the intellectual growth and
18 character development of Maryland's children and, because of their work, instill in the
19 children a spirit of lifelong learning and good citizenship that enriches the State; and

20 WHEREAS, Educators provide a safe and welcoming learning environment that
21 honors every child, their heritage, and their contributions; and

22 WHEREAS, The State recognizes the heroic service of educators in response to
23 the tragedies of school violence and, in doing so, also seeks to recognize the everyday
24 heroic acts shown through the dedication, compassion, and commitment of educators
25 across the State; and

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 WHEREAS, The creation of the Maryland Educators Service Memorial would
2 recognize the sacrifices, commitment, dedication, and contribution of all Maryland
3 educators past, present, and future, and ensure that their service to the State and its
4 children will be remembered and honored; now, therefore,

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

7 (a) There is a Commission on the Establishment of a Maryland Educators
8 Service Memorial.

9 (b) The Commission consists of the following members:

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

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

14 (3) the Secretary of General Services, or the Secretary's designee;

15 (4) the State Superintendent of Education, or the Superintendent's
16 designee;

17 (5) a member of the State Board of Education, appointed by the
18 President of the Board; and

19 (6) the following members, appointed by the Governor:

20 (i) two retired educators who are residents of the State and who
21 taught in the State; and

22 (ii) two educators who are residents of the State and who are
23 actively employed in the State.

24 (c) The members of the Commission shall be appointed on or before July 15,
25 2013.

26 (d) The President and the Speaker shall appoint a Senator and a Delegate,
27 respectively, to serve as cochairs.

28 (e) The State Department of Education shall provide staff for the
29 Commission.

30 (f) A member of the Commission:

31 (1) may not receive compensation as a member of the Commission; but

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

3 (g) The Commission shall:

4 (1) identify an appropriate site on property located within the State
5 Capitol Complex or another appropriate site in Annapolis in close proximity to the
6 State Capitol Complex for the location of a Maryland Educators Service Memorial;

7 (2) estimate the total funding required for the design, construction,
8 and appropriate placement of the memorial;

9 (3) consider preliminary design ideas for the construction of the
10 memorial;

11 (4) make recommendations regarding an appropriate site for the
12 location of the memorial and the design of the memorial; and

13 (5) provide ongoing review and recommendations regarding the
14 funding and construction of the memorial.

15 (h) On or before December 1, 2013, the Commission shall report its initial
16 findings and recommendations to the Governor for possible inclusion in the Fiscal
17 Year 2015 Operating and Capital Budgets and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the
18 State Government Article, to the General Assembly.

19 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
20 June 1, 2013. It shall remain effective for a period of 3 years and, at the end of May
21 31, 2016, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be
22 abrogated and of no further force and effect.