

HOUSE BILL 1237

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

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

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

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

8 (a) In this section, “system” means the Maryland Online IEP System.

9 (b) There is a Task Force to Study the Maryland Online IEP System.

10 (c) The Task Force consists of:

11 (1) the Assistant State Superintendent of Early Intervention and Special
12 Education Services, or the Assistant State Superintendent’s designee;

13 (2) the Chief Information Officer of the Office of Information Technology in
14 the State Department of Education, or the Chief Information Officer’s designee; and

15 (3) the following members, appointed by the State Superintendent of
16 Schools:

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

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

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (iii) one representative of the Maryland State Educators Association;

2 (iv) one representative of a special education advocacy organization;

3 and

4 (v) two parents of students enrolled in a public school that have an
5 individualized education program.

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

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

8 (f) A member of the Task Force:

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

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

12 (g) The Task Force shall:

13 (1) study the effectiveness, functionality, and usability of the Maryland
14 Online IEP System;

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

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

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

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

24 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
25 1, 2024. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of June 30, 2025, this
26 Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no
27 further force and effect.