

HOUSE BILL 398

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By: **Baltimore County Delegation**

Introduced and read first time: February 3, 2011

Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force on the Method of Selecting the Baltimore County Board of**
3 **Education**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing the Task Force on the Method of Selecting the
5 Baltimore County Board of Education; providing for the chairs and staff for the
6 Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving certain
7 compensation but entitling members to reimbursement for certain expenses;
8 requiring the Task Force to make certain recommendations regarding the
9 method of selecting the Baltimore County Board of Education; requiring the
10 Task Force to hold a certain number of public meetings that allow certain
11 persons to testify about certain issues; requiring the Task Force to make a
12 certain report to certain persons on before a certain date; providing for the
13 termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Task Force on the Method
14 of Selecting the Baltimore County Board of Education.

15 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
16 MARYLAND, That:

17 (a) There is a Task Force on the Method of Selecting the Baltimore County
18 Board of Education.

19 (b) The Task Force consists of the following 12 members:

20 (1) the Chair of the Baltimore County Senate Delegation, or the
21 Chair's designee;

22 (2) three members of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the Chair
23 of the Baltimore County Senate Delegation;

24 (3) the Chair of the Baltimore County House Delegation, or the
25 Chair's designee;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (4) three members of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Chair
2 of the Baltimore County House Delegation;

3 (5) three members, appointed by the Baltimore County Executive; and

4 (6) one member, appointed by the Chair of the Baltimore County
5 Council.

6 (c) The Chair of the Baltimore County Senate Delegation and the Chair of
7 the Baltimore County House Delegation shall jointly designate the cochairs of the
8 Task Force from among the Senator and Delegate members of the Task Force.

9 (d) The Office of the Baltimore County Executive shall provide staff for the
10 Task Force.

11 (e) A member of the Task Force:

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

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

15 (f) The Task Force shall make recommendations on the following issues:

16 (1) the ideal size of the Baltimore County Board of Education;

17 (2) the most appropriate method of selecting members of the
18 Baltimore County Board of Education, including consideration of the following
19 methods:

20 (i) all elected;

21 (ii) gubernatorial appointments;

22 (iii) Baltimore County executive appointments;

23 (iv) partially elected and appointed;

24 (v) county nominating commission; and

25 (vi) appointments with additional approval; and

26 (3) the appropriate phase-in period for changes to the existing
27 selection process.

1 (g) (1) The Task Force shall hold at least one public meeting that allows
2 members of the general public and stakeholder organizations to testify on issues being
3 studied by the Task Force.

4 (2) The Task Force shall extend an invitation to representatives from
5 the following stakeholder organizations to testify at a public meeting:

6 (i) the Teachers Association of Baltimore County;

7 (ii) the Council of Administrative and Supervisory Employees of
8 Baltimore County;

9 (iii) the Education Support Professionals of Baltimore County;

10 (iv) the Baltimore County Chamber of Commerce;

11 (v) the Parent Teacher Association Council of Baltimore
12 County;

13 (vi) the Baltimore County Student Councils;

14 (vii) the Baltimore County chapter of the NAACP;

15 (viii) the Baltimore County League of Women Voters;

16 (ix) the Baltimore County Board of Education; and

17 (x) the Baltimore County Superintendent of Schools.

18 (h) On or before October 1, 2011, the Task Force shall report its findings and
19 recommendations to the Governor, the State Superintendent of Schools, the Baltimore
20 County Executive, the Baltimore County Council, the Baltimore County
21 Superintendent of Schools, the Baltimore County Board of Education, and, in
22 accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the Baltimore County
23 Senate and House Delegations.

24 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
25 July 1, 2011. It shall remain effective for a period of 6 months and, at the end of
26 December 31, 2011, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act
27 shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.