

Chapter 672

(House Bill 680)

AN ACT concerning

**Education – ~~Development of Guidelines to Incorporate~~ Task Force to Explore
~~Including Sustainable~~ Incorporating the Subject of Agricultural Education
Agriculture in Existing Curricular Areas**

FOR the purpose of requiring the State Board of Education and the University of Maryland Extension, after consultation with local boards of education, the Maryland Agricultural Education Foundation, and certain other entities, to ~~jointly develop guidelines to incorporate education about~~ create a task force to explore options for incorporating the subject of agriculture, including sustainable agriculture into science curricula and other agricultural issues, in all existing curricular areas; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the development of guidelines to incorporate education about creation of a task force to include sustainable incorporate the subject of agriculture into science curricula in existing curricular areas.

BY adding to

Article – Education

Section 4–111.1

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2008 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Education

4–111.1.

ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, ~~2013~~ 2014, THE STATE BOARD AND THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND EXTENSION, AFTER CONSULTATION WITH LOCAL BOARDS OF EDUCATION, THE MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION FOUNDATION, THE MARYLAND FARM BUREAU, THE MARYLAND GRAIN PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION, DELMARVA POULTRY INDUSTRY, INC., THE MARYLAND ASSOCIATION OF SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICTS, THE MARYLAND PORK PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION, THE MARYLAND DAIRY INDUSTRY, INC., AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS THAT PROMOTE EDUCATION ABOUT ~~SUSTAINABLE~~ AGRICULTURE, ~~JOINTLY SHALL DEVELOP GUIDELINES TO~~ CREATE A TASK FORCE TO EXPLORE OPTIONS FOR INCORPORATING THE SUBJECT OF

AGRICULTURE, INCLUDING ~~INCORPORATE EDUCATION ABOUT~~ SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE ~~INTO THE~~ AND OTHER AGRICULTURAL ISSUES, IN ALL EXISTING ~~SCIENCE CURRICULA~~ CURRICULAR AREAS.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2012. It shall remain effective for a period of ~~2~~ 3 years and, at the end of May 31, ~~2014~~ 2015, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Approved by the Governor, May 22, 2012.