

SENATE BILL 662

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By: **Senator Ellis**

Introduced and read first time: February 3, 2021

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education – Commission on Multicultural Education – Establishment**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Commission on Multicultural Education; providing for
4 the composition, chair, and staffing of the Commission; providing for the purpose of
5 the Commission; requiring the Commission to conduct certain research and develop
6 certain recommendations regarding the development of certain standards and a
7 curriculum for multicultural education; requiring the Commission to submit certain
8 reports on its findings and recommendations to the State Board of Education, the
9 Governor, and certain committees of the General Assembly on or before certain
10 dates; and generally relating to the Commission on Multicultural Education.

11 BY adding to
12 Article – Education
13 Section 7–126
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

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

18 **Article – Education**

19 **7–126.**

20 **(A) THERE IS A COMMISSION ON MULTICULTURAL EDUCATION.**

21 **(B) (1) THE COMMISSION CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:**

22 **(I) THREE MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR;**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (II) THREE MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE
2 SENATE; AND

3 (III) THREE MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE SPEAKER OF THE
4 HOUSE.

5 (2) THE APPOINTMENTS TO THE COMMISSION SHALL REFLECT THE
6 RICH CULTURAL, GEOGRAPHIC, ETHNIC, AND RACIAL DIVERSITY IN THE STATE.

7 (3) THE TERM OF A MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION IS 4 YEARS.

8 (C) (1) (I) THE COMMISSION SHALL ELECT A CHAIR FROM AMONG ITS
9 MEMBERS.

10 (II) THE TERM OF THE CHAIR OF THE COMMISSION IS 1 YEAR.

11 (2) THE STATE BOARD SHALL PROVIDE STAFF FOR THE
12 COMMISSION.

13 (D) THE PURPOSE OF THE COMMISSION IS TO DEVELOP:

14 (1) STANDARDS AND A MODEL STATEWIDE CURRICULUM FOR
15 MULTICULTURAL EDUCATION THAT PROVIDES:

16 (I) INTERDISCIPLINARY MULTICULTURAL LESSONS FOR
17 STUDENTS IN PREKINDERGARTEN THROUGH GRADE 5; AND

18 (II) COURSES IN ETHNIC STUDIES FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES 6
19 THROUGH 12; AND

20 (2) A FRAMEWORK THAT PROVIDES TEACHERS AND STUDENTS IN
21 TEACHER PREPARATION PROGRAMS WITH PREPARATION AND TRAINING IN
22 DELIVERING INSTRUCTION IN MULTICULTURAL EDUCATION.

23 (E) THE COMMISSION SHALL:

24 (1) CONDUCT A FORMAL REVIEW OF MULTICULTURAL
25 REPRESENTATION IN THE EXISTING SOCIAL STUDIES AND HISTORY STANDARDS AND
26 CURRICULA OFFERED IN THE STATE;

27 (2) DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS TO ALTER OR SUPPLEMENT THE
28 SOCIAL STUDIES AND HISTORY STANDARDS AND CURRICULA OFFERED IN THE

1 STATE TO MAKE THE STANDARDS AND CURRICULA MORE ACCURATE AND COMPLETE
2 IN PRESENTING MULTICULTURAL PERSPECTIVES;

3 (3) DEVELOP MODEL COURSEWORK THAT INCLUDES HISTORICAL
4 AND CURRENT EVENTS IMPACTING VARIOUS ETHNIC GROUPS, INCLUDING:

5 (I) AFRICAN AMERICANS;

6 (II) ASIAN AMERICANS;

7 (III) LATIN AMERICANS;

8 (IV) NATIVE AND INDIGENOUS PEOPLES; AND

9 (V) ANY OTHER ETHNIC OR CULTURAL GROUP AS DETERMINED
10 BY THE COMMISSION; AND

11 (4) DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS ON HOW LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEMS
12 AND INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION CAN COLLABORATE TO:

13 (I) CREATE A SYSTEM TO DEVELOP TEACHERS WITH A
14 BACKGROUND IN VARIOUS DISCIPLINES, INCLUDING:

15 1. ETHNIC STUDIES;

16 2. HISTORY; AND

17 3. GENERAL EDUCATION;

18 (II) PROVIDE THE TEACHERS DESCRIBED UNDER ITEM (I) OF
19 THIS ITEM:

20 1. SPECIALIZED TRAINING IN THE MULTICULTURAL
21 EDUCATION STANDARDS AND CURRICULUM;

22 2. CO-TEACHING OPPORTUNITIES WITH MASTER
23 TEACHERS WHO WORK WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND'S TERRAPIN
24 TEACHERS PROGRAM; AND

25 3. OPPORTUNITIES TO WORK WITH PROFESSORS IN THE
26 COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AT BOWIE STATE UNIVERSITY; AND

1 **(III) CREATE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COURSES FOR**
2 **TEACHERS TO IMPLEMENT THE MULTICULTURAL EDUCATION STANDARDS AND**
3 **CURRICULUM.**

4 **(F) (1) ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2023, THE COMMISSION SHALL SUBMIT**
5 **AN INTERIM REPORT OF ITS FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE STATE**
6 **BOARD, THE GOVERNOR, AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1257 OF THE STATE**
7 **GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE SENATE EDUCATION, HEALTH, AND ENVIRONMENTAL**
8 **AFFAIRS COMMITTEE AND THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS.**

9 **(2) ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2024, THE COMMISSION SHALL SUBMIT A**
10 **FINAL REPORT OF ITS FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE STATE BOARD,**
11 **THE GOVERNOR, AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1257 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT**
12 **ARTICLE, THE SENATE EDUCATION, HEALTH, AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS**
13 **COMMITTEE AND THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS.**

14 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
15 1, 2021.