

# SENATE BILL 735

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By: **Senators Zucker, Feldman, Guzzone, and King**

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Workgroup to Study the Wages of Education Support Professionals**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Workgroup to Study the Wages of Education Support  
4 Professionals to determine what percentage of education support professionals in the  
5 State earn a living wage and to study increasing the wages of education support  
6 professionals to attract and retain skilled workers; and generally relating to the  
7 Workgroup to Study the Wages of Education Support Professionals.

8 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
9 That:

10 (a) There is a Workgroup to Study the Wages of Education Support Professionals.

11 (b) The purpose of the Workgroup is to determine what percentage of education  
12 support professionals in the State earn a living wage and to study increasing the wages of  
13 education support professionals to attract and retain skilled workers.

14 (c) The Workgroup consists of the following members:

15 (1) two members of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of  
16 the Senate;

17 (2) two members of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of  
18 the House;

19 (3) one member of the Maryland Association of Boards of Education,  
20 appointed by the Executive Director of the Association;

21 (4) the President of the Maryland State Education Association, or the  
22 President's designee;

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           (5)    the President of the Service Employees International Union Local 500,  
2 or the President's designee;

3           (6)    the President of the American Federation of State, County and  
4 Municipal Employees Local 2250, or the President's designee;

5           (7)    the President of the American Federation of Teachers–Maryland, or  
6 the President's designee; and

7           (8)    the Executive Director of the American Federation of State, County and  
8 Municipal Employees Council 67, or the Executive Director's designee.

9           (d)    The Workgroup shall elect the chair of the Workgroup by a majority vote at  
10 the first meeting.

11          (e)    The Maryland State Department of Education shall provide staff for the  
12 Workgroup.

13          (f)    A member of the Workgroup:

14           (1)    may not receive compensation as a member of the Workgroup; but

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

17          (g)    In determining what percentage of education support professionals earn a  
18 living wage in the State and to study increasing the wages of education support  
19 professionals to attract and retain skilled workers, the Workgroup shall consider:

20           (1)    the role of local education systems and the State in hiring education  
21 support professionals;

22           (2)    the number of education support professionals employed by the State  
23 or a local school system, or as a contractor;

24           (3)    any cost–sharing between the State and the local school systems with  
25 regard to the wages and salaries of education support professionals;

26           (4)    the total number of part–time and full–time education support  
27 professionals in the State;

28           (5)    the number of hours required to work, according to the policies of each  
29 jurisdiction, to be considered a full–time employee;

30           (6)    a complete list of education support professional classifications by  
31 jurisdiction;

1           (7)    the average hourly wage of education support professionals in the State  
2 and by jurisdiction;

3           (8)    an analysis of the wage scale for education support professionals;

4           (9)    information on increased wages or bonuses by jurisdiction within the  
5 last 5 years;

6           (10)   the amount of vacancies in the State and by jurisdiction for education  
7 support professional jobs; and

8           (11)   information on the future of education support professional jobs in the  
9 State.

10          (h)   (1)    On or before November 30, 2023, the Workgroup shall submit an  
11 interim report of its findings and recommendations, in accordance with § 2–1257 of the  
12 State Government Article, to the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee, the Senate  
13 Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee, the House Appropriations  
14 Committee, and the House Ways and Means Committee.

15          (2)    On or before August 31, 2024, the Workgroup shall submit a final report  
16 of its findings and recommendations, in accordance with § 2–1257 of the State Government  
17 Article, to the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee, the Senate Education, Energy, and  
18 the Environment Committee, the House Appropriations Committee, and the House Ways  
19 and Means Committee.

20          SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
21 1, 2023. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and 4 months and, at the end of  
22 October 31, 2024, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall  
23 be abrogated and of no further force and effect.