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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force to Study the Placement of Library Services Within the Education**  
3 **Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing the Task Force to Study the Placement of Library Services  
5 Within the Education Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland; providing for the  
6 composition, chair, and staffing of the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task  
7 Force from receiving certain compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of  
8 certain expenses; requiring the Task Force to study and make recommendations  
9 regarding certain matters; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and  
10 recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain  
11 date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Task  
12 Force to Study the Placement of Library Services Within the Education Article of the  
13 Annotated Code of Maryland.

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

16 (a) There is a Task Force to Study the Placement of Library Services Within the  
17 Education Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

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

19 (1) two members of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of  
20 the Senate;

21 (2) two members of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of  
22 the House;

23 (3) the State Superintendent of Schools, or the Superintendent's designee;  
24 and

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (4) the following members, appointed by the Governor:

2 (i) one representative of the Division of Library Development and  
3 Services;

4 (ii) one library trustee from the Maryland Trustee Academy;

5 (iii) one representative of the Board of the Citizens for Maryland  
6 Libraries;

7 (iv) one representative of the Maryland Association of Public Library  
8 Administrators;

9 (v) one representative of the Maryland Library Association;

10 (vi) one representative of the State Library Resource Center;

11 (vii) one representative of the State Library Resource Center  
12 Commission; and

13 (viii) one representative of the Maryland Advisory Council on  
14 Libraries.

15 (c) The Governor shall designate the chair of the Task Force.

16 (d) The State Department of Education and the Maryland Association of Public  
17 Library Administrators shall jointly provide staff for the Task Force.

18 (e) A member of the Task Force:

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

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

22 (f) (1) The Task Force shall study and make recommendations regarding  
23 where library services should be located within the Education Article of the Annotated Code  
24 of Maryland.

25 (2) The recommendations required under paragraph (1) of this subsection  
26 shall ensure that:

27 (i) the existing requirement that librarians in public libraries are  
28 certified is retained;

1 (ii) the existing requirements for public library associates are  
2 retained;

3 (iii) professional and clerical employees of the public library system  
4 retain membership in the Teachers' Retirement System;

5 (iv) if an employee of the public library system transfers between  
6 library systems, employees are given credit as employees of the county library system from  
7 which they are transferred in regards to teacher retirement;

8 (v) the existing statutory funding provisions for libraries are  
9 retained in regards to the operating and capital budgets; and

10 (vi) Title 23, Subtitles 1 through 5 of the Education Article remain  
11 intact.

12 (g) On or before December 1, 2016, the Task Force shall report its findings and  
13 recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State  
14 Government Article, the General Assembly.

15 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
16 1, 2016. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of June 30, 2017,  
17 with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and  
18 of no further force and effect.