

Chapter 460

(House Bill 398)

AN ACT concerning

Task Force on the ~~Method of Selecting~~ Membership and Operation of the Baltimore County Board of Education

FOR the purpose of establishing the Task Force on the ~~Method of Selecting~~ Membership and Operation of the Baltimore County Board of Education; providing for the chairs and staff for the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving certain compensation but entitling members to reimbursement for certain expenses; requiring the Task Force to make certain recommendations, including recommendations regarding the method of selecting the Baltimore County Board of Education; requiring the Task Force to hold a certain number of public meetings in certain locations that allow certain persons to testify about certain issues; requiring the Task Force to make a certain report to certain persons on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Task Force on the ~~Method of Selecting~~ Membership and Operation of the Baltimore County Board of Education.

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

(a) There is a Task Force on the ~~Method of Selecting~~ Membership and Operation of the Baltimore County Board of Education.

(b) The Task Force consists of the following ~~12~~ 13 members:

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

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

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

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

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

(6) one member, appointed by the Chair of the Baltimore County Council; *and*

(7) one representative of the Maryland Association of Boards of Education, appointed by the Association.

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

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

(e) A member of the Task Force:

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

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

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

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

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

(i) all elected;

(ii) gubernatorial appointments;

(iii) Baltimore County executive appointments;

(iv) partially elected and appointed;

(v) county nominating commission; and

(vi) appointments with additional approval; ~~and~~

(3) the appropriate phase-in period for changes to the existing selection process; *and*

(4) improving the transparency and professionalism of the Baltimore County Board of Education.

(g) (1) The Task Force shall hold at least ~~one public meeting that allows~~ three public meetings in geographically diverse areas of Baltimore County that allow members of the general public and stakeholder organizations to testify on issues being studied by the Task Force.

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

- (i) the Teachers Association of Baltimore County;
- (ii) the Council of Administrative and Supervisory Employees of Baltimore County;
- (iii) the Education Support Professionals of Baltimore County;
- (iv) the Baltimore County Chamber of Commerce;
- (v) the ~~Parent-Teacher Association~~ PTA Council of Baltimore County;
- (vi) the Baltimore County Student Councils;
- (vii) the Baltimore County chapter of the NAACP;
- (viii) the Baltimore County League of Women Voters;
- (ix) the Baltimore County Board of Education; and
- (x) the Baltimore County Superintendent of Schools.

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

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2011. It shall remain effective for a period of 6 months and, at the end of December 31, 2011, 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 19, 2011.