

# HOUSE BILL 813

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force to Study the Impact of Expanding Noncredit Courses for**  
3 **Students with Developmental Disabilities**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing the Task Force to Study the Impact of Expanding  
5 Noncredit Courses for Students with Developmental Disabilities; providing for  
6 the composition, chair, and staffing of the Task Force; prohibiting a member of  
7 the Task Force from receiving certain compensation, but authorizing the  
8 reimbursement of certain expenses; requiring the Task Force to study and make  
9 recommendations regarding certain matters; requiring the Task Force to report  
10 its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on  
11 or before a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally  
12 relating to the Task Force to Study the Impact of Expanding Noncredit Courses  
13 for Students with Developmental Disabilities.

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

16 (a) There is a Task Force to Study the Impact of Expanding Noncredit  
17 Courses for Students with Developmental Disabilities.

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

19 (1) one member of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President  
20 of the Senate;

21 (2) one member of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of  
22 the House;

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (3) the Secretary of Higher Education, or the Secretary's designee;

2 (4) the Chancellor of the University System of Maryland, or the  
3 Chancellor's designee;

4 (5) the President of Morgan State University, or the President's  
5 designee;

6 (6) the President of St. Mary's College of Maryland, or the President's  
7 designee;

8 (7) the President of Baltimore City Community College, or the  
9 President's designee;

10 (8) the Executive Director of the Maryland Association of Community  
11 Colleges, or the Executive Director's designee; and

12 (9) the following members, appointed by the Governor:

13 (i) two individuals with a developmental disability; and

14 (ii) three representatives of organizations that represent  
15 individuals with developmental disabilities.

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

17 (d) The Maryland Higher Education Commission shall provide staff for the  
18 Task Force.

19 (e) A member of the Task Force:

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

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

23 (f) The Task Force shall:

24 (1) study the impact of expanding the availability of noncredit course  
25 offerings for students with developmental disabilities at public institutions of higher  
26 education in the State, including costs, distance learning options, and logistics; and

27 (2) make recommendations regarding the expansion of noncredit  
28 course offerings for students with developmental disabilities at public institutions of  
29 higher education in the State.

1 (g) On or before January 1, 2014, the Task Force shall report its findings and  
2 recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State  
3 Government Article, the General Assembly.

4 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
5 July 1, 2013. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of June  
6 30, 2014, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be  
7 abrogated and of no further force and effect.