

SENATE BILL 1005

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By: **Senator Klausmeier**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Baltimore County – Commission to Study the Establishment of a Truancy**
3 **Reduction Program**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing the Commission to Study the Establishment of a
5 Truancy Reduction Program in Baltimore County; providing for the
6 composition, chair, and staffing of the Commission; requiring the Maryland
7 Judicial Conference to designate a representative to act in an advisory capacity
8 to the Commission; prohibiting a member of the Commission from receiving
9 certain compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses;
10 requiring the Commission to study and make recommendations regarding
11 certain matters; requiring the Commission to report its findings and
12 recommendations to the Baltimore County Executive, the Superintendent of the
13 Baltimore County Public Schools, the Baltimore County Board of Education,
14 certain committees of the General Assembly, and the Chair of the Baltimore
15 County Senators and the Chair of the Baltimore County Delegation of the
16 General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of
17 this Act; and generally relating to the Commission to Study the Establishment
18 of a Truancy Reduction Program in Baltimore County.

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

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 (a) There is a Commission to Study the Establishment of a Truancy
2 Reduction Program in Baltimore County.

3 (b) The Commission consists of:

4 (1) the Baltimore County Executive, or the County Executive's
5 designee;

6 (2) the Baltimore County State's Attorney, or the State's Attorney's
7 designee;

8 (3) the Director of the Baltimore County Department of Social
9 Services, or the Director's designee;

10 (4) a designee of the Secretary of Juvenile Services who works in
11 Baltimore County; and

12 (5) the following members, appointed by the Baltimore County
13 Executive, in consultation with the Chair of the Baltimore County Senators and the
14 Chair of the Baltimore County Delegation of the General Assembly:

15 (i) ~~one administrative judge of the Baltimore County Circuit~~
16 ~~Court;~~

17 ~~(ii)~~ one employee of the Baltimore County Public Schools who
18 works in Pupil Personnel Services;

19 ~~(iii)~~ (ii) one employee of the Baltimore County Public Schools
20 who works as a court liaison;

21 ~~(iv)~~ (iii) one employee of the Baltimore County Public Schools
22 who works as a school counselor;

23 ~~(v)~~ (iv) one employee of the Baltimore County Public Schools
24 who works as a high school principal;

25 ~~(vi)~~ (v) one employee of the Baltimore County Public Schools
26 who works as an Assistant Superintendent or an Executive Director; and

27 ~~(vii)~~ (vi) one representative of the Teachers Association of
28 Baltimore County.

29 (c) The Maryland Judicial Conference shall designate a representative to act
30 in an advisory capacity to the Commission.

1 ~~(d)~~ (d) The Baltimore County Executive, in consultation with the Chair of the
2 Baltimore County Senators and the Chair of the Baltimore County Delegation of the
3 General Assembly, shall designate the chair of the Commission.

4 ~~(e)~~ (e) The Department of Student Support Services of the Baltimore County
5 Public Schools shall provide staff for the Commission.

6 ~~(f)~~ (f) A member of the Commission:

7 (1) may not receive compensation as a member of the Commission; but

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

10 ~~(g)~~ (g) The Commission shall:

11 (1) study the feasibility of establishing a Truancy Reduction Program
12 in Baltimore County;

13 (2) establish the goals of a Truancy Reduction Program, including:

14 (i) reducing the number of students who are chronically truant
15 in Baltimore County; and

16 (ii) educating parents and guardians of students regarding:

17 1. compulsory school attendance laws;

18 2. the effects of truancy; and

19 3. the availability of resources both in and outside the
20 school the student attends to reduce truancy; and

21 (3) make recommendations regarding the feasibility of establishing a
22 Truancy Reduction Program in Baltimore County.

23 ~~(h)~~ (h) On or before December 15, 2013, the Commission shall report its findings
24 and recommendations on the feasibility of establishing a Truancy Reduction Program
25 in Baltimore County to the Baltimore County Executive, the Superintendent of the
26 Baltimore County Public Schools, the Baltimore County Board of Education, and, in
27 accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the Senate Education,
28 Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee, the House Ways and Means
29 Committee, and the Chair of the Baltimore County Senators and the Chair of the
30 Baltimore County Delegation of the General Assembly.

31 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
32 June 1, 2013. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of May 31,

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1 2014, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be
2 abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.