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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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 Library Consortium.
- 14 (c) The Governor shall designate the chair of the Task Force.
- 15 (d) The State Department of Education, the Maryland Association of Public
16 Library Administrators, and the Maryland Library Association shall jointly provide staff
17 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 Annotated Code of Maryland.
- 24 (2) The recommendations required under paragraph (1) of this subsection
25 shall ensure that:
- 26 (i) the authority of the Maryland Advisory Council on Libraries is
27 increased;
- 28 (ii) §§ 23–102, 23–103, and 23–105 of the Education Article remain
29 intact;

1 (iii) the existing requirement that librarians in public libraries are
2 certified is retained;

3 (iv) the existing requirements for public library associates are
4 retained;

5 (v) professional employees of the public library system retain
6 membership in the Teachers' Retirement System;

7 (vi) if a professional employee of the public library system transfers
8 between library systems, employees are given credit as employees of the county library
9 system from which they are transferred in regards to teacher retirement;

10 (vii) the existing statutory funding provisions for libraries are
11 retained in regards to the operating and capital budgets; and

12 (viii) Title 23, Subtitles 1 through 5 of the Education Article remain
13 intact.

14 (g) On or before December 1, 2015, the Task Force shall report its findings and
15 recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State
16 Government Article, the General Assembly.

17 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
18 1, 2015. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of June 30, 2016,
19 with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and
20 of no further force and effect.