

# HOUSE BILL 660

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## ENROLLED BILL

— *Ways and Means/Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs* —

Introduced by **Delegates Guyton, Boyce, Forbes, Griffith, Jackson, Lehman, Metzgar, Rogers, Terrasa, and Valentino-Smith**

Read and Examined by Proofreaders:

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock, \_\_\_\_\_ M.

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Speaker.

### CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Commission to Study the Division of ~~Rehabilitative~~ Rehabilitation Services**  
3 **(Student Job Training Reformation Act)**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing the Commission to Study the Division of ~~Rehabilitative~~  
5 Rehabilitation Services to evaluate and make recommendations on improving  
6 various aspects of the Division of ~~Rehabilitative~~ Rehabilitation Services' programs  
7 and services; and generally relating to the Commission to Study the Division of  
8 ~~Rehabilitative~~ Rehabilitation Services.

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

11 (a) There is a Commission to Study the State Department of Education's Division  
12 of ~~Rehabilitative~~ Rehabilitation Services.

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#### 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.

*Italics indicate opposite chamber/conference committee amendments.*



1 (b) The Commission consists of the following members:

2 ~~(1) one member of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of~~  
3 ~~the Senate;~~

4 ~~(2) one member of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of the~~  
5 ~~House; and~~

6 ~~(3) the following members,~~ appointed by the State Superintendent of  
7 Schools:

8 ~~(i)~~ (1) one parent of a student who reported a favorable outcome  
9 after working with the Division of ~~Rehabilitative~~ Rehabilitation Services;

10 ~~(ii)~~ (2) one parent of a student who reported an unfavorable  
11 outcome after working with the Division of ~~Rehabilitative~~ Rehabilitation Services;

12 ~~(iii)~~ (3) one individual who reported a favorable outcome after  
13 working with the Division of ~~Rehabilitative~~ Rehabilitation Services;

14 ~~(iv)~~ (4) one individual who reported an unfavorable outcome after  
15 working with the Division of ~~Rehabilitative~~ Rehabilitation Services;

16 ~~(v)~~ (5) one individual employed by a local school system as a  
17 transition specialist;

18 ~~(vi)~~ (6) one individual employed by a private school as a transition  
19 specialist;

20 ~~(vii)~~ (7) one individual employed by a local school system as a  
21 special education teacher;

22 ~~(viii)~~ (8) one individual employed by a private school as a special  
23 education teacher;

24 ~~(ix)~~ (9) one individual employed by the State Department of  
25 Education as a transition specialist;

26 ~~(x) (10) one individual employed by the Division of Rehabilitative~~  
27 ~~Rehabilitation Services with experience participating in individualized education program~~  
28 ~~team meetings;~~

29 (10) one representative from the Department of Disabilities;

30 ~~(xi)~~ (11) one individual employed by the Division of ~~Rehabilitative~~  
31 Rehabilitation Services with experience working in the Division's training programs;

1                   ~~(xii)~~ (12)     the State Coordinator for Autism Strategy;

2                   ~~(xiii)~~ (13)     one community behavioral health provider who provides  
3 vocational programs and employment support;

4                   ~~(xiv)~~ (14)     one representative of a residential community and  
5 vocational program;

6                   ~~(xv)~~ (15)     one representative of the State Board of Education;

7                   ~~(xvi)~~ (16)     one representative of the Developmental Disabilities  
8 Administration;

9                   ~~(xvii)~~ (17)     one representative of the Maryland Association of  
10 Nonpublic Special Education Facilities;

11                  ~~(xviii)~~ (18)     one representative of the Maryland Developmental  
12 Disabilities Council;

13                  ~~(xix)~~ (19)     one representative of Arc Maryland;

14                  ~~(xx)~~ (20)     one representative of Disability Rights Maryland who:

15                                 ~~1.~~ (i)    is an attorney; and

16                                 ~~2.~~ (ii) has experience working with the Division of ~~Rehabilitative~~  
17 Rehabilitation Services;

18                  ~~(xxi)~~ (21)     one attorney who:

19                                 ~~1.~~ (i)    represents children and young adults with disabilities;  
20 and

21                                 ~~2.~~ (ii) has experience working with the Division of ~~Rehabilitative~~  
22 Rehabilitation Services;

23                  ~~(xxii)~~ (22)     one representative of a community college; and

24                  ~~(xxiii)~~ (23)     other members considered necessary by the State  
25 Superintendent of Schools.

26                 (c)    The ~~Assistant State Superintendent of the Division of Rehabilitative~~  
27 ~~Rehabilitation Services shall chair the~~ Commission shall elect a chair from among its  
28 members.

1 (d) The Division of ~~Rehabilitative~~ Rehabilitation Services shall provide staff for  
2 the Commission.

3 (e) A member of the Commission:

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

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

7 (f) The Commission shall evaluate and make recommendations on:

8 (1) methods for improving stakeholder input on the Division of  
9 ~~Rehabilitative~~ Rehabilitation Services' programs and services;

10 (2) methods for improving the relationship and communication between  
11 transition professionals working at the Division of ~~Rehabilitative~~ Rehabilitation Services  
12 and the Developmental Disabilities Administration;

13 (3) methods for improving the amount of time it takes to provide vocational  
14 rehabilitation and transitional services;

15 (4) methods for improving public-private partnerships to assist more  
16 Division of ~~Rehabilitative~~ Rehabilitation Services' clients;

17 (5) methods for improving accountability and transparency of the Division  
18 of ~~Rehabilitative~~ Rehabilitation Services' programs and services;

19 (6) whether the eligibility criteria for the Division of ~~Rehabilitative~~  
20 Rehabilitation Services' programs and services should be altered;

21 (7) whether the Division of ~~Rehabilitative~~ Rehabilitation Services should  
22 continue to be a division of the State Department of Education or should be transferred to  
23 another State agency;

24 (8) if the Commission determines that the Division of ~~Rehabilitative~~  
25 Rehabilitation Services should continue to be a division of the State Department of  
26 Education, whether the Division of ~~Rehabilitative~~ Rehabilitation Services should have a  
27 governing board separate from the State Board of Education;

28 (9) whether there are specific budgetary requests that could support the  
29 job training programs provided by the Division of ~~Rehabilitative~~ Rehabilitation Services;  
30 and

31 (10) any other improvements to the Division of ~~Rehabilitative~~  
32 Rehabilitation Services' programs and services the Commission considers appropriate.

1 (g) The Commission shall meet at least five times between June 1, 2022, and  
2 December 15, 2022.

3 (h) On or before December 15, 2022, the Commission shall report its findings and  
4 recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State  
5 Government Article, the General Assembly.

6 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June  
7 1, 2022. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and 1 month and, at the end of June  
8 30, 2023, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be  
9 abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Approved:

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Governor.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.

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President of the Senate.