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By: **Senator Reilly**

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force to Study Starting Times for Maryland Public Schools**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Task Force to Study Starting Times for Maryland  
4 Public Schools; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Task  
5 Force; prohibiting Task Force members from receiving compensation, but  
6 authorizing reimbursement for certain expenses under the Standard State  
7 Travel Regulations; requiring the Task Force to study and make  
8 recommendations relating to a later starting time for Maryland public schools;  
9 requiring the Task Force to submit a certain report to the Governor and the  
10 General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of  
11 this Act; and generally relating to the Task Force to Study Starting Times for  
12 Maryland Public Schools.

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

15 (a) There is a Task Force to Study Starting Times for Maryland Public  
16 Schools.

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

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

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

22 (3) the following members, appointed by the Governor:

23 (i) one representative of the State Board of Education;

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (ii) one representative of the Maryland boards of education;

2 (iii) one representative of the Maryland State Education  
3 Association;

4 (iv) one representative of the Maryland Association for  
5 Secondary School Principals;

6 (v) one representative of the Department of Health and Mental  
7 Hygiene who has expertise in adolescent health issues;

8 (vi) one mental health professional who specializes in young  
9 adult and adolescent health issues;

10 (vii) one pediatrician who has expertise in adolescent health care;

11 (viii) one doctor who specializes in sleep disorders;

12 (ix) one representative from the Maryland Department of  
13 Transportation;

14 (x) one parent of a student enrolled in a Maryland public middle  
15 or high school;

16 (xi) one student enrolled in a Maryland public high school; and

17 (xii) one representative who is an athletic director or a coach  
18 employed by a Maryland public middle or high school who has expertise in  
19 after-school sports activities.

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

21 (d) The State Department of Education shall provide staff for the Task Force.

22 (e) A member of the Task Force:

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

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

26 (f) The Task Force shall:

27 (1) review the science on the sleep needs of adolescents, including  
28 effects of sleep deprivation on academic performance and benefits of sufficient sleep;

1           (2)    review and study how other school systems have implemented  
2 later school day starting times and how various activities in those school systems were  
3 impacted and scheduled around the changes; and

4           (3)    make recommendations regarding whether public schools in the  
5 State should implement a starting time of no earlier than 8:00 a.m.

6           (g)    On or before December 31, 2014, the Task Force shall report its findings  
7 and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State  
8 Government Article, the General Assembly.

9           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
10 July 1, 2014. It shall remain effective for a period of 6 months and, at the end of  
11 December 31, 2014, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act  
12 shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.