

House Bill No. 775

AN ACT concerning

Education - Creation of a Task Force to Study Adult Education Services in Maryland

FOR the purpose of establishing a Task Force to Study Adult Education Services in Maryland to ensure effective workers, family members, and citizens; and generally relating to the establishment of a Task Force to Study Adult Education Services in Maryland.

WHEREAS, Adult education includes instruction in basic skills, English as a second language, General Equivalent Degree (GED), and family literacy for adults without a high school diploma; and

WHEREAS, There are approximately 770,000 adults currently residing in Maryland who are without a high school diploma or its equivalent; and

WHEREAS, Only approximately 37,000 of these adults are being served by presently existing adult education services; and

WHEREAS, There is a documented need in Maryland for a better educated workforce, and the General Assembly believes that improved adult education would help address that need; now, therefore,

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

(a) There shall be a Task Force to Study Adult Education Services in Maryland.

(b) The Task Force shall be composed of:

(1) One member of the Governor's Workforce Investment Board, appointed by the Governor;

(2) One representative of the Department of Business and Economic Development, appointed by the Secretary of the Department of Business and Economic Development;

(3) One representative of the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation, appointed by the Secretary of the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation;

(4) One representative of the Department of Human Resources, appointed by the Secretary of the Department of Human Resources;

(5) Two local literacy works team administrators, appointed by the State Superintendent of Schools;

(6) One representative of family literacy programs, appointed by the State Superintendent of Schools;