

~~Maryland; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Task Force; prohibiting members of the Task Force from receiving compensation but entitling members to reimbursement for certain expenses under certain regulations; requiring the Task Force to study and make recommendations concerning increasing the age range for compulsory school attendance in the State; requiring the Task Force to submit a certain report to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Task Force to Study Increasing the Age Range for Compulsory School Attendance in Maryland.~~

FOR the purpose of establishing a Task Force to Study Raising the Compulsory Public School Attendance Age to 18; providing for the membership and staffing of the Task Force; specifying the purposes and goals of the Task Force; providing for the staffing of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to evaluate and make recommendations regarding certain issues by a certain date and to submit a report to the Governor and the General Assembly; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to a Task Force to Study Raising the Compulsory Public School Attendance Age to 18.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article — Education

Section 7-301

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2004 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That ~~the Laws of Maryland read as follows:~~

Article — Education

~~7-301.~~

~~(a) (1) (I) Except as otherwise provided in this section AND SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, each child who resides in this State and is 5 years old or older and under 16 shall attend a public school regularly during the entire school year unless the child is otherwise receiving regular, thorough instruction during the school year in the studies usually taught in the public schools to children of the same age.~~

~~(H) EACH CHILD WHO RESIDES IN BALTIMORE CITY AND IS 5 YEARS OLD OR OLDER AND UNDER 18 SHALL ATTEND A PUBLIC SCHOOL REGULARLY DURING THE ENTIRE SCHOOL YEAR UNLESS THE CHILD IS OTHERWISE RECEIVING REGULAR, THOROUGH INSTRUCTION DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR IN THE STUDIES USUALLY TAUGHT IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO CHILDREN OF THE SAME AGE.~~

~~(2) In accordance with regulations of the State Board of Education, a child who resides in this State and is 5 years old may be exempted from mandatory school attendance for 1 year if the child's parent or guardian files a written request with the local school system asking that the child's attendance be delayed due to the child's level of maturity.~~