

~~(1) lessens school aged childrens' contact with the juvenile justice system; and~~

~~(2) increases high school graduation rates.~~

~~(b) The State Board of Education shall submit a report to the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee and the House Ways and Means Committee on or before November 30, 2009, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, assessing the impact of an increased age for compulsory public school attendance as established under Section 1 of this Act. The report shall include the following information:~~

~~(1) the number of students 16 years old and under 18 who dropped out of high school, broken down by year and socioeconomic category;~~

~~(2) the number of contacts students 16 years old and under 18 had with the juvenile justice system, broken down by age and reason for contact, if available;~~

~~(3) graduation rates beginning 5 years before the effective date of this Act through the 2008-2009 school year;~~

~~(4) a description of the materials and methods used to provide residents of Baltimore City with the information about the change in age for compulsory public school attendance; and~~

~~(5) any other information the State Board determines is relevant.~~

~~(a) There is a Task Force to Study Increasing the Age Range for Compulsory School Attendance in Maryland.~~

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

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

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

~~(3) the State Superintendent of Schools, or the State Superintendent's designee;~~

~~(4) one teacher, appointed by the State Superintendent of Schools;~~

~~(5) one member of the State Board of Education, designated by the State Board of Education; and~~

~~(6) the following six members, appointed by the Governor:~~

~~(i) one representative of the juvenile justice system;~~

~~(ii) one representative of The Johns Hopkins University;~~

~~(iii) one representative of a parent and teacher association;~~

~~(iv) one parent of a child who attends a public school in the State;~~