

~~(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.~~

~~SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2006. It shall remain effective for a period of 3 years and 5 months and, at the end of November 30, 2009, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.~~

(a) There is a Task Force to Study Raising the Compulsory Public School Attendance Age to 18.

(b) The Task Force shall consist of the following members:

(1) ~~Three members~~ *One member* of the Senate of Maryland, ~~to include at least one member of the minority party,~~ *selected* ~~appointed~~ by the President of the Senate;

(2) ~~Three members~~ *One member* of the House of Delegates of Maryland, ~~to include at least one member of the minority party,~~ *selected* ~~appointed~~ by the Speaker of the House;

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

(4) The Secretary of Juvenile Justice, or the Secretary's designee;

(5) The following members selected by the Governor:

(i) Two county superintendents of schools;