requirements of the Board; specifying the powers and duties of the Board; establishing a Prepaid Higher Education Expense Trust Fund; specifying requirements for the administration and use of the Fund; requiring the Board to adopt a comprehensive investment-plan; allowing the Board to establish a certain organization to receive, hold, invest, and administer property and to make expenditures for certain purposes; providing that certain books, records, and accounts are subject to audit by the Legislative Auditor; requiring the establishment of certain advance payment contracts; specifying that the cost of an advance payment contract be based on certain criteria; specifying and authorizing certain requirements concerning advance payment contracts; providing that neither this Act nor an advance payment contract assures certain guarantees; specifying certain requirements concerning contract refunds; providing exclusions from certain laws; limiting disclosure of certain information; prohibiting the seizure of certain benefits or assets of the Fund; requiring certain reports; requiring the State to meet certain obligations; requiring the Governor to include certain appropriations in the State budget; specifying certain requirements if the Program is discontinued; requiring the Board to seek certain rulings; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the establishment and operation of a Prepaid Higher Education Expense Program.

FOR the purpose of establishing a Task Force on the Maryland Prepaid Tuition Savings Program; specifying the membership, duties, and staffing of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to issue a certain report by a certain date; requiring the disbanding of the Task Force by a certain date; providing for the effective date of this Act; and generally relating to the Task Force on the Maryland Prepaid Tuition Savings Program.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Education

Section-11-105(h)(1)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1992 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article Education

Section 18 2101 through 18 2116, inclusive, to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 21. Prepaid Higher Education Expense Program"

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1992 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article - State Government

Section-10-616(m)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1993 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

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