

~~WHEREAS, Issues concerning the use of methylphenidate in the State by school age children are of concern to both the public health and educational communities;~~ now, therefore,

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

**Article 41 – Governor – Executive and Administrative Departments**

18-313.

(A) THERE IS A TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE ABUSES USES OF METHYLPHENIDATE AND OTHER DRUGS ON SCHOOL CHILDREN.

(B) THE TASK FORCE SHALL BE COMPOSED OF ~~47~~ 12 MEMBERS APPOINTED AS FOLLOWS:

(1) ONE MEMBER OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES APPOINTED BY THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE;

(2) ONE MEMBER OF THE SENATE OF MARYLAND APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE;

(3) ONE MEMBER WHO IS A SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST FROM THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR;

(4) ONE MEMBER OF THE MARYLAND STATE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION WHO IS A TEACHER APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR;

(5) SEVEN MEMBERS WHO ARE EXPERTS ON ATTENTION DEFICIT HYPERACTIVITY DISORDER FROM THE MEDICAL COMMUNITY APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR;

(6) TWO MEMBERS WHO ARE REGISTERED NURSES EMPLOYED AS SCHOOL NURSES APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR;

(7) ONE MEMBER WHO IS A LICENSED PHYSICIAN APPOINTED BY THE STATE BOARD OF PHYSICIAN QUALITY ASSURANCE;

(8) ONE MEMBER WHO IS A LICENSED PSYCHOLOGIST APPOINTED BY THE STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF PSYCHOLOGISTS;

(9) ONE MEMBER WHO IS A PARENT OF A CHILD ON METHYLPHENIDATE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR; ~~AND~~

(10) ONE MEMBER WHO IS A MEMBER OF CHILDREN AND ADULTS WITH ATTENTION DEFICIT DISORDER (CHADD) APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR; AND

(11) TWO MEMBERS WHO ARE SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHERS.

(C) THE GOVERNOR SHALL DESIGNATE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TASK FORCE.

(D) THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE JOINTLY SHALL PROVIDE STAFF FOR THE TASK FORCE.