

(VII) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS AND TEACHER EDUCATION BOARD;

(VIII) TWO TEACHERS, OF WHOM ONE SHALL BE NOMINATED BY THE MARYLAND STATE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION;

(IX) THE PRESIDENTS OF TWO MEMBER INSTITUTIONS OF THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF MARYLAND, NOMINATED BY THE CHANCELLOR OF THE SYSTEM;

(X) THE PRESIDENT OF A COMMUNITY COLLEGE; AND

(XI) THE PRESIDENT OF THE MARYLAND INDEPENDENT COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY ASSOCIATION AND THE PRESIDENT OF A MEMBER INSTITUTION OF THE MARYLAND INDEPENDENT COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY ASSOCIATION WITH A TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAM.

(D) THE MEMBERS OF THE TASK FORCE SHALL BE APPOINTED ON OR BEFORE JUNE 15, 2000, AND SHALL SERVE FOR THE DURATION OF THE TASK FORCE.

(E) THE GOVERNOR, PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE, AND SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE SHALL JOINTLY DESIGNATE THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE TASK FORCE.

(F) THE TASK FORCE SHALL DEVELOP A COMPREHENSIVE STRATEGY TO ENSURE THAT DISADVANTAGED AND CAPABLE STUDENTS HAVE ADEQUATE OPPORTUNITIES TO SUCCESSFULLY MATRICULATE AND GRADUATE FROM INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION BY:

(1) EXAMINING CURRENT PRACTICES IN THE AREA OF COLLEGE READINESS, INCLUDING STUDENT ACADEMIC PREPARATION, SUPPORT SERVICES FOR STUDENTS, TEACHER PREPARATION, RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION, AND FINANCIAL AID;

(2) REVIEWING THE FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS IN "MILES TO GO", "MILES TO GO: MARYLAND", "THE ROAD TAKEN: AN ACTION PLAN AGENDA FOR ACHIEVING THE RECOMMENDATIONS IN MILES TO GO: MARYLAND", AND HOUSE BILL 1091 AS INTRODUCED IN THE 2000 SESSION;

(3) STRENGTHENING K-16 CONNECTIONS, STANDARDS, COMPETENCIES, ASSESSMENTS, PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OF EDUCATORS, AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT IN EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES;

(4) DEVELOPING APPROPRIATE INDICATORS AGAINST WHICH TO MEASURE THE SUCCESS OF STRATEGIES;

(5) MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS TO ENHANCE EXISTING PROGRAMS AND IMPLEMENT NEW PROGRAMS TO SUPPORT THE COMPREHENSIVE STRATEGY DEVELOPED BY THE TASK FORCE, INCLUDING STUDENT ACADEMIC PREPARATION, SUPPORT SERVICES FOR STUDENTS, TEACHER PREPARATION, RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION, AND STUDENT FINANCIAL AID; AND