

WHEREAS, There are approximately 770,000 adults currently residing in Maryland who are without a high school diploma or its equivalent; and

WHEREAS, Only approximately 37,000 of these adults are being served by presently existing adult education services; and

WHEREAS, There is a documented need in Maryland for a better educated workforce, and the General Assembly believes that improved adult education would help address that need; now, therefore,

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That:

(a) There shall be a Task Force to Study Adult Education Services in Maryland.

(b) The Task Force shall be composed of:

(1) One member of the Governor's Workforce Investment Board, appointed by the Governor;

(2) One representative of the Department of Business and Economic Development, appointed by the Secretary of the Department of Business and Economic Development;

(3) One representative of the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation, appointed by the Secretary of the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation;

(4) One representative of the Department of Human Resources, appointed by the Secretary of the Department of Human Resources;

(5) Two local Literacy Works team administrators, appointed by the State Superintendent of Schools;

(6) One representative of family literacy programs, appointed by the State Superintendent of Schools;

(7) At least two county superintendents active in adult education, appointed by the State Superintendent of Schools;

(8) One representative of the State Advisory Committee for Adult Education, appointed by the State Superintendent of Schools;

(9) One representative from a State community college, appointed by the Secretary of the Maryland Higher Education Commission;

(10) One representative of a Local Workforce Investment Board, appointed by the Secretary of the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation;

(11) One representative of the State Department of Education, appointed by the State Superintendent of Schools;

(12) ~~A Regional Coordinator for the External Diploma Program;~~