

~~(13)~~ One representative of an organization or program serving immigrants or new Americans, appointed by the Governor;

~~(14)~~ ~~(13)~~ At least one representative from a ~~statewide private sector~~ association concerned with issues of adult education for adults without a high school degree or its equivalent ~~appointed by the State Superintendent of Schools;~~

~~(15)~~ ~~(14)~~ One student enrolled in adult education, appointed by the State Superintendent of Schools;

~~(16)~~ ~~(15)~~ One private sector employer, appointed by the Governor;

~~(17)~~ ~~(16)~~ One labor union representative, appointed by the Governor;

~~(18)~~ ~~(17)~~ One member of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of the House; and

~~(19)~~ ~~(18)~~ One member of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of the Senate.

(c) The Governor shall designate a chairperson of the Task Force.

(d) Staff for the Task Force shall be provided by the State Department of Education.

(e) The Task Force shall study adult education issues, including:

(1) The statewide need for adult education services, including instruction for adults in basic skills, English as a second language for Speakers of Other Languages, and family literacy and preparation for the GED test and the adult external high school program;

(2) The impact of adult education on workforce economic development;

(3) The existing levels of service for adults without a high school diploma or its equivalent, on a county-by-county basis (including Baltimore City);

(4) The existing levels of adult education services for adults who are incarcerated or on probation;

~~(4)~~ ~~(5)~~ The current funding process and level of funding for existing programs in each county and Baltimore City; and

~~(5)~~ ~~(6)~~ A comparison between Maryland and other states in the region regarding levels of need, service provided, and funding.

(f) The Task Force shall submit a report summarizing its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before November 1, 2001.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2001.

Approved May 18, 2001.