

Senate Bill No. 703

AN ACT concerning

~~Availability of Audiology and Speech and Language~~ Speech-Language
Services

Task Force to Study the Availability of Audiology and Speech-Language
Services

~~FOR the purpose of establishing a Study Panel on the Availability of Audiology and Speech and Language Speech-Language Services for children in public school programs; establishing the membership of the Study Panel and its duties; providing for the staff of the Study Panel; requiring the Study Panel to report its findings and recommendations to certain committees of the General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the study of the availability of audiology and speech and language speech language services in the public schools of the State.~~

FOR the purpose of establishing the Task Force to Study the Availability of Audiology and Speech-Language Services; specifying the composition, powers, and duties of the Task Force; providing for the staffing of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to certain committees of the General Assembly by a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Task Force to Study the Availability of Audiology and Speech-Language Services.

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

~~(a) It is the intent of the General Assembly to establish a Study Panel to study the availability of audiology and speech and language speech language services for children in kindergarten through grade 12 in public school programs.~~

~~(b) (a) There is a Study Panel on Task Force to Study the Availability of Audiology and Speech and Language Speech-Language Services for children in the K-12 public school programs kindergarten through grade 12 in the public schools in the State.~~

~~(c) (b) The Study Panel Task Force consists of the following 17 members:~~

~~(1) two Two members of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of the Senate;~~

~~(2) two Two members of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of the House;~~

~~(3) the The State Superintendent for the Maryland Board of Education of Schools, or a the State Superintendent's designee; and~~

~~(4) a representative of the Maryland Association of Boards of Education (MABE), appointed by the Association MABE;~~