

(4) CREATE AWARENESS THROUGHOUT THE STATE ON THE ISSUE OF WOMEN AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND THE FINDINGS OF THIS TASK FORCE;

(5) IDENTIFY AND EXAMINE EXISTING PROGRAMS AND SERVICES, LAWS, AND REGULATIONS WITH RESPECT TO IDENTIFYING PRACTICES THAT BEST ADDRESS THE ISSUE IN EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT;

(6) INVESTIGATE STRATEGIES TO ADDRESS THE CHALLENGES THAT WILL BETTER MEET THE STATE'S WORKFORCE DEMANDS IN ALL CAREER AREAS WHERE TECHNOLOGY IS USED;

(7) DEVELOP A STATEWIDE COMPREHENSIVE WOMEN AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PLAN AND STRATEGIES FOR PLAN IMPLEMENTATION AND PUBLIC PROMOTION OF THE PLAN; AND

(8) FACILITATE COORDINATION AND COMMUNICATION AMONG STATE AND LOCAL AGENCIES AND ORGANIZATIONS REGARDING ACHIEVING THE GOALS OF THE PLAN.

(K) THE TASK FORCE SHALL PRESENT AN ANNUAL REPORT ON ITS FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GOVERNOR AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 1 OF EACH YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2004.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2004. It shall remain effective for a period of 5 years and, at the end of June 30, 2009, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Approved May 26, 2004.

CHAPTER 490

(House Bill 1538)

AN ACT concerning

Task Force on the Status of Women and Information Technology

FOR the purpose of establishing a Task Force on the Status of Women and Information Technology; providing for the membership, purposes, and staffing of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to report to certain persons by a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Task Force on the Status of Women and Information Technology.

BY adding to

Article – State Government

Section 9-801 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 8. Task Force on the Status of Women and Information Technology”

Annotated Code of Maryland