

~~(c) The members of the Task Force shall elect a chair from the membership.~~

~~(d) The Maryland Higher Education Commission shall provide staff for the Task Force.~~

~~(e) A member of the Task Force:~~

~~(1) may not receive compensation as a member of the Task Force; but~~

~~(2) is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.~~

~~(f) The Task Force shall:~~

~~(1) examine retail prices of textbooks for higher education students in the State, including average and median prices for undergraduate, graduate, and community college student textbooks;~~

~~(2) study factors that impact retail prices of textbooks, including:~~

~~(i) how professors choose textbooks for their classes;~~

~~(ii) the amount retail booksellers increase retail prices above publishers' list prices;~~

~~(iii) publishers' methods of setting list prices;~~

~~(iv) publishers' methods of marketing textbooks to professors;~~
and

~~(v) any other factors the Task Force identifies as impacting retail prices paid by higher education students for textbooks; and~~

~~(3) develop recommendations for providing financial relief to students and families relating to the price of textbooks.~~

~~(g) In performing its duties, the Task Force may invite all interested groups and individuals to present testimony or other information to the Task Force.~~

~~(h) On or before September 1, 2008, the Task Force shall report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.~~

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That on or before November 1, 2007, the Department of Legislative