

(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) (1) The Task Force shall:

(i) examine the current status of group home education and placement practices in out-of-home placements licensed by State agencies; and

(ii) make recommendations for future requirements for the placement of children in State licensed programs.

(2) The Task Force shall consider the following while making its findings and recommendations:

(i) funding requirements for:

1. programs for children committed to the Department of Juvenile Services and the Department of Human Resources;

2. alternative programs;

3. separate programs versus commingled programs; and

4. other State agencies;

(ii) the feasibility of separate programs and facilities for children commingled in programs licensed by the Department of Juvenile Services, the Department of Human Resources, the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, and the Maryland State Department of Education;

(iii) studies related to the commingling of children committed to the Department of Juvenile Services and the Department of Human Resources;

(iv) the demographics of children committed to the Department of Juvenile Services and the Department of Human Resources;

(v) the educational needs of youth served by group homes;

(vi) the fiscal impact of prohibiting commingling of children on current and future providers;