

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

**Article 41 - Governor - Executive and Administrative Departments**

18-307.

(A) THERE IS A TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE HISTORY AND LEGACY OF SLAVERY IN MARYLAND.

(B) THE TASK FORCE CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

(1) TWO MEMBERS OF THE SENATE OF MARYLAND APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE;

(2) TWO MEMBERS OF THE MARYLAND HOUSE OF DELEGATES APPOINTED BY THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE;

(3) THE SECRETARY OF STATE OR THE DESIGNEE OF THE SECRETARY;

(4) TWO HISTORIANS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR;

(5) TWO REPRESENTATIVES APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR FROM AFRICAN AMERICAN ORGANIZATIONS; AND

(6) TWO REPRESENTATIVES APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR FROM NON-AFRICAN AMERICAN ORGANIZATIONS.

(C) THE GOVERNOR SHALL DESIGNATE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TASK FORCE.

(D) MEMBERS OF THE TASK FORCE SHALL SERVE WITHOUT COMPENSATION.

(E) THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL PROVIDE STAFF SUPPORT FOR THE TASK FORCE TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE WITHIN EXISTING BUDGETED RESOURCES.

(F) THE TASK FORCE SHALL:

(1) STUDY THE HISTORY AND EFFECTS OF SLAVERY IN MARYLAND RELATING TO ITS SOCIAL, ECONOMIC, AND EDUCATIONAL IMPACT; AND

(2) IDENTIFY THE CONTRIBUTIONS MADE BY AFRICAN AMERICANS THROUGH THE FORCED INSTITUTION OF SLAVERY IN MARYLAND; AND

~~(3) MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GOVERNOR AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO ADDRESS THE CONSEQUENCES OF SLAVERY IN MARYLAND.~~

(G) THE TASK FORCE SHALL ISSUE A FINAL REPORT OF ITS FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GOVERNOR AND, SUBJECT TO § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY BY DECEMBER 31, 1999.

(H) THIS SECTION SHALL BE VOID AND OF NO EFFECT AFTER DECEMBER 31, 1999 WITH NO FURTHER ACTION REQUIRED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.