

10 AN ACT CONCERNING

20 **Maryland School Performance Assessment Program - Study Commission**

30 FOR the purpose of establishing a Commission to evaluate and recommend changes to the Maryland School Performance  
40 Assessment Program; providing for the membership, chairman, duties, and staffing of the Commission; requiring the  
50 Commission to report to the Governor and to the General Assembly by a certain date; providing for the termination of this  
60 Act; and generally relating to the establishment of a Commission to Study the Maryland School Performance Assessment  
70 Program.

80 BY adding to  
90 Article - Education  
100 Section 5-208.1  
110 Annotated Code of Maryland  
120 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

130 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT LEGISLATURE OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read  
140 as follows:

150 **Article - Education**

160 18 5-208.1.

170 (A) THERE IS A COMMISSION TO STUDY THE MARYLAND SCHOOL PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT  
180 PROGRAM.

190 (B) THE COMMISSION SHALL BE COMPOSED OF THE FOLLOWING 15 MEMBERS:

200 (1) ONE MEMBER OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, APPOINTED BY THE SPEAKER OF THE  
210 HOUSE;

220 (2) ONE MEMBER OF THE SENATE OF MARYLAND, APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE  
230 SENATE;

240 (3) THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION OR THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S  
250 DESIGNEE;

260 (4) THE FOLLOWING 12 MEMBERS, APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR:

270 (I) THE DEAN OF AN ACCREDITED COLLEGE OF EDUCATION WITHIN THE STATE;

280 (II) ONE MEMBER FROM THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY;

290 (III) ONE PRINCIPAL SERVING IN A PUBLIC ELEMENTARY OR MIDDLE SCHOOL WITHIN  
300 THE STATE;

310 (IV) SEVEN REPRESENTATIVES, GEOGRAPHICALLY BALANCED, FROM THE  
320 ORGANIZATION SERVING AS THE EXCLUSIVE REPRESENTATIVE OF TEACHERS IN  
330 EIGHT DIFFERENT SCHOOL SYSTEMS, ONE OF WHICH SHALL BE BALTIMORE CITY;

340 (V) ONE PARENT SELECTED FROM A LIST SUBMITTED BY THE MARYLAND PARENT  
350 TEACHER ASSOCIATION; AND

360 (VI) ONE MEMBER OF THE PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS AND TEACHER EDUCATION  
370 BOARD.

- 380 (C) THE GOVERNOR SHALL DESIGNATE ONE OF THE MEMBERS AS CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMISSION.
- 390 (D) THE DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES SHALL PROVIDE STAFF SUPPORT FOR THE  
400 COMMISSION.
- 410 (E) A MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION MAY NOT RECEIVE COMPENSATION FOR SERVING ON THE  
420 COMMISSION, BUT IS ENTITLED TO REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES UNDER THE STANDARD  
430 STATE TRAVEL REGULATIONS, AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET.
- 440 (F) THE COMMISSION SHALL:
- 450 (1) CREATE AND ADMINISTER A SURVEY TO BE DISTRIBUTED STATEWIDE TO SCHOOL  
460 PERSONNEL FOR GRADES KINDERGARTEN THROUGH 8 WHO ADMINISTER THE MARYLAND  
470 SCHOOL PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT PROGRAM; AND
- 480 (2) EVALUATE THE RESULTS OF THE SURVEY AND, ON THE BASIS OF THOSE RESULTS,  
490 RECOMMEND MODIFICATIONS AND CHANGES TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION WITH  
500 RESPECT TO THE MARYLAND SCHOOL PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT PROGRAM.
- 510 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Commission shall report to the Governor, and in accordance with  
520 § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2001 and on or before  
530 December 1, 2002.
- 540 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2001. It shall remain effective for a  
550 period of 18 months and, at the end of December 31, 2002, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act  
560 shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

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