

Chapter 676

(House Bill 724)

AN ACT concerning

State Department of Education – School Guidance Counselors and Pupil Personnel Workers – Reporting

FOR the purpose of requiring local school systems to report certain information on school guidance counselors and pupil personnel workers to the State Department of Education on or before a certain date; requiring the State Department of Education to report certain information to the General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to reporting of information on school guidance counselors and pupil personnel workers.

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That:

(a) On or before December 31, 2012, each local school system shall submit to the State Department of Education:

(1) A description of the local school system's school guidance counselor program, including:

(i) Data relating to the number of school guidance counselors employed by the local school system;

(ii) The general duties and responsibilities of the school guidance counselors; ~~and~~

(iii) The activities of the school guidance counselors that are designed to promote the college readiness of students in grades 6 through 12; and

(iv) The number of students each school guidance counselor is responsible for at the school;

(2) A description of the local school system's pupil personnel worker program, including:

(i) Data relating to the number of pupil personnel workers employed by the local school system;

(ii) The general duties and responsibilities of the pupil personnel workers; and

(iii) The number of students each pupil personnel worker is responsible for at the school; and

~~(2)~~ (3) Any other information requested by the State Department of Education for purposes of subsection (b) of this section.

(b) On or before December 31, 2013, the State Department of Education shall submit a report to the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, on:

(1) The data collected and information compiled under subsection (a) of this section; and

(2) The feasibility of and costs associated with the establishment of a college readiness program implemented through school guidance counselors that targets students in grades 6 through 12.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2012. It shall remain effective for a period 2 years and, at the end of June 30, 2014, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Approved by the Governor, May 22, 2012.