

SENATE BILL 1033

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By: **Senators Peters, Benson, Griffith, Miller, and Patterson**

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Assigned to: Rules

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force to Study the Feasibility of a Bowie State University Law School**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Task Force to Study the Feasibility of a Bowie State
4 University Law School; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Task
5 Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving certain compensation,
6 but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses; requiring the Task Force to
7 study and make recommendations regarding the feasibility of establishing a Bowie
8 State University Law School; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and
9 recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain
10 date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Task
11 Force to Study the Feasibility of a Bowie State University Law School.

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

13 That:

14 (a) There is a Task Force to Study the Feasibility of a Bowie State University Law
15 School.

16 (b) The Task Force consists of the following members:

17 (1) one member of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of
18 the Senate;

19 (2) one member of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of the
20 House;

21 (3) the Secretary of Higher Education, or the Secretary's designee;

22 (4) one representative from the University System of Maryland, appointed
23 by the Chancellor of the University System of Maryland;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (5) one representative of Bowie State University, appointed by the
2 President of Bowie State University; and

3 (6) the President of the Maryland State Bar Association, or the President's
4 designee.

5 (c) The Task Force shall elect a chair from among its members.

6 (d) Bowie State University shall provide staff for the Task Force.

7 (e) A member of the Task Force:

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

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

11 (f) The Task Force shall:

12 (1) study the feasibility of establishing and operating a Bowie State
13 University Law School in Prince George's County, including:

14 (i) the legal feasibility, including examining the statutory and
15 regulatory requirements for establishing a law school and any requirements imposed by
16 the University System of Maryland, the Middle States Commission on Higher Education,
17 the Maryland Higher Education Commission, or the American Bar Association;

18 (ii) the operational feasibility of locating a law school in Prince
19 George's County, including an examination of other area law schools and the enrollment
20 needed to justify establishing a new law school; and

21 (iii) the economic feasibility of locating a law school in Prince
22 George's County, including examining the cost savings and other benefits expected from
23 establishing a law school compared with the expenditures associated with establishing a
24 law school; and

25 (2) make recommendations on whether it is legally, operationally, and
26 economically feasible to establish and operate a Bowie State University Law School in
27 Prince George's County.

28 (g) On or before December 1, 2020, the Task Force shall report its findings and
29 recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State
30 Government Article, the General Assembly.

31 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June
32 1, 2020. It shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and 1 month and, at the end of June
33 30, 2022, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be

1 abrogated and of no further force and effect.