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Senate Bill 222 (Senator Exum, *et al.*)
Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**Task Force to Examine and Establish Boundaries of the Prince George's County
School Board Districts**

This bill establishes a Task Force to Examine and Establish Boundaries of the Prince George's County School Board Districts. The task force is required to examine the issues and information regarding current and proposed school board districts in Prince George's County and establish new boundaries for the Prince George's County school board districts. The task force is required to reports its findings and recommendations to the Prince George's County House and Senate Delegations, the Prince George's County Council, and the Prince George's County Executive by December 1, 2006.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2004 and sunsets December 1, 2006.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Potential minimal increase in Prince George's County expenditures associated with providing staff for the task force.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Background: Chapter 289 of 2002 eliminated the previously existing Board of Education of Prince George's County and established a New Prince George's County Board of Education. The new board consists of nine voting members jointly appointed

by the County Executive and the Governor from a list of nominees submitted by the State Board of Education. In addition to the nine voting members, one student with limited voting privileges serves on the new board. The new board took office June 1, 2002 and members' terms expire December 3, 2006.

On December 4, 2006, a newly-elected board will replace the appointed board. The elected board will consist of nine voting members, five of whom will be elected from five new school board districts established in the bill and four of whom will be elected from the county at large. The elected board will also include one student member with limited voting privileges.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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