

HOUSE BILL 1107

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By: **Prince George's County Delegation**

Introduced and read first time: February 8, 2013

Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force on the Membership and Operation of the Prince George's County**
3 **Board of Education**

4 **PG 411-13**

5 FOR the purpose of establishing the Task Force on the Membership and Operation of
6 the Prince George's County Board of Education; providing for the chairs and
7 staff for the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving
8 certain compensation but entitling members to reimbursement for certain
9 expenses; requiring the Task Force to make certain recommendations, including
10 recommendations regarding the method of selecting the Prince George's County
11 Board of Education; requiring the Task Force to hold a certain number of public
12 meetings in certain locations that allow certain persons to testify about certain
13 issues; requiring the Task Force to submit a certain report to certain persons on
14 or before a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally
15 relating to the Task Force on the Membership and Operation of the Prince
16 George's County Board of Education.

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

19 (a) There is a Task Force on the Membership and Operation of the Prince
20 George's County Board of Education.

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

22 (1) the Chair of the Prince George's County Senate Delegation, or the
23 Chair's designee;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (2) one member of the Senate of Maryland who represents Prince
2 George's County, appointed by the Chair of the Prince George's County Senate
3 Delegation;

4 (3) the Chair of the Prince George's County House Delegation, or the
5 Chair's designee;

6 (4) one member of the House of Delegates who represents Prince
7 George's County, appointed by the Chair of the Prince George's County House
8 Delegation;

9 (5) the Chair of the Prince George's County Board of Education, or the
10 Chair's designee;

11 (6) the Superintendent of Prince George's County Public Schools, or
12 the Superintendent's designee;

13 (7) the Prince George's County Executive, or the County Executive's
14 designee;

15 (8) one member of the Prince George's County Council, appointed by
16 the Chair of the Prince George's County Council; and

17 (9) one member who represents the Maryland Association of Boards of
18 Education, appointed by the Association.

19 (c) The Chair of the Prince George's County Senate Delegation and the Chair
20 of the Prince George's County House Delegation shall jointly designate the cochairs of
21 the Task Force from among the members of the Task Force from the Senate of
22 Maryland and the House of Delegates.

23 (d) The Department of Legislative Services shall provide staff for the Task
24 Force.

25 (e) A member of the Task Force:

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

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

29 (f) The Task Force shall study and make recommendations regarding the
30 Prince George's County Board of Education as to:

31 (1) the composition, qualifications, and compensation of members of
32 the Board;

- 1 (2) methods for selecting the members of the Board;
- 2 (3) an appropriate phase-in period for any recommended changes to
3 the existing Board composition;
- 4 (4) a Board composition that reflects the gender and racial diversity of
5 Prince George's County;
- 6 (5) criteria that improve Board results, accountability, transparency,
7 and oversight;
- 8 (6) criteria for establishing and measuring Board outcomes;
- 9 (7) a protocol for Board audits and addressing audit findings; and
- 10 (8) any other relevant issues.

11 (g) (1) The Task Force shall hold at least three public meetings in
12 geographically diverse areas of Prince George's County that allow members of the
13 general public and stakeholder organizations to testify on issues being studied by the
14 Task Force.

15 (2) The Task Force shall extend an invitation to representatives from
16 the following stakeholder organizations to testify at a public meeting:

- 17 (i) the Prince George's County Educator's Association;
- 18 (ii) the Prince George's County SEIU Local 400;
- 19 (iii) the Prince George's County Association of Supervisory and
20 Administrative School Personnel;
- 21 (iv) the Prince George's County AFSCME 2250;
- 22 (v) the PTA Council of Prince George's County;
- 23 (vi) the Prince George's County Student Councils;
- 24 (vii) the Prince George's County chapter of the NAACP;
- 25 (viii) the Prince George's County Board of Education; and
- 26 (ix) the Prince George's County Municipal Association.

27 (h) On or before October 31, 2013, the Task Force shall report its findings
28 and recommendations to the Governor, the State Superintendent of Schools, the
29 Prince George's County Executive, the Prince George's County Council, the Prince

1 George's County Superintendent of Schools, the Prince George's County Board of
2 Education, and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the
3 Prince George's County Senate Delegation and the Prince George's County House
4 Delegation.

5 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
6 July 1, 2013. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of June 30,
7 2014, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be
8 abrogated and of no further force and effect.