

HOUSE BILL 214

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

Introduced and read first time: January 18, 2018

Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Prince George's County – Equality in Education Act**

3 **PG 505–18**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring a public charter school in Prince George's County to comply
5 with certain administrative procedures relating to school uniforms; requiring a
6 certain public charter school to choose a certain uniform that may be purchased from
7 more than one vendor or store; authorizing a certain parent to purchase a school
8 uniform from certain vendors or stores; requiring a certain public charter school to
9 establish a certain process and provide certain information to certain parents in a
10 certain manner; requiring certain public charter schools to submit a certain annual
11 report that includes certain information; requiring certain public charter schools to
12 develop and implement a certain comprehensive plan and submit the plan to the
13 Chief Executive Officer of the Prince George's County public school system on or
14 before a certain date; requiring the Chief Executive Officer to review a certain plan;
15 authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to require certain revisions to the plan under
16 certain circumstances; prohibiting certain public charter schools from implementing
17 a certain plan without a certain approval; authorizing the Prince George's County
18 Board of Education to provide technical assistance to certain public charter schools
19 under certain circumstances; and generally relating to public charter schools in
20 Prince George's County.

21 BY adding to
22 Article – Education
23 Section 9–110.1
24 Annotated Code of Maryland
25 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

26 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
27 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



Article – Education

9–110.1.

(A) THIS SECTION APPLIES ONLY IN PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY.

(B) (1) A PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL SHALL COMPLY WITH THE PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES RELATING TO SCHOOL UNIFORMS.

(2) (I) IF A PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL REQUIRES STUDENTS TO WEAR A SCHOOL UNIFORM, THE PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL SHALL CHOOSE A SCHOOL UNIFORM THAT MAY BE PURCHASED FROM MORE THAN ONE VENDOR OR STORE.

(II) A PARENT MAY PURCHASE THE SCHOOL UNIFORM FROM A VENDOR APPROVED BY THE PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL OR FROM A STORE OF THE PARENT’S CHOICE.

(3) A PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL THAT REQUIRES STUDENTS TO WEAR A SCHOOL UNIFORM SHALL:

(I) ESTABLISH A PROCESS TO ACCOMMODATE A FAMILY WHO MAY REQUIRE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING A SCHOOL UNIFORM; AND

(II) PROVIDE INFORMATION REGARDING THE PROCESS DESCRIBED UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH BY:

1. POSTING THE INFORMATION ON THE WEBSITE OF THE PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL; AND

2. DISSEMINATING WRITTEN INFORMATION TO EACH PARENT OF A STUDENT IN THE PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL.

(C) (1) ON OR BEFORE NOVEMBER 1 EACH YEAR, EACH PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL SHALL SUBMIT TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM AND THE MEMBERS OF THE PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY DELEGATION TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY A REPORT ON THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS WHO HAVE:

(I) A DISABILITY AS DEFINED UNDER THE FEDERAL INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES EDUCATION ACT;

1 (II) A DISABILITY AS DEFINED UNDER SECTION 504 OF THE
2 FEDERAL REHABILITATION ACT OF 1973;

3 (III) AN INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION PLAN OR A 504 PLAN; AND

4 (IV) RECEIVED SPECIAL EDUCATION AND RELATED SERVICES.

5 (2) THE INFORMATION REPORTED FOR THE STUDENTS WHO
6 RECEIVED SPECIAL EDUCATION AND RELATED SERVICES SHALL INCLUDE:

7 (I) THE TYPES OF SERVICES PROVIDED TO EACH STUDENT;

8 (II) THE NUMBER OF HOURS OF SERVICES PROVIDED TO THE
9 STUDENTS;

10 (III) THE NUMBER OF PERSONNEL NECESSARY TO PROVIDE THE
11 SERVICES TO THE STUDENTS; AND

12 (IV) ANY ACCOMMODATIONS OR MODIFICATIONS PROVIDED TO
13 THE STUDENTS.

14 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

15 (a) This section applies only in Prince George's County.

16 (b) Each public charter school shall:

17 (1) develop and implement a comprehensive plan to make equipment and
18 supplies that are required as part of the curriculum of the public charter school available
19 and affordable to students attending the public charter school; and

20 (2) on or before October 15, 2019, submit the plan to the Chief Executive
21 Officer of the Prince George's County public school system.

22 (c) (1) The Chief Executive Officer:

23 (i) shall review each plan to determine whether the plan complies
24 with the requirements of subsection (b) of this section; and

25 (ii) may require revisions to the plan if the Chief Executive Officer
26 determines that the plan does not comply with the requirements of subsection (b) of this
27 section.

28 (2) A public charter school may not implement a plan unless it has been
29 approved by the Chief Executive Officer.

1 (d) The Prince George's County Board of Education may provide technical
2 assistance to a public charter school in developing and implementing a plan.

3 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
4 1, 2018.