

Chapter 166

(House Bill 678)

AN ACT concerning

**Maryland–National Capital Park and Planning Commission – Prince George’s County Recreation ~~Program~~ Programs – Youth Sports ~~Program~~ and Division**

**MC/PG 115–19**

FOR the purpose of requiring the Prince George’s County Planning Board to offer a comprehensive youth sports program and to create a youth sports division as part of the county recreation ~~program~~ programs; requiring the youth sports division to coordinate certain activities and incorporate youth sports activities into the recreation ~~program~~ programs; and generally relating to the recreation ~~program~~ programs established by the Prince George’s County Planning Board.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Land Use

Section 25–801 and 25–802 to be under the amended subtitle “Subtitle 8. Prince George’s County Recreation Programs”

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2012 Volume and 2018 Supplement)

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

**Article – Land Use**

**Subtitle 8. Prince George’s County Recreation [Program] PROGRAMS.**

25–801.

(a) The county planning board shall:

(1) provide an adequate and balanced program of recreation to serve the needs and interests of various age groups among the residents of the county; ~~and~~

**(2) OFFER A COMPREHENSIVE YOUTH SPORTS PROGRAM THAT PROVIDES A VARIETY OF SPORTS PROGRAMMING, LEAGUES, AND TEAMS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY; AND**

~~(2)~~ **(3)** coordinate the ~~program~~ **PROGRAMS** with the Commission’s park functions.

(b) The county planning board may develop ~~a program~~ **PROGRAMS** of recreation that may include physical, social, mental, and creative opportunities that the county planning board considers appropriate to offer in:

(1) major recreation centers, playfields, athletic fields, playgrounds, tennis courts, baseball diamonds, swimming pools, golf courses, community centers, and social centers on publicly or privately owned land or buildings made available for these purposes or over which the county planning board has sole or joint jurisdiction; or

(2) land or buildings of a municipal corporation or political subdivision in the county, if the municipal corporation or political subdivision requests the services of the county planning board.

(c) **(1)** The county planning board may contract with recreation or sports groups or associations to incorporate the activities of the groups or associations into the ~~program~~ **PROGRAMS** established by the county planning board under this subtitle.

**(2) NOTWITHSTANDING PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION, AS PART OF THE ~~PROGRAM~~ PROGRAMS ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE THE COUNTY PLANNING BOARD SHALL CREATE A YOUTH SPORTS DIVISION TO:**

**(I) COORDINATE YOUTH SPORTS PROGRAMMING, LEAGUES, AND TEAMS; AND**

**(II) INCORPORATE YOUTH SPORTS ACTIVITIES INTO THE ~~PROGRAM~~ PROGRAMS.**

25-802.

The county planning board, in the development and conduct of its recreation [program] PROGRAMS and in scheduling the use of publicly owned land or buildings for the conduct of the [program] PROGRAMS, shall cooperate with recognized and generally accepted agencies, groups, and organizations that may request to use the land or buildings.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2019.

**Approved by the Governor, April 18, 2019.**