



THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL
Park and Planning Commission

POSITION STATEMENT

Bill: SB 0151 Prince George's County – Workgroup on Health and Wellness

Position: Support

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Dear Chair Joseline A. Pena-Melnyk and Vice Chair Bonnie Cullison,

The Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission (“the Commission” or M-NCPPC) previously voted to support this bill with amendments. The updated amendments reflect the Commission’s position, and we ask that Health and Government Operations committee give this bill a favorable report.

What this Bill Does. This bill seeks to establish a workgroup on health and wellness in Prince George’s County to review and evaluate health and wellness practices, programs, services and resources in Prince George’s County and make recommendations regarding best practices in health and wellness community programming in the County. This bill would also require the workgroup to report its findings and recommendations to the Prince George’s County Executive, the Chair of the Prince George’s County Council, the Governor and the General Assembly by December 1, 2025.

M-NCPPC as Workgroup Members. The Prince George’s County Parks and Recreation Department (Parks Department) is a long-time supporter of the health and well-being of Prince George’s County residents. Promoting healthy eating, physical activity, and instilling habits for optimum health have also been among our top priorities. We appreciate the friendly sponsor amendment to include the *M-NCPPC* on the workgroup as it will help the Parks Department continue to enhance its health priorities among community residents alongside agencies within Prince George’s County.

For these reasons, we ask that the committee provide a favorable vote on SB 0151.