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By: **Prince George's County Delegation**  
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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Prince George's County – Workgroup on Health and Wellness**

3 **PG 409–24**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing a Workgroup on Health and Wellness in Prince George's  
5 County to review and evaluate certain information and make certain  
6 recommendations related to health and wellness in Prince George's County; and  
7 generally relating to the Workgroup on Health and Wellness in Prince George's  
8 County.

9 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
10 That:

11 (a) There is a Workgroup on Health and Wellness in Prince George's County.

12 (b) The Workgroup consists of the following members:

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

15 (2) the Chair of the Prince George's County House Delegation, or the  
16 Chair's designee;

17 (3) the Chair of the Prince George's County Council, or the Chair's  
18 designee;

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### EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1           (4) the Director of the Prince George's County Department of Parks and  
2 Recreation, or the Director's designee;

3           ~~(4)~~ (5) the following members, appointed by the Chair of the Prince George's  
4 County Senate Delegation:

5                   (i) two representatives of small and local health and wellness  
6 businesses; and

7                   (ii) one integrative health and wellness practitioner; and

8           ~~(5)~~ (6) the following members, appointed by the Prince George's County  
9 Executive:

10                   (i) one certified dietitian providing services in Prince George's  
11 County;

12                   (ii) two health and wellness practitioners in Prince George's County;

13                   (iii) one representative of the Prince George's County Food Equity  
14 Council;

15                   (iv) one representative from Nonprofit Prince George's County; and

16                   (v) one representative from the South County Economic  
17 Development Association.

18           (c) The Prince George's County Health Officer shall designate the chair of the  
19 Workgroup.

20           (d) The Prince George's County Health Department shall provide staff for the  
21 Workgroup.

22           (e) A member of the Workgroup or a subgroup established under subsection (g) of  
23 this section:

24                   (1) may not receive compensation as a member of the Workgroup or  
25 subgroup; but

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

28           (f) The Workgroup shall:

29                   (1) review the availability of health and wellness practices in Prince  
30 George's County;

1                   (2) review available options for integrative health and wellness programs  
2 in Prince George's County;

3                   (3) review programs that promote healthy eating within the Prince  
4 George's County government agencies;

5                   (4) make recommendations regarding the best practices in health and  
6 wellness community programming, including strategies and programs that:

7                   (i) promote healthy eating;

8                   (ii) improve equitable access to healthy, affordable, and accessible  
9 food retailers;

10                   (iii) improve equitable access to environments that are built and  
11 promote physical activity, including:

12                                 1.     gymnasiums;

13                                 2.     recreation centers;

14                                 3.     athletic fields and facilities;

15                                 4.     playgrounds;

16                                 5.     sidewalks; and

17                                 6.     bicycle and walking paths;

18                   (iv) reduce the density in specified areas of calorie-dense and fast  
19 food restaurants and retailers; and

20                   (v) promote healthy eating, physical activity, and nonsedentary  
21 habits for obesity prevention;

22                   (5) make recommendations for incentives that may be provided to  
23 employers, businesses, and Prince George's County agencies to promote health and  
24 wellness strategies and programs identified under item (4) of this subsection;

25                   (6) review and report on the benefits of incorporating integrative health  
26 into various aspects of Prince George's County; and

27                   (7) evaluate the benefit and feasibility of creating integrative health and  
28 wellness hubs in Prince George's County.

1 (g) (1) The Workgroup may establish a subgroup to assist in carrying out its  
2 duties, including conducting research and producing reports.

3 (2) A subgroup established under paragraph (1) of this subsection may  
4 include an individual who is not a member of the Workgroup, such as a representative of a  
5 relevant expert.

6 (h) On or before December 1, 2025, the Workgroup shall report its findings and  
7 recommendations to the Prince George’s County Executive, the Chair of the Prince George’s  
8 County Council, the Governor, and, in accordance with § 2–1257 of the State Government  
9 Article, the General Assembly.

10 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
11 1, 2024. It shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and, at the end of June 30, 2026,  
12 this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and  
13 of no further force and effect.

Approved:

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Governor.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.

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President of the Senate.