

BY: Select Committee No. 6 and 7

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 694

(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 10, after the semicolon insert “establishing a Prince George's County Task Force for the Study of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission; specifying the membership of and the appointment process for the Task Force;”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, after line 23, insert:

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

(a) (1) There is a Prince George's County Task Force for the Study of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission.

(2) The Task Force is established to study the operation of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (MNCPPC) as the agency relates to Prince George's County and the Prince George's County Government to identify those areas where efficiency and savings can be achieved by consolidation or reassignment of overlapping or similar functions or responsibilities.

(b) (1) The Task Force consists of nine members.

(2) Of the nine members:

(i) four shall be appointed by the County Executive of Prince George's County;

(ii) one shall be appointed by the County Council of Prince George's County;

(iii) one shall be appointed by the Chairman of the Prince George's County

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(iv) one shall be appointed by the Chairman of the Prince George's County Senate Select Committee;

(v) one shall be appointed by the Prince George's County Municipal Association; and

(vi) one shall be appointed by the members of the MNCPPC from Prince George's County.

(3) A member of the Task Force may not:

(i) hold an elected office;

(ii) serve on the MNCPPC; or

(iii) be employed by Prince George's County or the MNCPPC.

(4) In appointing members of the Task Force, the appointing authority shall seek to include individuals who have an understanding of:

(i) public finance;

(ii) the role of the MNCPPC and its relationship with the County; and

(iii) projected needs of the County in the service areas affected by the study.

(c) The County Executive of Prince George's County shall appoint one member as chairman of the Task Force.

(d) (1) The Maryland Department of Fiscal Services shall provide staff support to the Task Force.

(2) Under the direction of the Task Force, the Department of Fiscal Services shall conduct a feasibility study of combining common support functions of those entities that are subject to the Task Force's study.

(e) The Task Force shall study:

(1) the role and functions of the MNCPPC and the County to identify areas where operational functions among the entities are similar or overlap;

(2) the feasibility of combining identified functions under a single entity for improved efficiency or economies of scale;

(3) the possible reassignment of any functions performed by any entity that would result in improved efficiency and savings; and

(4) any other matter appropriate, in the view of the Task Force, concerning the role and functions of the entities studied, the needs of the County, and the opportunities for change to better serve the residents of Prince George's County.

(f) The County Government and the MNCPPC shall cooperate and work with the Task Force and, at the request of the Task Force, provide any information that the Task Force requires to carry out its responsibilities.

(g) (1) On or before December 1, 1996, the Task Force shall complete its study and report its findings and recommendations to the:

(i) County Executive of Prince George's County;

(ii) County Council for Prince George's County; and

(iii) Prince George's County Senate and House Delegations.

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(2) The Task Force's report shall include a detailed fiscal analysis reflecting any savings that can be achieved as a result of each recommendation.”;
and in line 24, strike “2.” and substitute “3.”.