
By: Prince George's County Delegation

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

**2 Prince George's County - Task Force on the Future Governance, Fiscal Responsibility,
3 and Autonomy of the Prince George's County Board of Education
4 PG 437-97**

5 FOR the purpose of establishing a Task Force on the Future Governance, Fiscal
6 Responsibility, and Autonomy of the Prince George's County Board of Education;
7 specifying the purposes and responsibilities of the Task Force; requiring the Task
8 Force to report to certain persons by a certain date; providing for the composition
9 of the Task Force; providing for the termination of the Task Force; providing for
10 the effective date of this Act; and generally relating to the Task Force on the Future
11 Governance, Fiscal Responsibility, and Autonomy of the Prince George's County
12 Board of Education.

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
14 MARYLAND, That:

15 (a) There is a Task Force on the Future Governance, Fiscal Responsibility, and
16 Autonomy of the Prince George's County Board of Education.

17 (b) The Task Force consists of 14 members as follows:

18 (1) Two Delegates appointed by the Chairperson of the Prince George's
19 County House of Delegates Delegation;

20 (2) Two Senators appointed by the Chairperson of the Prince George's
21 County Senate Delegation;

22 (3) One representative of the County Executive of Prince George's County;

23 (4) One representative of the County Council of Prince George's County;

24 (5) One representative of the Prince George's County Board of Education;

25 (6) One representative of the Prince George's County Chamber of
26 Commerce;

27 (7) One representative of the Prince George's County Educators
28 Association; and

29 (8) Five members of the general public appointed as follows:

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1 (i) One appointed by the Prince George's County House of Delegates
2 Delegation;

3 (ii) One appointed by the Prince George's County Senate Delegation;

4 (iii) One appointed by the President of the Prince George's County
5 Parent Teacher Association;

6 (iv) One appointed by the County Council of Prince George's County;
7 and

8 (v) One appointed by the County Executive of Prince George's
9 County.

10 (c) The members of the Task Force must be appointed by June 20, 1997.

11 (d) The members of the Task Force shall designate a chairperson of the Task
12 Force before its first public hearing.

13 (e) The Department of Fiscal Services and the Department of Legislative
14 Reference shall provide staff support to the Task Force with assistance from:

15 (1) The Prince George's County Board of Education;

16 (2) The Prince George's County Executive's Office; and

17 (3) The Prince George's County Council.

18 (f) The purposes and responsibilities of the Task Force are to:

19 (1) Assess the relationship between the school system and other Prince
20 George's County government agencies, including the County Executive's Office and the
21 County Council as it relates to future County budget appropriations and the relationship
22 to educational performance outcomes;

23 (2) Identify future sources for funding education and address the issue of
24 fiscal autonomy for the Board of Education and the Board's responsibility to the County
25 for the utilization and reporting of funds appropriated by the County and the State;

26 (3) Examine alternative methods for the future governance of the Prince
27 George's County school system and the appropriateness of such governance relating to
28 fiscal accountability and educational performance outcomes;

29 (4) Study any other matter appropriate, in view of the Task Force, for
30 improving the educational outcomes and performances of the students in the Prince
31 George's County school system; and

32 (5) Develop recommendations.

33 (g) (1) The Task Force shall conduct at least four public forums throughout
34 Prince George's County between June and November of 1997.

35 (2) The meeting notices shall be published in a newspaper of record and by
36 any other means that will disseminate the information to the parents of students and
37 other citizens of Prince George's County.

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1 (h) On or before December 20, 1997, the Task Force shall report its findings and
2 recommendations to the:

3 (1) Chairperson of the Prince George's County Senate Delegation;

4 (2) Chairperson of the Prince George's County House of Delegates
5 Delegation;

6 (3) County Executive of Prince George's County;

7 (4) County Council for Prince George's County; and

8 (5) Chairperson of the Prince George's County Board of Education.

9 (i) The Task Force shall terminate on December 20, 1997.

10 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
11 June 1, 1997.