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AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 15, after “initiatives;” insert “requiring a certain audit of the Prince George’s County Public Schools; establishing a certain management oversight panel; providing that certain existing funding for Prince George’s County Schools may be directed to support certain programs;”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 7, strike beginning with “PARAGRAPH” in line 22 down through “OF” in line 23; and after line 23, insert:

“(3) (I) THE PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION ANNUALLY SHALL SUBMIT TO THE DEPARTMENT A PLAN FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS PROVIDED IN:

1. PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION FOR EFFECTIVE SCHOOLS PROGRAMS; AND

2. CHAPTER 105 OF THE ACTS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF 1997 FOR THE MAGNET SCHOOLS PROGRAM, WHICH, NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, MAY BE DIRECTED TO SUPPORT MAGNET AND OTHER EFFECTIVE SCHOOLS PROGRAMS.

(II) THE PLAN SHALL INCLUDE:

1. FUNDS FOR ACADEMIC PROGRAMS TO SUPPORT RESEARCH-PROVEN STRATEGIES THAT ENHANCE INSTRUCTION AND STUDENT PERFORMANCE; AND

(Over)

2. STRONG MONITORING AND EVALUATION COMPONENTS.

(III) THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT SHALL REVIEW THE PLAN AND APPROVE IT BEFORE RELEASING THE FUNDS EACH YEAR.

(4) THERE SHALL BE A PERFORMANCE AUDIT OF THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY AN INDEPENDENT AUDIT FIRM.

(5) (I) THERE SHALL BE A MANAGEMENT OVERSIGHT PANEL COMPOSED OF NINE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY RESIDENTS WHICH SHALL ASSIST IN DEVELOPING THE SCOPE OF THE PERFORMANCE AUDIT, MEET PERIODICALLY WITH THE AUDITOR TO MONITOR THE PROGRESS OF THE AUDIT, REVIEW THE FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE AUDIT, AND MONITOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AUDIT'S RECOMMENDATIONS FOR A 3-YEAR PERIOD.

(II) THE MANAGEMENT OVERSIGHT PANEL SHALL BE APPOINTED JOINTLY BY THE GOVERNOR, THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY EXECUTIVE, AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION FROM A LIST OF QUALIFIED INDIVIDUALS SUBMITTED BY THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

(III) THE NINE-MEMBER MANAGEMENT OVERSIGHT PANEL SHALL BE COMPOSED OF:

1. FOUR INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE EXTENSIVE EXPERTISE IN MANAGEMENT OR BUSINESS ENTERPRISES;

2. THREE INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE EXTENSIVE EXPERTISE IN THE EDUCATION FIELD; AND

3. TWO INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE PARENTS OF STUDENTS IN THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS, AT LEAST ONE OF WHOM HAS A CHILD IN SPECIAL EDUCATION.

(IV) THE GOVERNOR, THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY EXECUTIVE, AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION JOINTLY SHALL DESIGNATE A CHAIRMAN OF THE MANAGEMENT

OVERSIGHT PANEL.

(V) IN APPOINTING THE MEMBERS AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE MANAGEMENT OVERSIGHT PANEL, THE AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF TWO OF THE THREE APPOINTING AUTHORITIES SHALL BE SUFFICIENT TO MAKE THE APPOINTMENT.

(VI) THE MANAGEMENT OVERSIGHT PANEL SHALL REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR, GENERAL ASSEMBLY, PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL, AND PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION:

1. AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE AUDIT ON THE PANEL'S COMMENTS ON THE AUDIT'S FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS; AND

2. ANNUALLY ON IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AUDIT'S RECOMMENDATIONS.

(6) THE STATE SHALL PROVIDE ONE-THIRD OF THE TOTAL COST OF THE AUDIT UP TO \$200,000, WITH RELEASE OF THE FUNDS CONTINGENT ON APPOINTMENT OF THE MANAGEMENT OVERSIGHT PANEL.”.