
By: **Prince George's County Delegation**
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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Prince George's County - Task Force on the Future Governance, Fiscal**
3 **Responsibility, and Autonomy of the Prince George's County Board of**
4 **Education**
5 **PG 413-01**

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

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

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

18 (b) The Task Force consists of 16 members as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

- 1 (6) One representative of the Prince George's County Chamber of
2 Commerce;
- 3 (7) One representative of the Prince George's County Educators
4 Association;
- 5 (8) One representative of the Association of Supervisory and
6 Administrative School Personnel; and
- 7 (9) Six members of the general public appointed as follows:
- 8 (i) One appointed by the Prince George's County House of
9 Delegates Delegation;
- 10 (ii) One appointed by the Prince George's County Senate
11 Delegation;
- 12 (iii) One appointed by the President of the Prince George's County
13 Parent Teacher Association;
- 14 (iv) One appointed by the County Council of Prince George's
15 County;
- 16 (v) One appointed by the County Executive of Prince George's
17 County; and
- 18 (vi) One appointed by the Superintendent of Prince George's County
19 public schools.
- 20 (c) The members of the Task Force shall be appointed by June 20, 2001.
- 21 (d) The members of the Task Force shall designate a chairperson of the Task
22 Force before its first public hearing.
- 23 (e) The Department of Legislative Services shall provide staff support to the
24 Task Force.
- 25 (f) The purposes and responsibilities of the Task Force are to:
- 26 (1) Assess the relationship between the school system and other Prince
27 George's County government agencies, including the County Executive's Office and
28 the County Council, as it relates to future County budget appropriations and
29 educational performance outcomes;
- 30 (2) Identify current and potential sources for funding education in Prince
31 George's County and address the issue of fiscal autonomy for the Board of Education
32 and the Board's responsibility to the County for the utilization and reporting of funds
33 appropriated by the County and the State;

1 (3) Examine alternative methods for the future governance of the Prince
2 George's County school system and the appropriateness of such governance with
3 respect to fiscal accountability and educational performance outcomes;

4 (4) Study any other matter considered appropriate by the Task Force
5 with respect to improving the educational outcomes and performances of the students
6 in the Prince George's County school system; and

7 (5) Develop recommendations.

8 (g) (1) The Task Force shall conduct at least four public forums in different
9 geographic areas of Prince George's County between June and November of 2001.

10 (2) The meeting notices shall be published in a newspaper of record
11 published in Prince George's County and by any other means that will disseminate
12 the information about the Task Force meetings to the parents of students and other
13 citizens of Prince George's County.

14 (h) On or before December 20, 2001, the Task Force shall report its findings
15 and recommendations to the:

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

17 (2) Chairperson of the Prince George's County House of Delegates
18 Delegation;

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

20 (4) County Council for Prince George's County;

21 (5) Chairperson of the Prince George's County Board of Education; and

22 (6) The Superintendent of Prince George's County schools.

23 (i) The Task Force shall terminate on December 20, 2001.

24 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
25 June 1, 2001.