
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 to Study the Decentralization of the**
3 **Prince George's County School System**
4 **PG 430-02**

5 FOR the purpose of establishing the Prince George's County Task Force to Study the
6 Decentralization of the Prince George's County Public School System; providing
7 for the composition of the Task Force; providing that certain members serve as
8 co-chairmen of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to hold a certain public
9 hearing; requiring the Task Force to submit a certain report by a certain date;
10 providing for the effective date of this Act; providing for the termination of this
11 Act; and generally relating to the establishment of the Prince George's County
12 Task Force to Study the Decentralization of the Prince George's County Public
13 School System.

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

16 (a) The Prince George's County Delegations to the State Senate and House of
17 Delegates shall establish a Prince George's County Task Force to Study the
18 Decentralization of the Prince George's County Public School System.

19 (b) The Task Force shall consist of 19 members as follows:

20 (1) One member of the State Senate, appointed by the Chairman of the
21 Prince George's County Senators;

22 (2) One member of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Chairman
23 of the Prince George's County House Delegation;

24 (3) One teacher, principal, administrator, or parent of a student from
25 each of the nine county school board districts, appointed by the Chairman of the
26 Prince George's County Board of Education;

27 (4) One member of the Prince George's County Board of Education,
28 appointed by the Chairman of the Board;

1 (5) The Superintendent of the Prince George's County public schools or
2 the Superintendent's designee;

3 (6) Two community education advocates in Prince George's County
4 appointed by the Chairman of the Prince George's County Board of Education;

5 (7) One member from the Prince George's County Chamber of
6 Commerce;

7 (8) One member from the Prince George's County Educators Association;

8 (9) One member from the Association of Supervisory and Administrative
9 School Personnel; and

10 (10) One member from the National Association for the Advancement of
11 Colored People.

12 (c) The Task Force shall:

13 (1) Study the feasibility of dividing the Prince George's County public
14 school system into nine educational regions each headed by a regional superintendent
15 who reports to the county superintendent;

16 (2) Determine the best method for dividing the county school system into
17 nine educational regions;

18 (3) Determine how to allocate funds to each educational region from the
19 annual budget;

20 (4) Determine the duties of the regional superintendents and the county
21 superintendent;

22 (5) Take any other action necessary to carry out the purpose of this
23 section; and

24 (6) Conduct at least one public hearing between June and November of
25 2002.

26 (d) The two members of the Task Force representing the General Assembly
27 shall serve as co-chairmen of the Task Force.

28 (e) The members of the Task Force shall be appointed by June 20, 2002.

29 (f) Members of the Task Force shall serve without compensation except that
30 each member is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State
31 Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

32 (g) The Prince George's County Board of Education shall provide staff support
33 for the Task Force to the extent possible within existing budgeted resources.

1 (h) On or before November 1, 2002, the Task Force shall issue a final report of
2 its findings and recommendations to the:

- 3 (1) Chairman of the Prince George's County Senators;
- 4 (2) Chairman of the Prince George's County House Delegation;
- 5 (3) Chairman of the Prince George's County Board of Education;
- 6 (4) Superintendent of the Prince George's County public schools; and
- 7 (5) State Superintendent of Schools.

8 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take
9 effect June 1, 2002. It shall remain effective for a period of 6 months and, at the end
10 of November 30, 2002, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this
11 Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.