
By: **Prince George's County Delegation**

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Prince George's Hospital System Improvement Task Force**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Prince George's Hospital System Improvement
4 Task Force; providing for the composition of the Task Force; requiring the
5 Governor to appoint the chairman of the Task Force; providing for staffing for
6 the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving
7 compensation while authorizing members of the Task Force to receive
8 reimbursement for expenses; requiring the Task Force to study and make
9 recommendations about certain issues; requiring the Task Force to submit a
10 certain report to certain parties on or before a certain date; providing for the
11 termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Prince George's Hospital
12 System Improvement Task Force.

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

15 (a) There is a Prince George's Hospital System Improvement Task Force.

16 (b) The Task Force consists of the following members:

17 (1) One member of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President
18 of the Senate;

19 (2) One member of the House of Delegates appointed by the Speaker of
20 the House;

21 (3) The Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene;

22 (4) The Prince George's County Executive or the County Executive's
23 designee;

24 (5) The Chief of Staff from the Office of the Governor or the Chief's
25 designee; and

26 (6) The following members, appointed jointly by the Governor and the
27 Prince George's County Executive:

- 1 (i) Two representatives from Prince George's Hospital System;
- 2 (ii) Two representatives of the University of Maryland Medical
3 Systems;
- 4 (iii) One hospital finance expert;
- 5 (iv) One capital finance expert;
- 6 (v) One attorney with experience in health care;
- 7 (vi) Two representatives from physician practices working with the
8 Prince George's Hospital System;
- 9 (vii) One community leader with experience representing public
10 interests;
- 11 (viii) Two business community leaders;
- 12 (ix) One nurse representative from Prince George's Hospital
13 System;
- 14 (x) One representative from the managed care industry;
- 15 (xi) One representative with experience in a teaching hospital who
16 is not from the Prince George's Hospital System; and
- 17 (xii) One representative from the union representing the Prince
18 George's Hospital System's employees.
- 19 (c) The Governor shall designate the chairman of the Task Force.
- 20 (d) The University of Maryland Medical Systems, Office of the Chief of Staff of
21 the Governor, and the Office of the County Executive in Prince George's County shall
22 provide staff for the Task Force.
- 23 (e) A member of the Task Force may not receive compensation for serving on
24 the Task Force, but is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard
25 State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.
- 26 (f) The Task Force shall study and make recommendations regarding:
- 27 (1) Long-term funding and capital strategies for the Prince George's
28 Hospital System;
- 29 (2) An examination of the total management structure and operation of
30 the Prince George's Hospital System;
- 31 (3) A re-examination of the relationship between Prince George's County
32 government and the Prince George's Hospital System;

1 (4) Enhancing existing clinical programs, strengthening and improving
2 the quality of information systems;

3 (5) Engaging the right partners and stakeholders in the reform process
4 to achieve long-term change and success; and

5 (6) The identification of other relevant issues and possible solutions that
6 the Task Force determines are important to the success of the Prince George's
7 Hospital System.

8 (g) The Task Force shall report its findings and recommendations to the
9 Governor and the Prince George's County Executive on or before September 30, 2004.

10 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
11 October 1, 2002. It shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and, at the end of
12 September 30, 2004, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this
13 Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.