
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 - Full-Day Kindergarten and Prekindergarten**
3 **Programs - Alternative Providers**
4 **PG 402-06**

5 FOR the purpose of requiring the New Prince George's County Board of Education to
6 determine in certain updated comprehensive master plans the county board's
7 capacity to provide full-day kindergarten programs and prekindergarten
8 programs; requiring the county board to contract with certain alternative early
9 learning and child care providers to provide certain full-day kindergarten and
10 prekindergarten programs under certain circumstances; establishing certain
11 requirements for certain alternative early learning and child care providers;
12 requiring the State Department of Education to provide an updated inventory of
13 certain alternative early learning and child care providers under certain
14 circumstances; and generally relating to alternative providers for full-day
15 kindergarten and prekindergarten programs in Prince George's County.

16 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
17 Article - Education
18 Section 7-101(e) and 7-101.1(b)
19 Annotated Code of Maryland
20 (2004 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

21 BY adding to
22 Article - Education
23 Section 7-101.1(e)
24 Annotated Code of Maryland
25 (2004 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

26 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
27 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

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Article - Education

2 7-101.

3 (e) (1) [By] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION,
4 BY the 2007-2008 school year, each county board shall provide full-day kindergarten
5 programs for all kindergarten students in that county.

6 (2) In the comprehensive master plan that is submitted under § 5-401 of
7 this article, a county board shall identify the strategies that will be used in that
8 county to ensure that full-day kindergarten programs are provided to all
9 kindergarten students in that county by the 2007-2008 school year.

10 (3) (I) IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, BEGINNING WITH THE UPDATED
11 COMPREHENSIVE MASTER PLAN SUBMITTED ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 15, 2006, AND
12 EACH UPDATED PLAN SUBMITTED THEREAFTER, THE NEW PRINCE GEORGE'S
13 COUNTY BOARD SHALL DETERMINE ITS CURRENT CAPACITY TO PROVIDE FULL-DAY
14 KINDERGARTEN PROGRAMS FOR THE FOLLOWING SCHOOL YEAR.

15 (II) IF THE NEW PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY BOARD'S CURRENT
16 CAPACITY IS INSUFFICIENT TO MEET THE REQUIREMENT OF PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS
17 SUBSECTION, THE COUNTY BOARD SHALL CONTRACT WITH ONE OR MORE
18 ALTERNATIVE EARLY LEARNING AND CHILD CARE PROVIDERS IN THE COUNTY TO
19 PROVIDE FULL-DAY KINDERGARTEN PROGRAMS FOR THE LESSER OF:

20 1. THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE NEW PRINCE GEORGE'S
21 COUNTY BOARD'S CURRENT CAPACITY AND THE CAPACITY REQUIRED TO MEET THE
22 REQUIREMENT OF PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION; OR

23 2. THE ADDITIONAL CAPACITY AVAILABLE FROM QUALIFIED
24 ALTERNATIVE EARLY LEARNING AND CHILD CARE PROVIDERS.

25 (III) THE NEW PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY BOARD SHALL CONTRACT
26 ONLY WITH AN ALTERNATIVE EARLY LEARNING AND CHILD CARE PROVIDER THAT:

27 1. IS LICENSED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN
28 RESOURCES; AND

29 2. IS ACCREDITED OR COMMITS TO THE NEW PRINCE
30 GEORGE'S COUNTY BOARD IN WRITING TO BECOME ACCREDITED BY THE
31 DEPARTMENT OR BY A NATIONAL ACCREDITING BODY RECOGNIZED BY THE
32 DEPARTMENT PRIOR TO THE BEGINNING OF THE SCHOOL YEAR.

33 (IV) BY MAY 31 OF EACH YEAR, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE
34 TO THE NEW PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY BOARD AN UPDATED INVENTORY OF
35 EXISTING ALTERNATIVE EARLY LEARNING AND CHILD CARE PROVIDERS IN THE
36 COUNTY IF THE COUNTY BOARD'S CAPACITY IS INSUFFICIENT TO MEET THE
37 REQUIREMENT OF PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION.

1 7-101.1.

2 (b) [By] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (E) OF THIS SECTION, BY the
3 2007-2008 school year, all eligible children shall be admitted free of charge to publicly
4 funded prekindergarten programs established by each of the county boards.

5 (E) (1) IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, BEGINNING WITH THE UPDATED
6 COMPREHENSIVE MASTER PLAN SUBMITTED ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 15, 2006, AND
7 EACH UPDATED PLAN SUBMITTED THEREAFTER, THE NEW PRINCE GEORGE'S
8 COUNTY BOARD SHALL DETERMINE ITS CURRENT CAPACITY TO PROVIDE
9 PREKINDERGARTEN PROGRAMS FOR THE FOLLOWING SCHOOL YEAR.

10 (2) IF THE NEW PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY BOARD'S CURRENT
11 CAPACITY IS INSUFFICIENT TO MEET THE REQUIREMENT OF SUBSECTION (B) OF
12 THIS SECTION, THE COUNTY BOARD SHALL CONTRACT WITH ONE OR MORE
13 ALTERNATIVE EARLY LEARNING AND CHILD CARE PROVIDERS IN THE COUNTY TO
14 PROVIDE PREKINDERGARTEN PROGRAMS FOR THE LESSER OF:

15 (I) THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE NEW PRINCE GEORGE'S
16 COUNTY BOARD'S CURRENT CAPACITY AND THE CAPACITY REQUIRED TO MEET THE
17 REQUIREMENT OF SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION; OR

18 (II) THE ADDITIONAL CAPACITY AVAILABLE FROM QUALIFIED
19 ALTERNATIVE EARLY LEARNING AND CHILD CARE PROVIDERS.

20 (3) THE NEW PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY BOARD SHALL CONTRACT
21 ONLY WITH AN ALTERNATIVE EARLY LEARNING AND CHILD CARE PROVIDER THAT:

22 (I) IS LICENSED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES;
23 AND

24 (II) IS ACCREDITED OR COMMITS TO THE NEW PRINCE GEORGE'S
25 COUNTY BOARD IN WRITING TO BECOME ACCREDITED BY THE DEPARTMENT OR BY A
26 NATIONAL ACCREDITING BODY RECOGNIZED BY THE DEPARTMENT PRIOR TO THE
27 BEGINNING OF THE SCHOOL YEAR.

28 (4) BY MAY 31 OF EACH YEAR, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE TO
29 THE NEW PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY BOARD AN UPDATED INVENTORY OF EXISTING
30 ALTERNATIVE EARLY LEARNING AND CHILD CARE PROVIDERS IN THE COUNTY IF
31 THE COUNTY BOARD'S CAPACITY IS INSUFFICIENT TO MEET THE REQUIREMENT OF
32 SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION.

33 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
34 July 1, 2006.