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House Bill 945
Ways and Means

(Prince George's County Delegation)

**Task Force to Study Implementing a Parental Involvement Grade in the Prince
George's County Public Schools
PG 418-06**

This bill establishes a task force to assess the feasibility of implementing a parental involvement grading system in Prince George's County public schools. The task force must report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and specified legislative committees by July 1, 2007. Staff for the task force will be provided by the Prince George's County Board of Education.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2006 and terminates June 30, 2007.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: The Prince George's County Board of Education could staff the task force with existing personnel. County personnel appointed to the task force could participate without incurring additional costs.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Background: In November 2003, the State Superintendent of Schools appointed the Maryland Parental Advisory Council (M-PAC) to assist the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) in fostering meaningful parent involvement as part of the State's effort to raise student achievement. M-PAC's final report, which was officially accepted

by the State Board of Education on August 30, 2005, includes a recommendation that benchmarks for measuring the effectiveness of family and community involvement be incorporated in the annual Maryland Report Card. Since then, a new Superintendent's Advisory Council on Parent Involvement has been established by MSDE to continue the work started by M-PAC and monitor implementation of M-PAC recommendations.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: A similar bill was introduced last year as HB 1105. The bill received an unfavorable report from the House Committee on Ways and Means.

Cross File: None.

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