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BY: Committee on Ways and Means

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 1239

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, strike "– Election of Members"; in line 17, after "term;" insert "prohibiting a member of the County Board from holding an office of profit in Prince George's County government;"; strike beginning with "requiring" in line 19 down through "action;" in line 20 and substitute "altering the requirements for a quorum of the County Board;"; and in line 23, after "system;" insert "repealing a certain requirement that the County Board and the Maryland State Department of Education hire a consultant to conduct a comprehensive review of the Prince George's County school system; repealing certain requirements that the County Board and the Maryland State Department of Education conduct certain hearings and prepare certain reports concerning a certain comprehensive review;".

On page 2, after line 10, insert:

"BY repealing

Chapter 289 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2002, as amended by Chapter 344 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2005

Section 17 and 18".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 5, in line 23, strike "THE county" and substitute "PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY".

On page 7, in line 12, after "3" insert ", PRECINCTS 2 AND 3".

On page 8, in line 9, strike "PRECINCT 6" and substitute "PRECINCTS 2, 5, 6, AND 7"; after line 15, insert:

(Over)

"(IV) ELECTION DISTRICT 3, PRECINCT 1;";

in line 16, strike "(IV)" and substitute "(V)"; in the same line, strike "THROUGH 5" and substitute "3, 4,"; in the same line, strike "7" and substitute "8"; in line 18, strike "(V)" and substitute "(VI)"; and in line 20, strike "(VI)" and substitute "(VII)".

On page 13, strike in their entirety lines 18 through 20, inclusive, and substitute:

"(2) WHEN THERE ARE TWO OR MORE VACANCIES ON THE COUNTY BOARD, A QUORUM OF THE COUNTY BOARD IS FOUR ELECTED MEMBERS.";

in line 21, strike "ELECTED"; strike beginning with "PRESENT" in line 22 down through "PRESENT" in line 23.

On page 16, after line 10, insert:

"Chapter 289 of the Acts of 2002, as amended by Chapter 344 of the Acts of 2005

[SECTION 17. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, on or before June 1, 2007, a consultant shall conduct a comprehensive review of the Prince George's County public school system and the New Prince George's County Board of Education (New Board). The Prince George's County Board of Education (Board) and the Maryland State Department of Education shall jointly select and equally share the cost of the consultant and determine the scope of the comprehensive review. At a minimum, the comprehensive review shall evaluate both the educational and management reforms made by the New Board and shall determine whether there has been improvement in the management of and student achievement in the public schools in Prince George's County. The review may include recommendations to the General Assembly concerning the organizational structure of the Prince George's County public school system, in addition to recommendations to the Board concerning

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modifications to the master plan adopted in accordance with this Act. The consultant shall report the findings of the evaluation to the Governor, the County Executive of Prince George's County, the Board and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.]

[SECTION 18. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Prince George's County Board and the State Board of Education shall review the findings of the comprehensive review set forth in Section 17 of this Act and shall conduct four public hearings throughout Prince George's County. On or before September 1, 2007, the Prince George's County Board and State Board of Education shall report to the General Assembly the results of the public hearings and the review of the final comprehensive review, and propose to the General Assembly any changes appropriate in the management structure and levels of funding of the Prince George's County public school system.]".