

HOUSE BILL 628

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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 – School Attendance Performance Program**

3 **PG 407–07**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing the Prince George's County School Attendance
5 Performance Program to reward schools that show substantial improvement in
6 attendance rates; requiring the Program to include certain financial rewards
7 based on certain criteria; requiring the Prince George's County Board of
8 Education to establish certain policies; requiring a school attendance
9 improvement team of a recipient school to determine how certain awards will be
10 used, based on certain conditions; requiring certain principals to file certain
11 reports; and generally relating to the School Attendance Performance Program
12 in Prince George's County.

13 BY adding to
14 Article – Education
15 Section 3–1009
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (2006 Replacement Volume)

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

20 **Article – Education**

21 **3–1009.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE
2 MEANINGS INDICATED.

3 (2) “DATA-BASED AREAS” MEANS THOSE AREAS IDENTIFIED BY
4 THE COUNTY BOARD FOR WHICH INFORMATION IS TO BE TRACKED FOR EACH
5 SCHOOL.

6 (3) “PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE
7 PERFORMANCE PROGRAM” MEANS A PERFORMANCE-BASED EDUCATION
8 ACCOUNTABILITY PROGRAM THAT FOCUSES ON ACCOUNTABILITY THROUGH
9 SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IMPROVEMENT IN THE PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY
10 PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

11 (4) “RECIPIENT SCHOOL” MEANS A PUBLIC SCHOOL THAT
12 RECEIVES A RECOGNITION AWARD UNDER THIS SECTION.

13 (B) IT IS THE INTENT OF THIS SECTION TO REWARD A SCHOOL THAT
14 SHOWS SUBSTANTIAL IMPROVEMENT IN ATTENDANCE RATES FOR THE
15 DATA-BASED AREAS OF THE PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE
16 PERFORMANCE PROGRAM.

17 (C) (1) TO THE EXTENT THAT FUNDS ARE PROVIDED IN THE COUNTY
18 BUDGET, THE COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT ANNUALLY SHALL DISTRIBUTE
19 RECOGNITION AWARDS TO ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE, AND HIGH SCHOOLS THAT
20 SHOW SUBSTANTIAL IMPROVEMENT IN ATTENDANCE RATES.

21 (2) THE COUNTY BOARD SHALL ESTABLISH POLICIES FOR THE
22 DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FOR AND DISTRIBUTION OF AWARDS UNDER
23 PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION.

24 (D) (1) THE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IMPROVEMENT TEAM OF A
25 RECIPIENT SCHOOL SHALL DETERMINE HOW THE AWARD SHALL BE USED
26 SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:

27 (I) RECOGNITION FUNDS ARE IN ADDITION TO AND MAY
28 NOT SUPPLANT FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL FUNDS REGULARLY
29 APPROPRIATED FOR USE BY THE SCHOOL;

1 **(II) RECOGNITION FUNDS MAY NOT BE USED FOR STAFF**
2 **BONUSES OR DIFFERENTIAL PAY INCREASES; AND**

3 **(III) RECOGNITION FUNDS SHALL BE EXPENDED IN**
4 **ACCORDANCE WITH POLICIES AND PROCEDURES OF THE SCHOOL SYSTEM**
5 **WHERE THE RECIPIENT SCHOOL IS LOCATED.**

6 **(2) THE PRINCIPAL OF A RECIPIENT SCHOOL SHALL FILE WITH**
7 **THE LOCAL SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT A REPORT INDICATING THE AMOUNT OF**
8 **THE AWARD AND THE USES FOR WHICH IT WAS EXPENDED.**

9 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
10 October 1, 2007.