

HOUSE BILL 636

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ENROLLED BILL

— *Judiciary/Judicial Proceedings* —

Introduced by **Prince George’s County Delegation**

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this

_____ day of _____ at _____ o’clock, _____ M.

Speaker.

CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Prince George’s County – Task Force to Improve Child Support Compliance**

3 **PG 426–07**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing a Task Force to Improve Child Support Compliance in
5 Prince George’s County; establishing the membership and staffing of the Task
6 Force; requiring the members of the Task Force to designate the chair of the
7 Task Force; requiring the Task Force to develop a plan and draft legislation to
8 improve child support compliance in Prince George’s County among certain
9 noncustodial parents; requiring the Task Force to consider methods to increase
10 paternity establishment and court order establishment and the option of

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.

Italics indicate opposite chamber / conference committee amendments.



1 privatization of child support enforcement; requiring the Task Force to submit a
2 report to the Governor and General Assembly regarding its findings and
3 recommendations by a certain date; prohibiting a member of the Task Force
4 from receiving certain compensation, but authorizing a member of the Task
5 Force to receive certain reimbursements; providing for the termination of this
6 Act; and generally relating to the Task Force to Improve Child Support
7 Compliance in Prince George's County.

8 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
9 MARYLAND, That:

10 (a) There is a Task Force to Improve Child Support Compliance in Prince
11 George's County.

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

13 (1) One member of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the
14 President of the Senate;

15 (2) One member of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker
16 of the House;

17 (3) The Prince George's County Executive, or the County Executive's
18 designee;

19 (4) One member of the Prince George's County Council, appointed by
20 the Prince George's County Council;

21 (5) The Director of the Prince George's County Office of Child Support
22 Enforcement, or the Director's designee;

23 (6) The Director of the Prince George's County Department of Social
24 Services, or the Director's designee;

25 (7) ~~The Coordinating Judge of the Prince George's County Circuit~~
26 ~~Court Family Division, or the Coordinating Judge's designee;~~ Chief Administrative
27 Judge for the Seventh Circuit, or the Chief Administrative Judge's designee;

28 (8) One representative of the Child Support Enforcement Unit of the
29 Prince George's County Office of the Sheriff, appointed by the Sheriff of Prince
30 George's County; ~~and~~

1 (9) Two parents with an interest in improved child support compliance
2 in Prince George's County, appointed by the Governor; *and*

3 ~~(10) One representative of a private provider that performs child~~
4 ~~support enforcement administration in the State, appointed by the Governor; and~~

5 ~~(11) The Executive Director of the Child Support Enforcement~~
6 ~~Administration of the Department of Human Resources, or the Executive Director's~~
7 ~~designee.~~

8 (c) The members of the Task Force shall designate the chair of the Task
9 Force.

10 (d) ~~The Prince George's County Office of Child Support Enforcement~~ Child
11 Support Enforcement Administration of the Department of Human Resources shall
12 provide staff for the Task Force.

13 (e) A member of the Task Force may not receive compensation for serving on
14 the Task Force, but is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard
15 State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

16 (f) The Task Force shall develop a plan and draft legislation to improve child
17 support compliance in Prince George's County among noncustodial parents who:

18 (1) are more than \$10,000 in arrears in child support payments; and

19 (2) have failed to make a child support payment for 12 or more
20 consecutive or nonconsecutive months.

21 (g) The Task Force shall consider:

22 (1) methods to increase paternity establishment and court order
23 establishment; and

24 (2) the option of privatization of child support enforcement services to
25 improve child support compliance in Prince George's County.

26 ~~(g)~~ (h) On or before July 1, 2008, the Task Force shall report its findings and
27 recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State
28 Government Article, the General Assembly.

29 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
30 July 1, 2007. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and 1 month and, at the

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1 end of July 31, 2008, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this
2 Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.