

# HOUSE BILL 636

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By: **Prince George's County Delegation**

Introduced and read first time: February 8, 2007

Assigned to: Judiciary

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## A BILL ENTITLED

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 submit a report to the  
10 Governor and General Assembly regarding its findings and recommendations by  
11 a certain date; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving certain  
12 compensation, but authorizing a member of the Task Force to receive certain  
13 reimbursements; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally  
14 relating to the Task Force to Improve Child Support Compliance in Prince  
15 George's County.

16 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
17 MARYLAND, That:

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

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

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

3 (2) One member of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker  
4 of the House;

5 (3) The Prince George's County Executive, or the County Executive's  
6 designee;

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

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

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

13 (7) The Coordinating Judge of the Prince George's County Circuit  
14 Court Family Division, or the Coordinating Judge's designee;

15 (8) One representative of the Child Support Enforcement Unit of the  
16 Prince George's County Office of the Sheriff, appointed by the Sheriff of Prince  
17 George's County; and

18 (9) Two parents with an interest in improved child support compliance  
19 in Prince George's County, appointed by the Governor.

20 (c) The members of the Task Force shall designate the chair of the Task  
21 Force.

22 (d) The Prince George's County Office of Child Support Enforcement shall  
23 provide staff for the Task Force.

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

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

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

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

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

6                   SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
7 July 1, 2007. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and 1 month and, at the  
8 end of July 31, 2008, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this  
9 Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.