

HOUSE BILL 636

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

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

18 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
19 MARYLAND, That:

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.



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

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

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

6 (2) One member of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker
7 of the House;

8 (3) The Prince George's County Executive, or the County Executive's
9 designee;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

26 (11) The Executive Director of the Child Support Enforcement
27 Administration of the Department of Human Resources, or the Executive Director's
28 designee.

1 (c) The members of the Task Force shall designate the chair of the Task
2 Force.

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

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

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

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

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

14 (g) The Task Force shall consider:

15 (1) methods to increase paternity establishment and court order
16 establishment; and

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

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

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