

HOUSE BILL 943

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By: **Prince George's County Delegation and Montgomery County Delegation**
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Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Prince George's County – Maryland–National Capital Park and Planning**
3 **Commission – Community Center Homework Rooms**

4 **PG/MC 113–08**

5 FOR the purpose of requiring that Maryland–National Capital Park and Planning
6 Commission community centers in Prince George's County set up certain
7 homework rooms; requiring certain personnel to ask students certain questions;
8 requiring certain community centers to keep certain records of certain
9 homework assignments; requiring certain personnel to direct certain students
10 to homework rooms under certain circumstances; defining certain terms; and
11 generally relating to Maryland–National Capital Park and Planning
12 Commission community center homework rooms.

13 BY adding to
14 Article 28 – Maryland–National Capital Park and Planning Commission
15 Section 5–501 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 5. Community Center
16 Homework Rooms”
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2003 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)

19 Preamble

20 WHEREAS, A compilation of reports entitled “A New Wave of Evidence: The
21 Impact of School, Family, and Community Connections on Student Achievement” is a
22 synthesis of 51 studies about the impact of family and community involvement on
23 student achievement and effective strategies to connect schools, families, and
24 community; and

25 WHEREAS, A review of the research finds growing evidence that family and
26 community connections with schools make a difference in student success; and

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 WHEREAS, The synthesis of the research revealed that academic success is
2 more likely when students spend 8 to 15 hours a week fully engaged in out-of-school
3 learning activities; and

4 WHEREAS, Completion of homework assignments can be one way to help
5 provide 8 to 15 hours a week of out-of-school learning and improve academic success;
6 now, therefore,

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

9 **Article 28 - Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission**

10 **SUBTITLE 5. COMMUNITY CENTER HOMEWORK ROOMS.**

11 **5-501.**

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

14 (2) "COMMUNITY CENTER" MEANS A COMMUNITY CENTER
15 OPERATED UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE COMMISSION.

16 (3) "STUDENT" MEANS ANY INDIVIDUAL AT LEAST 5 YEARS OLD
17 BUT UNDER THE AGE OF 16 YEARS.

18 (B) THIS SECTION APPLIES ONLY IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY.

19 (C) ON MONDAYS, TUESDAYS, WEDNESDAYS, AND THURSDAYS OF THE
20 ACADEMIC SCHOOL YEAR FOR THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY PUBLIC
21 SCHOOLS, A COMMUNITY CENTER SHALL:

22 (1) PROVIDE STUDENTS WITH A SUPERVISED ROOM OR AREA
23 WHERE HOMEWORK MAY BE COMPLETED; AND

24 (2) REQUIRE THE COMMUNITY CENTER DESK PERSONNEL TO ASK
25 ENTERING STUDENTS WHETHER THEY HAVE COMPLETED THEIR HOMEWORK
26 FOR THAT DAY.

27 (D) EACH COMMUNITY CENTER SHALL MAINTAIN WRITTEN OR
28 ELECTRONIC RECORDS OF ALL HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENTS FOR EACH PRINCE
29 GEORGE'S COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL THAT IS LOCATED WITHIN A 2 MILE RADIUS
30 OF THE COMMUNITY CENTER.

1 **(E) IF A COMMUNITY CENTER DOES NOT HAVE ACCURATE HOMEWORK**
2 **ASSIGNMENT RECORDS FOR A STUDENT, THE COMMUNITY CENTER DESK**
3 **PERSONNEL SHALL REFER TO THE STUDENT'S HOMEWORK LOG.**

4 **(F) THE COMMUNITY CENTER DESK PERSONNEL SHALL DIRECT**
5 **STUDENTS WHO HAVE NOT COMPLETED THEIR DAILY HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENTS**
6 **TO THE HOMEWORK ROOM.**

7 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
8 October 1, 2008.