

HOUSE BILL 1095

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

Introduced and read first time: February 13, 2009

Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Prince George's County Telecommunications Tax – School Funding**

3 **PG 412–09**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring that a certain percentage of the revenue from the Prince
5 George's County sales and use tax on telecommunications service be used for
6 operating expenditures of the Prince George's Community College; altering the
7 percentage of the revenues from the Prince George's County sales and use tax
8 on telecommunications service that is required to be used for operating
9 expenses of the Prince George's County school system; and generally relating to
10 the use of revenue from the Prince George's County sales and use tax on
11 telecommunications service.

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
13 Article 24 – Political Subdivisions – Miscellaneous Provisions
14 Section 9–606(e)
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2008 Supplement)

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

19 **Article 24 – Political Subdivisions – Miscellaneous Provisions**

20 9–606.

21 (e) (1) The net proceeds of the revenue from the tax imposed under this
22 section shall be used as follows:

23 (i) [At least 90%] **80%** for operating expenditures of the Prince
24 George's County school system; [and]

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



(ii) [The remainder] **10%** for:

1. Cash payments for capital expenditures for school renovation projects approved by the Prince George's County Board of Education and the county; or

2. Payment of debt service on bonds issued by the governing body of Prince George's County for school renovation projects approved by the Prince George's County Board of Education and the county; **AND**

(III) 10% FOR OPERATING EXPENDITURES OF THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COMMUNITY COLLEGE.

(2) The proceeds provided under this section for the Prince George's County public school system may not be used to supplant any State aid for education provided to the county, or any county funds provided to the Prince George's County school system.

(3) On or before December 31 of each year, the governing body of Prince George's County shall submit a report detailing the expenditure of revenues generated from the tax imposed under this section to the State Department of Legislative Services, the Prince George's County school system, and the Prince George's County Delegation of the General Assembly.

(4) Among the expenditures to be funded from the proceeds, the Board shall consider:

(i) A program to serve disruptive, delinquent, or low-performing students in grades 6 through 12 that:

1. Provides proof of progress in reading and mathematics;

2. Is designed to include small learning communities and areas of support services provided by community-based providers; and

3. Is operated:

A. By an educational provider with substantial experience serving the type of student population served by the program; and

B. In separate school facilities provided by the education provider, unless the public school system decides otherwise;

1 (ii) A Spanish language immersion program to serve at least
2 450 students in kindergarten through grade 5 in order to address long-term labor
3 needs for bilingual employees; and

4 (iii) Addressing any needs related to capital improvements or
5 renovations that are the result of the deferral of maintenance or other deterioration of
6 school facilities in use before, on, or after June 1, 2004.

7 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
8 July 1, 2009.