

HOUSE BILL 1091

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

Introduced and read first time: February 11, 2011

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Health – Prince George's County Health Council**

3 **PG 423–11**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing the Prince George's County Health Council as an
5 instrumentality of the State; specifying the number of members on the Council
6 and the terms of the members; requiring the Governor, the Prince George's
7 County Executive, and the Prince George's County Council to appoint the
8 members of the Council; requiring the Governor and the County Executive
9 jointly to designate the chair of the Council; requiring members of the Council
10 to have a certain background; requiring that the members of the Council be
11 appointed within a certain time period; requiring the Council to begin its work
12 at a certain time; specifying that a member of the Council may be removed
13 under certain circumstances and by certain individuals; specifying that a
14 member of the Council may not receive compensation but is entitled to certain
15 reimbursement; specifying that a majority of the members of the Council then
16 serving constitutes a quorum; requiring the Council to meet on a certain basis;
17 requiring Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and the Office of the
18 Prince George's County Executive to provide staff for the Council; requiring the
19 Council to develop and recommend to certain persons a certain health strategy
20 and work plan; requiring the Council to revise the strategy and work plan on a
21 certain basis; requiring the Council, beginning on a certain date and on a
22 certain basis thereafter, to submit the strategy and work plan to the
23 Department, the County Executive, and the County Council; defining certain
24 terms; and generally relating to the Prince George's County Health Council.

25 BY adding to

26 Article – Health – General

27 Section 24–1601 through 24–1603 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 16.
28 Prince George's County Health Council”

29 Annotated Code of Maryland

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

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

4 **Article – Health – General**

5 **SUBTITLE 16. PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY HEALTH COUNCIL.**

6 **24-1601.**

7 (A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS
8 INDICATED.

9 (B) “COUNCIL” MEANS THE PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY HEALTH
10 COUNCIL.

11 (C) “COUNTY” MEANS PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY.

12 (D) “COUNTY COUNCIL” MEANS THE PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY
13 COUNCIL.

14 (E) “COUNTY EXECUTIVE” MEANS THE PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY
15 EXECUTIVE.

16 **24-1602.**

17 (A) THERE IS A PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY HEALTH COUNCIL.

18 (B) THE COUNCIL IS AN INSTRUMENTALITY OF THE STATE.

19 (C) (1) THE COUNCIL IS COMPOSED OF SEVEN MEMBERS APPOINTED
20 AS FOLLOWS:

21 (I) THREE MEMBERS SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE
22 GOVERNOR; AND

23 (II) FOUR MEMBERS SHALL BE APPOINTED JOINTLY BY THE
24 COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND THE COUNTY COUNCIL.

25 (2) THE GOVERNOR AND THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE JOINTLY
26 SHALL DESIGNATE A MEMBER TO SERVE AS THE CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL.

1 **(3) A MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL SHALL HAVE A BACKGROUND IN**
2 **HEALTH CARE OR HEALTH POLICY.**

3 **(4) (I) THE GOVERNOR, THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE, AND THE**
4 **COUNTY COUNCIL SHALL APPOINT THEIR RESPECTIVE MEMBERS OF THE**
5 **COUNCIL NO LATER THAN 30 DAYS AFTER THE COUNCIL IS ESTABLISHED.**

6 **(II) THE COUNCIL SHALL BEGIN ITS WORK IMMEDIATELY**
7 **AFTER THE EARLIER OF:**

8 **1. ALL MEMBERS BEING APPOINTED; OR**

9 **2. 30 DAYS AFTER THE COUNCIL IS ESTABLISHED.**

10 **(D) (1) THE TERM OF A MEMBER IS 2 YEARS.**

11 **(2) A MEMBER MAY BE REMOVED FOR NEGLECT OF DUTY,**
12 **INCOMPETENCE, OR MISCONDUCT:**

13 **(I) BY THE GOVERNOR, IF THE MEMBER WAS APPOINTED**
14 **BY THE GOVERNOR; OR**

15 **(II) BY THE JOINT ACTION OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND**
16 **THE COUNTY COUNCIL, IF THE MEMBER WAS APPOINTED BY THE COUNTY**
17 **EXECUTIVE AND THE COUNTY COUNCIL.**

18 **(E) (1) A MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERS THEN SERVING CONSTITUTES**
19 **A QUORUM.**

20 **(2) THE COUNCIL SHALL MEET AT LEAST QUARTERLY.**

21 **(F) A MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL:**

22 **(1) MAY NOT RECEIVE COMPENSATION; BUT**

23 **(2) IS ENTITLED TO REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES UNDER THE**
24 **STANDARD STATE TRAVEL REGULATIONS, AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE**
25 **BUDGET.**

26 **(G) THE DEPARTMENT AND THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE**
27 **JOINTLY SHALL PROVIDE STAFF FOR THE COUNCIL.**

28 **24-1603.**

1 **(A) (1) THE COUNCIL SHALL DEVELOP AND RECOMMEND TO THE**
2 **DEPARTMENT, THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE, AND THE COUNTY COUNCIL A**
3 **COMPREHENSIVE, COMMUNITY-ORIENTED HEALTH CARE STRATEGY AND WORK**
4 **PLAN FOR THE COUNTY.**

5 **(2) (I) THE STRATEGY AND WORK PLAN DEVELOPED UNDER**
6 **PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE REVISED ANNUALLY.**

7 **(II) THE COUNCIL MAY REVISE THE STRATEGY AND WORK**
8 **PLAN MORE FREQUENTLY AS DEEMED APPROPRIATE BY THE COUNCIL.**

9 **(B) BEGINNING ON DECEMBER 31, 2011, AND AT LEAST YEARLY**
10 **THEREAFTER, THE COUNCIL SHALL SUBMIT THE STRATEGY AND WORK PLAN,**
11 **AND ANY REVISIONS TO THE STRATEGY AND WORK PLAN, DEVELOPED UNDER**
12 **SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION TO THE DEPARTMENT, THE COUNTY**
13 **EXECUTIVE, AND THE COUNTY COUNCIL.**

14 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
15 July 1, 2011.