

HOUSE BILL 1028

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

Introduced and read first time: February 6, 2014

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Prince George's County – Watershed Protection and Restoration Program –**
3 **Report on County Funding Plan**

4 **PG 417–14**

5 FOR the purpose of requiring the Prince George's County Department of
6 Environmental Resources to prepare a certain report on the county funding
7 plan established for the local Watershed Protection and Restoration Program of
8 Prince George's County; requiring the report to include certain information
9 relating to the collection and use of program funds and certain
10 recommendations concerning residential fee structures under the program;
11 requiring the Department to submit the report to the Prince George's County
12 Delegation by a certain date; defining a certain term; and generally relating to
13 the Watershed Protection and Restoration Program of Prince George's County.

14 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
15 MARYLAND, That:

16 (a) In this section, "program" means the local Watershed Protection and
17 Restoration Program of Prince George's County.

18 (b) The Prince George's County Department of Environmental Resources
19 shall prepare a report on the county funding plan established for the program.

20 (c) The report prepared under subsection (b) of this section shall include:

21 (1) the total amount and sources of funding for the program;

22 (2) the amount of stormwater remediation fees collected from different
23 categories of property in Prince George's County, including residential property and
24 homeowners associations;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (3) standards for determining fee reductions and modifications for
2 property owners under the program;

3 (4) the number of property owners applying for fee reductions or
4 modifications and the number of property owners receiving fee reductions or
5 modifications;

6 (5) the number, types, and amounts of rebates provided to property
7 owners under the program;

8 (6) the amount and status of uncollected stormwater remediation fees
9 and a description of methods for collecting overdue fees;

10 (7) the amount and status of penalties levied and remedies pursued
11 for overdue fees;

12 (8) the number of new jobs and green local businesses created in
13 Prince George's County with program funds;

14 (9) the restoration efforts funded by the program; and

15 (10) recommendations on whether there is a need to change residential
16 fee structures under the program, including recommendations, if any, on the need for
17 exemptions for homeowners associations from fee payments or capping fee payments
18 by homeowners associations.

19 (d) On or before October 1, 2014, the Prince George's County Department of
20 Environmental Resources shall submit the report prepared under this section to the
21 Prince George's County Delegation in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State
22 Government Article.

23 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
24 July 1, 2014.