

HOUSE BILL 597

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HB 1013/14 – APP

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By: **Prince George’s County Delegation**
Introduced and read first time: February 12, 2015
Assigned to: Appropriations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Prince George’s County Board of Education – Public High Schools – Outdoor**
3 **Synthetic Turf Fields**

4 **PG 407–15**

5 FOR the purpose of requiring the Prince George’s County Board of Education to install an
6 outdoor synthetic turf field at each public high school in the county during a certain
7 period of time; establishing the priority order for school field construction;
8 prohibiting the Prince George’s County Executive and the Prince George’s County
9 Board of Education from designating more than a certain number of fields for
10 construction in any fiscal year; requiring certain fields to be constructed for joint use;
11 requiring certain expenditures to be deemed eligible public school construction costs
12 or capital improvement costs by the Interagency Committee on School Construction
13 for certain purposes; requiring the local share of costs for construction of certain
14 fields to be paid for with certain funds from Program Open Space; authorizing the
15 Prince George’s County Board of Education to use certain funds to implement certain
16 provisions of law; and generally relating to public high school athletic fields and the
17 Prince George’s County Board of Education.

18 BY adding to
19 Article – Education
20 Section 4–131
21 Annotated Code of Maryland
22 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

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

25 **Article – Education**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 4-131.

2 (A) THIS SECTION APPLIES ONLY IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY.

3 (B) (1) BEGINNING IN FISCAL YEAR 2016 AND THROUGH THE END OF
4 FISCAL YEAR 2020, THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION SHALL
5 INSTALL AN OUTDOOR SYNTHETIC TURF FIELD AT EACH PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL
6 UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE COUNTY BOARD.

7 (2) THE PRIORITY ORDER FOR SCHOOL FIELD CONSTRUCTION UNDER
8 PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE AS FOLLOWS:

9 (I) IN FISCAL YEAR 2016:

- 10 1. GWYNN PARK HIGH SCHOOL;
- 11 2. DR. HENRY WISE, JR. HIGH SCHOOL;
- 12 3. ELEANOR ROOSEVELT HIGH SCHOOL; AND
- 13 4. SUTLAND HIGH SCHOOL;

14 (II) IN FISCAL YEAR 2017:

- 15 1. HIGH POINT HIGH SCHOOL;
- 16 2. BOWIE HIGH SCHOOL;
- 17 3. CHARLES HERBERT FLOWERS HIGH SCHOOL; AND
- 18 4. FORESTVILLE HIGH SCHOOL;

19 (III) IN FISCAL YEAR 2018:

- 20 1. FRIENDLY HIGH SCHOOL;
- 21 2. LARGO HIGH SCHOOL;
- 22 3. FREDERICK DOUGLASS HIGH SCHOOL; AND
- 23 4. NORTHWESTERN HIGH SCHOOL;

24 (IV) IN FISCAL YEAR 2019:

- 1 1. **LAUREL HIGH SCHOOL;**
- 2 2. **CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL;**
- 3 3. **POTOMAC HIGH SCHOOL; AND**
- 4 4. **PARKDALE HIGH SCHOOL; AND**

5 **(v) IN FISCAL YEAR 2020:**

- 6 1. **BLADENSBURG HIGH SCHOOL;**
- 7 2. **DUVAL HIGH SCHOOL;**
- 8 3. **FAIRMONT HEIGHTS HIGH SCHOOL;**
- 9 4. **SURRATTSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL; AND**
- 10 5. **CROSSLAND HIGH SCHOOL.**

11 **(3) THE PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND THE PRINCE**
12 **GEORGE’S COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION MAY NOT DESIGNATE MORE THAN FIVE**
13 **FIELDS FOR CONSTRUCTION IN ANY FISCAL YEAR.**

14 **(c) ALL OUTDOOR SYNTHETIC TURF FIELDS CONSTRUCTED UNDER THIS**
15 **SECTION SHALL BE FOR JOINT USE UNDER § 5–307 OF THIS ARTICLE.**

16 **(d) (1) EXPENDITURES UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE DEEMED**
17 **ELIGIBLE PUBLIC SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION COSTS OR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT**
18 **COSTS BY THE INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION FOR PUBLIC**
19 **SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS UNDER TITLE 5, SUBTITLE 3 OF THIS ARTICLE.**

20 **(2) THE LOCAL SHARE OF COSTS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF**
21 **OUTDOOR SYNTHETIC TURF FIELDS UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE PAID FROM**
22 **FUNDS FROM PROGRAM OPEN SPACE UNDER § 5–905 OF THE NATURAL**
23 **RESOURCES ARTICLE.**

24 **(3) TO IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION, THE PRINCE**
25 **GEORGE’S COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION MAY USE FUNDS:**

- 26 **(i) DONATED BY A CORPORATION; AND**

1 **(II) RAISED BY A SCHOOL PARENT-TEACHER ORGANIZATION, A**
2 **SCHOOL PARENT ORGANIZATION, OR A SCHOOL ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT.**

3 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
4 1, 2015.