

HOUSE BILL 1486

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

Introduced and read first time: February 12, 2016

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Workgroup on Transportation for Middle and High School Students in Prince**
3 **George's County**

4 **PG 440-16**

5 FOR the purpose of establishing the Workgroup on Transportation for Middle and High
6 School Students in Prince George's County; providing for the composition and
7 staffing of the Workgroup; prohibiting a member of the Workgroup from receiving
8 certain compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses;
9 requiring the Workgroup to study and make recommendations regarding certain
10 matters; requiring the Workgroup to report its findings and recommendations to the
11 Prince George's House Delegation and the Prince George's County Senators on or
12 before a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating
13 to the Workgroup on Transportation for Middle and High School Students in Prince
14 George's County.

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

17 (a) There is a Workgroup on Transportation for Middle and High School Students
18 in Prince George's County.

19 (b) The Workgroup consists of the following members:

20 (1) the Director of the Prince George's County Department of Public Works
21 and Transportation, or the Director's designee or designees;

22 (2) the Chief Executive Officer of the Prince George's County Public
23 Schools, or the Chief Executive Officer's designee or designees; and

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (3) the General Manager and Chief Executive Officer of the Washington
2 Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, or the General Manager and Chief Executive Officer's
3 designee or designees.

4 (c) The Prince George's County Public Schools shall provide staff for the
5 Workgroup.

6 (d) A member of the Workgroup:

7 (1) may not receive compensation as a member of the Workgroup; but

8 (2) is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State
9 Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

10 (e) The Workgroup shall:

11 (1) identify where Prince George's County public school buildings and bus
12 routes intersect with bus routes of the Prince George's County Department of Public Works
13 and Transportation and the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority;

14 (2) identify the software systems currently in use by or available to the
15 Prince George's County Public Schools, the Prince George's County Department of Public
16 Works and Transportation, and the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority to
17 operate and monitor their bus systems;

18 (3) estimate, if Prince George's County Public Schools students were to be
19 transported by the Prince George's County Department of Public Works and
20 Transportation and the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, the:

21 (i) cost savings to the Prince George's County Public Schools; and

22 (ii) cost increase to the Prince George's County Department of Public
23 Works and Transportation and the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority;

24 (4) determine the feasibility and cost of implementing a system utilizing
25 Global Positioning System technology and text messages to inform parents of when a bus
26 is expected to arrive and provide notification if a bus will be delayed; and

27 (5) identify a range of options for transporting Prince George's County
28 Public Schools middle and high school students and the cost of each option.

29 (f) On or before August 31, 2016, the Workgroup shall report its findings and
30 recommendations to the Prince George's County House Delegation and the Prince George's
31 County Senators in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article.

32 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June
33 1, 2016. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and 1 month and, at the end of June

1 30, 2017, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be
2 abrogated and of no further force and effect.