

HOUSE BILL 1574

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

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Prince George's County Pretrial Release, Work Release, and Diversion**
3 **Programs Task Force**

4 **PG 305-17**

5 FOR the purpose of establishing the Prince George's County Pretrial Release, Work
6 Release, and Diversion Programs Task Force; providing for the composition, chair,
7 and staffing of the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving
8 certain compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses;
9 requiring the Task Force to study and make recommendations regarding certain
10 matters; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the
11 Governor, members of the Prince George's County Delegation to the General
12 Assembly, and the General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for the
13 termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Prince George's County Pretrial
14 Release, Work Release, and Diversion Programs Task Force.

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

17 (a) There is a Prince George's County Pretrial Release, Work Release, and
18 Diversion Programs Task Force.

19 (b) The Task Force consists of the following members:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 (1) one member of the Senate of Maryland from Prince George's County,
2 appointed by the President of the Senate;

3 (2) one member of the House of Delegates from Prince George's County,
4 appointed by the Speaker of the House;

5 (3) the State's Attorney for Prince George's County, or the State's
6 Attorney's designee;

7 (4) the Prince George's County Health Officer, or the Health Officer's
8 designee;

9 (5) a representative of the Prince George's County Department of
10 Corrections appointed by the Prince George's County Executive; and

11 (6) a representative of the Office of the Public Defender in Prince George's
12 County.

13 (c) The Senate and House members shall serve as cochairs of the Task Force.

14 (d) The Prince George's County Department of Corrections shall provide staff for
15 the Task Force.

16 (e) A member of the Task Force:

17 (1) may not receive compensation as a member of the Task Force; but

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

20 (f) The Task Force shall:

21 (1) study:

22 (i) how pretrial release programs, work release programs, and
23 diversion programs in other jurisdictions that offer alternatives to detention are organized
24 and operate;

25 (ii) whether the programs would benefit the criminal justice process
26 in Prince George's County;

27 (iii) what type of offenders should be eligible for the programs; and

28 (iv) what would be required to establish the programs in Prince
29 George's County; and

1 (2) make recommendations regarding the establishment of a pretrial
2 release program, work release program, and diversion program in Prince George’s County.

3 (g) On or before December 1, 2017, the Task Force shall report its findings and
4 recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State
5 Government Article, the members of the Prince George’s County Delegation to the General
6 Assembly and the General Assembly.

7 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
8 1, 2017. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of June 30, 2018,
9 with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and
10 of no further force and effect.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.