

# HOUSE BILL 678

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By: **Montgomery County Delegation and Prince George's County Delegation**  
Introduced and read first time: February 7, 2019  
Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland–National Capital Park and Planning Commission – Prince George's**  
3 **County Recreation Program – Youth Sports Division**

4 **MC/PG 115–19**

5 FOR the purpose of requiring the Prince George's County Planning Board to create a youth  
6 sports division as part of the county recreation program; requiring the youth sports  
7 division to coordinate certain activities and incorporate youth sports activities into  
8 the recreation program; and generally relating to the recreation program established  
9 by the Prince George's County Planning Board.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
11 Article – Land Use  
12 Section 25–801  
13 Annotated Code of Maryland  
14 (2012 Volume and 2018 Supplement)

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

17 **Article – Land Use**

18 25–801.

19 (a) The county planning board shall:

20 (1) provide an adequate and balanced program of recreation to serve the  
21 needs and interests of various age groups among the residents of the county; and

22 (2) coordinate the program with the Commission's park functions.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (b) The county planning board may develop a program of recreation that may  
2 include physical, social, mental, and creative opportunities that the county planning board  
3 considers appropriate to offer in:

4 (1) major recreation centers, playfields, athletic fields, playgrounds, tennis  
5 courts, baseball diamonds, swimming pools, golf courses, community centers, and social  
6 centers on publicly or privately owned land or buildings made available for these purposes  
7 or over which the county planning board has sole or joint jurisdiction; or

8 (2) land or buildings of a municipal corporation or political subdivision in  
9 the county, if the municipal corporation or political subdivision requests the services of the  
10 county planning board.

11 (c) **(1)** The county planning board may contract with recreation or sports  
12 groups or associations to incorporate the activities of the groups or associations into the  
13 program established by the county planning board under this subtitle.

14 **(2) NOTWITHSTANDING PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION, AS**  
15 **PART OF THE PROGRAM ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE THE COUNTY**  
16 **PLANNING BOARD SHALL CREATE A YOUTH SPORTS DIVISION TO:**

17 **(I) COORDINATE YOUTH SPORTS PROGRAMMING, LEAGUES,**  
18 **AND TEAMS; AND**

19 **(II) INCORPORATE YOUTH SPORTS ACTIVITIES INTO THE**  
20 **PROGRAM.**

21 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
22 October 1, 2019.