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House Bill 1362

(Prince George's County Delegation)

Environment and Transportation

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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Prince George's County Environmental Justice Commission - Alterations and  
Extension  
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This bill extends the termination date of Chapter 779 of 2018, which established the Prince George's County Environmental Justice Commission, by one year (from June 30, 2019, to June 30, 2020). The bill also (1) extends the deadline by which the commission must report its findings and recommendations to the Prince George's County House Delegation by one year (from December 31, 2018, to December 31, 2019) and (2) requires the report to include a plan of action. The bill also modifies the membership of the commission. **The bill takes effect June 1, 2019.**

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Fiscal Summary

**State Effect:** None. The bill only affects local government operations.

**Local Effect:** Although Prince George's County did not respond to a request for information regarding the fiscal effect of the bill, it is assumed that the county can implement the bill with existing resources. Local revenues are not affected.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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Analysis

**Current Law/Background:** Chapter 779 of 2018 established the Prince George's County Environmental Justice Commission to study environmental justice issues in Prince George's County and make recommendations regarding (1) actions that should be taken to address environmental justice issues in the county and (2) whether the duration of the

commission should be extended. The Prince George's County Department of the Environment is required to provide staff for the commission. The commission was required to report its findings and recommendations to the Prince George's County House Delegation. The commission submitted the required [report](#) in February 2019. Among other things, the commission concluded that further study of environmental justice issues in the county is necessary, and that the termination date of the commission should be extended.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

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