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Appropriations

(Prince George's County Delegation)

Prince George's County - School Construction Master Plan Workgroup -
Reporting and Sunset Extension
PG 510-19

This bill extends the termination date for the Prince George's County School Construction Master Plan Workgroup by two years, to June 30, 2021. It requires the workgroup to report any additional findings and recommendations to specified entities by December 31, 2019, and on the status of the implementation of its recommendations by December 31, 2020. **The bill takes effect June 1, 2019, and terminates June 30, 2021.**

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The bill pertains only to Prince George's County.

Local Effect: It is assumed that the Prince George's County Board of Education can continue to staff the workgroup with existing resources. No effect on local revenues.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Bill Summary: Any additional findings and recommendations must be reported to the:

- Prince George's County Executive;
- Prince George's County Council;
- Prince George's County Board of Education;
- Interagency Commission on School Construction; and
- Prince George's County House and Senate delegations.

The workgroup must monitor the implementation of its recommendations and report on their status to the same entities listed above.

Current Law/Background: Chapter 416 of 2018 established the workgroup, with staffing provided by the Prince George's County Board of Education. Based on its review of the fiscal 2017 Educational Facilities Master Plan for Prince George's County, the workgroup was charged with making recommendations regarding:

- options to meet the identified needs at lower cost;
- methods to improve the maintenance and rehabilitation of public schools in Prince George's County; and
- options to increase cost sharing.

It was to report its findings and recommendations to the specified entities by December 31, 2018, and terminate on June 30, 2019. The workgroup has not yet submitted its report.

Additional Comments: Although not required to do so under Chapter 416, the Department of Legislative Services has also provided staff support to the workgroup. It can continue to do so with existing resources.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: SB 494 (Senators Rosapepe and Peters) - Budget and Taxation.

Information Source(s): Interagency Commission on School Construction; Department of Legislative Services

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