

# HOUSE BILL 1057

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

Introduced and read first time: February 10, 2022

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Prince George's County – Recreation Authority – Authorization**

3 **PG 406–22**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing the governing body of Prince George's County to establish  
5 a recreation authority in the county; establishing the Prince George's County  
6 Recreation Authority Blue Ribbon Workgroup to study and make recommendations  
7 to the Prince George's County Council regarding the establishment of a recreation  
8 authority in the county; stating the intent of the General Assembly regarding the  
9 possible transfer of employees from the Maryland–National Capital Park and  
10 Planning Commission to a Prince George's County recreation authority; and  
11 generally relating to recreation in Prince George's County.

12 BY adding to

13 Article – Local Government

14 Section 31–101 through 31–104 to be under the new title “Title 31. Prince George's  
15 County Recreation Authority”

16 Annotated Code of Maryland

17 (2013 Volume and 2021 Supplement)

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

20 **Article – Local Government**

21 **TITLE 31. PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY RECREATION AUTHORITY.**

22 **31–101.**

23 **(A) IN THIS TITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 INDICATED.

2 (B) "COMMISSION" MEANS THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND  
3 PLANNING COMMISSION ESTABLISHED UNDER DIVISION II OF THE LAND USE  
4 ARTICLE.

5 (C) "WORKGROUP" MEANS THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY RECREATION  
6 AUTHORITY BLUE RIBBON WORKGROUP.

7 31-102.

8 THIS TITLE APPLIES ONLY TO PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY.

9 31-103.

10 THE GOVERNING BODY OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY MAY CREATE A  
11 COUNTY RECREATION AUTHORITY TO OVERSEE YOUTH SPORTS AND RECREATION  
12 FUNCTIONS IN THE COUNTY.

13 31-104.

14 (A) THERE IS A PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY RECREATION AUTHORITY  
15 BLUE RIBBON WORKGROUP.

16 (B) THE WORKGROUP CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

17 (1) ONE MEMBER APPOINTED BY THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY  
18 HOUSE DELEGATION;

19 (2) ONE MEMBER APPOINTED BY THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY  
20 SENATE DELEGATION;

21 (3) ONE MEMBER APPOINTED BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE;

22 (4) ONE MEMBER APPOINTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL;

23 (5) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY BOYS  
24 AND GIRLS CLUB;

25 (6) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY  
26 GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES ORGANIZATION; AND

27 (7) THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION

1 **YOUTH AND COUNTYWIDE SPORTS DIVISION CHIEF.**

2 **(C) THE PURPOSE OF THE WORKGROUP IS TO STUDY AND, PRIOR TO THE**  
3 **ESTABLISHMENT OF A COUNTY RECREATION AUTHORITY UNDER THIS TITLE, MAKE**  
4 **RECOMMENDATIONS ON:**

5 **(1) THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF ANY COUNTY RECREATION**  
6 **AUTHORITY ESTABLISHED BY THE COUNTY AND THAT IS NOT AFFILIATED WITH THE**  
7 **COMMISSION;**

8 **(2) WHICH FUNCTIONS OF EXISTING DIVISIONS OF PRINCE GEORGE'S**  
9 **COUNTY GOVERNMENT, QUASI-GOVERNMENT, OR COMMISSION AGENCIES COULD**  
10 **BE ASSUMED BY A COUNTY RECREATION AUTHORITY;**

11 **(3) FUNDING FOR A COUNTY RECREATION AUTHORITY;**

12 **(4) ANY CHANGES TO STATE OR COUNTY LAW NECESSITATED BY THE**  
13 **ESTABLISHMENT OF A COUNTY RECREATION AUTHORITY NOT AFFILIATED WITH THE**  
14 **COMMISSION; AND**

15 **(5) ALL ASPECTS OF A TRANSFER OF ANY PERSONNEL AND THE**  
16 **RESPONSIBILITY FOR YOUTH SPORTS, ARTS, AND RECREATION FROM THE**  
17 **COMMISSION TO A COUNTY RECREATION AUTHORITY.**

18 **(D) ALL WORKGROUP RECOMMENDATIONS SHALL BE AFFIRMED WITH A**  
19 **MAJORITY VOTE OF THE WORKGROUP MEMBERSHIP DURING A PUBLIC MEETING.**

20 **(E) THE WORKGROUP SHALL SUBMIT THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE**  
21 **PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 2022.**

22 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED,** That it is the intent of the General  
23 Assembly that, should the governing body of Prince George's County create a recreation  
24 authority, if the General Assembly passes any law providing for the transfer of any  
25 employee of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission that  
26 performed a recreation function to the Prince George's County recreation authority, any  
27 employee who accepts the transfer shall retain the right to retain current pay, accrued  
28 leave, participation in the transferred employee's mandatory retirement plan, collective  
29 bargaining rights, and any other benefits enjoyed at the time of the transfer.

30 **SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED,** That this Act shall take effect July  
31 1, 2022.