

# HOUSE BILL 1057

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EMERGENCY BILL

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

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Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

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Committee Report: Favorable with amendments

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CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Prince George's County – Recreation ~~Authority~~ Authorization Blue Ribbon**  
3 **Workgroup**

4 **PG 406-22**

5 FOR the purpose of ~~authorizing the governing body of Prince George's County to establish~~  
6 ~~a recreation authority in the county;~~ establishing the Prince George's County  
7 Recreation ~~Authority~~ Blue Ribbon Workgroup to study and make recommendations  
8 to the Prince George's County Council ~~regarding the establishment of a recreation~~  
9 ~~authority in the county;~~ stating the intent of the General Assembly regarding the  
10 ~~possible transfer of employees from the Maryland National Capital Park and~~  
11 ~~Planning Commission to a Prince George's County recreation authority~~ on improving  
12 access to certain programming, facilities, and opportunities, the potential costs,  
13 benefits, and advantages of transferring the responsibility for certain operations  
14 from the Maryland–National Capital Park and Planning Commission to a different  
15 entity, and how that entity could cover certain costs; and generally relating to  
16 recreation in Prince George's County.

17 BY adding to

18 Article – Local Government

19 Section 31-101 through ~~31-104~~ 31-103 to be under the new title “Title 31. Prince  
20 George's County Recreation ~~Authority~~ Blue Ribbon Workgroup”

21 Annotated Code of Maryland

22 (2013 Volume and 2021 Supplement)

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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.



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

**Article – Local Government**

**TITLE 31. PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY RECREATION ~~AUTHORITY~~ BLUE RIBBON  
WORKGROUP.**

**31-101.**

(A) IN THIS TITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS  
INDICATED.

(B) “COMMISSION” MEANS THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND  
PLANNING COMMISSION ESTABLISHED UNDER DIVISION II OF THE LAND USE  
ARTICLE.

(C) “WORKGROUP” MEANS THE PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY RECREATION  
~~AUTHORITY~~ BLUE RIBBON WORKGROUP.

**31-102.**

**THIS TITLE APPLIES ONLY TO PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY.**

**31-103.**

~~THE GOVERNING BODY OF PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY MAY CREATE A  
COUNTY RECREATION AUTHORITY TO OVERSEE YOUTH SPORTS AND RECREATION  
FUNCTIONS IN THE COUNTY.~~

~~**31-104.**~~

(A) THERE IS A PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY RECREATION ~~AUTHORITY~~  
BLUE RIBBON WORKGROUP.

(B) THE WORKGROUP CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

(1) ~~ONE MEMBER~~ TWO MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE PRINCE  
GEORGE’S COUNTY HOUSE DELEGATION;

(2) ~~ONE MEMBER~~ TWO MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE PRINCE  
GEORGE’S COUNTY SENATE DELEGATION;

(3) ~~ONE MEMBER~~ TWO MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE COUNTY  
EXECUTIVE;

1           (4) ~~ONE MEMBER~~ TWO MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE COUNTY  
2 COUNCIL;

3           (5) ~~ONE REPRESENTATIVE~~ THE PRESIDENT OF THE PRINCE  
4 GEORGE'S COUNTY BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB;

5           (6) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ~~MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY~~  
6 ~~GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES ORGANIZATION~~ PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY  
7 DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION, DESIGNATED BY THE DIRECTOR OF  
8 THE DEPARTMENT; AND

9           (7) THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION  
10 YOUTH AND COUNTYWIDE SPORTS DIVISION CHIEF;

11           (8) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UFCW LOCAL 1994 MUNICIPAL  
12 AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES ORGANIZATION, APPOINTED BY THE  
13 COUNTY EXECUTIVE;

14           (9) THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE PRINCE GEORGE'S  
15 COUNTY ARTS AND HUMANITIES COUNCIL;

16           (10) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE NATIONAL RECREATION AND  
17 PARK ASSOCIATION, APPOINTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL; AND

18           (11) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY  
19 AGING AND DISABILITIES SERVICES DIVISION, APPOINTED BY THE COUNTY  
20 EXECUTIVE.

21           (C) EACH MEMBER OF THE WORKGROUP MAY BE QUALIFIED ON THE BASIS  
22 OF KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE PERTINENT TO THE PURPOSE OF THE  
23 WORKGROUP INCLUDING:

24           (1) PUBLIC RECREATION OPERATIONS;

25           (2) MANAGING ACTIVE AND PASSIVE CULTURE AND LEISURE  
26 PROGRAMS;

27           (3) RECREATIONAL YOUTH SPORTS;

28           (4) PUBLIC FINANCE AND FISCAL AFFAIRS;

29           (5) GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS;

1           **(6) PERFORMING AND VISUAL ARTS;**

2           **(7) QUASI-PUBLIC ENTITIES; OR**

3           **(8) A FIELD OF COMPARABLE RELEVANCE TO DELIVERING PUBLIC**  
4 **RECREATION SERVICES.**

5           **(D) THE PURPOSE OF THE WORKGROUP IS TO STUDY AND, ~~PRIOR TO THE~~**  
6 **~~ESTABLISHMENT OF A COUNTY RECREATION AUTHORITY UNDER THIS TITLE,~~ MAKE**  
7 **RECOMMENDATIONS ON:**

8           **~~(1) THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF ANY COUNTY RECREATION~~**  
9 **~~AUTHORITY ESTABLISHED BY THE COUNTY AND THAT IS NOT AFFILIATED WITH THE~~**  
10 **~~COMMISSION;~~**

11           **~~(2) WHICH FUNCTIONS OF EXISTING DIVISIONS OF PRINCE GEORGE'S~~**  
12 **~~COUNTY GOVERNMENT, QUASI GOVERNMENT, OR COMMISSION AGENCIES COULD~~**  
13 **~~BE ASSUMED BY A COUNTY RECREATION AUTHORITY;~~**

14           **~~(3) FUNDING FOR A COUNTY RECREATION AUTHORITY;~~**

15           **~~(4) ANY CHANGES TO STATE OR COUNTY LAW NECESSITATED BY THE~~**  
16 **~~ESTABLISHMENT OF A COUNTY RECREATION AUTHORITY NOT AFFILIATED WITH THE~~**  
17 **~~COMMISSION; AND~~**

18           **~~(5) ALL ASPECTS OF A TRANSFER OF ANY PERSONNEL AND THE~~**  
19 **~~RESPONSIBILITY FOR YOUTH SPORTS, ARTS, AND RECREATION FROM THE~~**  
20 **~~COMMISSION TO A COUNTY RECREATION AUTHORITY.~~**

21           **(1) IMPROVING ACCESS TO THE EXISTING YOUTH SPORTS, ARTS, AND**  
22 **RECREATION PROGRAMMING AVAILABLE TO RESIDENTS OF THE COUNTY;**

23           **(2) IMPROVING ACCESS TO PUBLICLY OWNED FACILITIES, FIELDS,**  
24 **AND GYMS FOR COUNTY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS;**

25           **(3) IMPROVING ACCESS TO OPPORTUNITIES FOR COUNTY-BASED**  
26 **MINORITY-OWNED AND SMALL BUSINESSES IN PROCUREMENTS RELATED TO THE**  
27 **DELIVERY OF RECREATION PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS;**

28           **(4) THE POTENTIAL COSTS, BENEFITS, ADVANTAGES, AND**  
29 **DISADVANTAGES OF TRANSFERRING THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR SPECIFIC**  
30 **OPERATIONS OF THE EXISTING YOUTH SPORTS, ARTS, AND RECREATION FUNCTIONS**  
31 **FROM THE COMMISSION TO A DIFFERENT ENTITY WHETHER THAT BE AN**  
32 **AUTHORITY, A COUNTY AGENCY, OR ANY OTHER ENTITY; AND**

1           **(5) HOW A DIFFERENT ENTITY COULD FUND THE COSTS OF ANY**  
 2 **ACTUARIAL DEFICIENCY OR OTHER ADVERSE FINANCIAL CONSEQUENCE CAUSED TO**  
 3 **THE PLAN, PARTICIPANTS, OR BENEFICIARIES OF ANY EXISTING EMPLOYMENT**  
 4 **BENEFIT PROGRAM, RETIREMENT PLAN, OR OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT**  
 5 **PROVIDED BY THE COMMISSION IN THE EVENT ANY EMPLOYEE WHO PERFORMED**  
 6 **YOUTH SPORTS, ARTS, OR RECREATION FUNCTIONS IS TRANSFERRED TO THE NEW**  
 7 **ENTITY.**

8           ~~(D)~~ **(E) ALL WORKGROUP RECOMMENDATIONS SHALL BE AFFIRMED**  
 9 **WITH A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE WORKGROUP MEMBERSHIP DURING A PUBLIC**  
 10 **MEETING.**

11           ~~(E)~~ **(F) THE WORKGROUP SHALL SUBMIT THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS TO**  
 12 **THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL ON OR BEFORE ~~DECEMBER 1, 2022~~**  
 13 **APRIL 11, 2023.**

14           ~~SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That it is the intent of the General~~  
 15 ~~Assembly that, should the governing body of Prince George's County create a recreation~~  
 16 ~~authority, if the General Assembly passes any law providing for the transfer of any~~  
 17 ~~employee of the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission that~~  
 18 ~~performed a recreation function to the Prince George's County recreation authority, any~~  
 19 ~~employee who accepts the transfer shall retain the right to retain current pay, accrued~~  
 20 ~~leave, participation in the transferred employee's mandatory retirement plan, collective~~  
 21 ~~bargaining rights, and any other benefits enjoyed at the time of the transfer.~~

22           ~~SECTION 3. 2.~~ **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect**  
 23 **July 1, 2022 is an emergency measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the**  
 24 **public health or safety, has been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of**  
 25 **all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take**  
 26 **effect from the date it is enacted.**

Approved:

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Governor.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.

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President of the Senate.