A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

Prince George’s County – Recreation Authority – Authorization

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

BY adding to

Article – Local Government

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

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2013 Volume and 2021 Supplement)

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.


(A) IN THIS TITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS
(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 APPOINTED BY THE PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY HOUSE DELEGATION;

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

(3) ONE MEMBER APPOINTED BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE;

(4) ONE MEMBER APPOINTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL;

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

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

(7) THE PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION
(c) The purpose of the Workgroup is to study and, prior to the establishment of a county recreation authority under this title, make recommendations on:

1. The powers and duties of any county recreation authority established by the county and that is not affiliated with the Commission;

2. Which functions of existing divisions of Prince George’s County government, quasi-government, or Commission agencies could be assumed by a county recreation authority;

3. Funding for a county recreation authority;

4. Any changes to State or county law necessitated by the establishment of a county recreation authority not affiliated with the Commission; and

5. All aspects of a transfer of any personnel and the responsibility for youth sports, arts, and recreation from the Commission to a county recreation authority.

(d) All Workgroup recommendations shall be affirmed with a majority vote of the Workgroup membership during a public meeting.

(e) The Workgroup shall submit their recommendations to the Prince George’s County Council on or before December 1, 2022.

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

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