

SENATE BILL 966

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By: **Senator Muse**

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Assigned to: Rules

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Prince George's County – Workgroup on Health and Wellness**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing a Workgroup on Health and Wellness in Prince George's
4 County to review and evaluate certain information and make certain
5 recommendations related to health and wellness in Prince George's County; and
6 generally relating to the Workgroup on Health and Wellness in Prince George's
7 County.

8 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
9 That:

10 (a) There is a Workgroup on Health and Wellness in Prince George's County.

11 (b) The Workgroup consists of the following members:

12 (1) the Chair of the Prince George's County Senate Delegation, or the
13 Chair's designee;

14 (2) the Chair of the Prince George's County House Delegation, or the
15 Chair's designee;

16 (3) the Chair of the Prince George's County Council, or the Chair's
17 designee;

18 (4) the following members, appointed by the Chair of the Prince George's
19 County Senate Delegation:

20 (i) two representatives of small and local health and wellness
21 businesses; and

22 (ii) one integrative health and wellness practitioner; and

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (5) the following members, appointed by the Prince George's County
2 Executive:

3 (i) one certified dietitian providing services in Prince George's
4 County;

5 (ii) two health and wellness practitioners in Prince George's County;
6 and

7 (iii) one representative of the Prince George's County Food Equity
8 Council.

9 (c) The Prince George's County Health Officer shall designate the chair of the
10 Workgroup.

11 (d) The University System of Maryland shall provide staff for the Workgroup.

12 (e) A member of the Workgroup or a subgroup established under subsection (g) of
13 this section:

14 (1) may not receive compensation as a member of the Workgroup or
15 subgroup; but

16 (2) is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State
17 Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

18 (f) The Workgroup shall:

19 (1) review the availability of health and wellness practices in Prince
20 George's County;

21 (2) review available options for integrative health and wellness programs
22 in Prince George's County;

23 (3) review programs that promote healthy eating within the Prince
24 George's County government agencies;

25 (4) make recommendations regarding the best practices in health and
26 wellness community programming, including strategies and programs that:

27 (i) promote healthy eating;

28 (ii) improve equitable access to healthy, affordable, and accessible
29 food retailers;

1 (iii) improve equitable access to environments that are built and
2 promote physical activity, including:

- 3 1. gymnasiums;
- 4 2. recreation centers;
- 5 3. athletic fields and facilities;
- 6 4. playgrounds;
- 7 5. sidewalks; and
- 8 6. bicycle and walking paths;

9 (iv) reduce the density in specified areas of calorie-dense and fast
10 food restaurants and retailers; and

11 (v) promote healthy eating, physical activity, and nonsedentary
12 habits for obesity prevention;

13 (5) make recommendations for incentives that may be provided to
14 employers, businesses, and Prince George's County agencies to promote health and
15 wellness strategies and programs identified under item (4) of this subsection;

16 (6) review and report on the benefits of incorporating integrative health
17 into various aspects of Prince George's County; and

18 (7) evaluate the benefit and feasibility of creating integrative health and
19 wellness hubs in Prince George's County.

20 (g) (1) The Workgroup may establish a subgroup to assist in carrying out its
21 duties, including conducting research and producing reports.

22 (2) A subgroup established under paragraph (1) of this subsection may
23 include an individual who is not a member of the Workgroup, such as a representative of a
24 relevant expert.

25 (h) On or before December 1, 2024, the Workgroup shall report its findings and
26 recommendations to the Prince George's County Executive, the Chair of the Prince George's
27 County Council, the Governor, and, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government
28 Article, the General Assembly.

29 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
30 1, 2023. It shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and, at the end of June 30, 2025,
31 this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and
32 of no further force and effect.