

Chapter 372

(House Bill 376)

AN ACT concerning

Study on the Feasibility of Relocating the Prince George's County Public School System Headquarters**PG 501-24**

FOR the purpose of requiring the Prince George's County Board of Education to hire an independent consultant to study and make recommendations on the feasibility of relocating the Prince George's County public school system headquarters; requiring the Prince George's County ~~Council~~ Board of Education to cover the cost of the study; and generally relating to a study on the feasibility of relocating the Prince George's County public school system headquarters.

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

(a) In this section, "County board" means the Prince George's County Board of Education.

(b) ~~The~~ Before entering into a new long-term lease, the County board shall hire an independent consultant to complete a comprehensive study on the feasibility of relocating the County board headquarters.

(c) The independent consultant shall:

(1) conduct a thorough site selection analysis to identify and evaluate potential locations within Prince George's County that are suitable for the construction of a new County board headquarters by using the following factors:

- (i) accessibility;
- (ii) central location in the county and proximity to public schools;
- (iii) proximity to public transportation and mass transit; and
- (iv) potential for providing community amenities and resources;

(2) undertake a comprehensive financial analysis to estimate the costs associated with land acquisition, construction, and outfitting of a new headquarters;

(3) assess potential funding sources to support construction, including public-private partnerships and local, State, and federal funding;

(4) evaluate the environmental impact of the proposed relocation, including stormwater mitigation and energy efficiency considerations;

(5) ensure compliance during the relocation process by engaging with ~~county departments~~ State and county agencies, including:

- (i) the Department of Permitting, Inspections and Enforcement;
- (ii) the Maryland Stadium Authority;
- (iii) the Department of Public Works & Transportation; and
- (iv) any other units the independent consultant considers necessary;

(6) explore opportunities to provide multi-use, multigenerational community amenities, including community spaces, libraries, recreational facilities, and educational training centers;

(7) conduct interviews with key stakeholders, including representatives from public schools in the county, school board members, county and State officials, parent-teacher associations, and local community organizations;

(8) conduct community surveys and questionnaires to solicit input and suggestions from stakeholders, county residents, and local businesses;

(9) establish a timeline that incorporates fund allocation, design, engineering, and construction phases; and

(10) explore any other pertinent information required to complete the study.

(d) The County board shall develop a solicitation process for hiring an independent consultant under this section.

(e) The ~~Prince George's County Council Board of Education~~ County board shall cover the cost of the study conducted under this section.

(f) On or before ~~December 31, 2024~~ June 1, 2026, the independent consultant shall report its findings and recommendations to the County board.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2024. It shall remain effective for a period of ~~1 year~~ 2 years and 1 month and, at the end of June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Approved by the Governor, April 25, 2024.