

# HOUSE BILL 376

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

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Study on the Feasibility of Relocating the Prince George's County Public School**  
3 **System Headquarters**

4 **PG 501-24**

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

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

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

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

18 (c) The independent consultant shall:

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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.



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

4 (i) accessibility;

5 (ii) central location in the county and proximity to public schools;

6 (iii) proximity to public transportation and mass transit; and

7 (iv) potential for providing community amenities and resources;

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

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

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

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

16 (i) the Department of Permitting, Inspections and Enforcement;

17 (ii) the Maryland Stadium Authority;

18 (iii) the Department of Public Works & Transportation; and

19 (iv) any other units the independent consultant considers necessary;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

7 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June  
8 1, 2024. It shall remain effective for a period of ~~1 year~~ 2 years and 1 month and, at the end  
9 of June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly,  
10 shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Approved:

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Governor.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.

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President of the Senate.