

# HOUSE BILL 395

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

Introduced and read first time: January 17, 2024

Assigned to: Ways and Means and Appropriations

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Prince George's County – Early Childhood Education Program and High School**  
3 **Child Care Centers – Established**

4 **PG 504–24**

5 FOR the purpose of requiring the Prince George's County Board of Education to require  
6 certain public high schools in the county to offer a certain career and technical  
7 education program in early childhood education beginning in a certain school year;  
8 requiring the Prince George's County Board of Education to establish child care  
9 centers in certain public high schools in the county beginning in a certain school year;  
10 requiring the State Department of Education to provide certain assistance to the  
11 Prince George's County Board of Education to establish the child care centers;  
12 requiring the Governor to include a certain amount of funding in the annual budget  
13 bill for the Prince George's County Board of Education to establish the child care  
14 centers and provide grants to Child Resource Connect in Prince George's County for  
15 a certain purpose; and generally relating to early childhood education and child care  
16 centers in Prince George's County.

17 BY adding to

18 Article – Education

19 Section 4–406; and 9.5–5A–01 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 5A. Child Care  
20 Centers in Prince George's County Public High Schools”

21 Annotated Code of Maryland

22 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

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

24 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

25 **Article – Education**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **4-406.**

2 (A) BEGINNING IN THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR, THE PRINCE GEORGE'S  
3 COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION SHALL REQUIRE EACH PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL  
4 REQUIRED TO ESTABLISH A CHILD CARE CENTER UNDER § 9.5-5A-01 OF THIS  
5 ARTICLE TO OFFER A CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION PROGRAM IN EARLY  
6 CHILDHOOD EDUCATION THAT PREPARES STUDENTS FOR ADDITIONAL EDUCATION  
7 AND CAREERS IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND CARE.

8 (B) THE EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION PROGRAM SHALL BE:

9 (1) ALIGNED WITH ANY STANDARDS FOR CAREER AND TECHNICAL  
10 EDUCATION PROGRAMS AS ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS ARTICLE; AND

11 (2) AVAILABLE TO ANY STUDENT ATTENDING THE SCHOOL.

12 SUBTITLE 5A. CHILD CARE CENTERS IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY PUBLIC  
13 HIGH SCHOOLS.

14 **9.5-5A-01.**

15 (A) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (B)(2) OF THIS SECTION,  
16 BEGINNING IN THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR, THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY  
17 BOARD OF EDUCATION SHALL ESTABLISH A CHILD CARE CENTER IN EACH PUBLIC  
18 HIGH SCHOOL IN THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE PREGNANCY RATE AMONG STUDENTS  
19 IS GREATER THAN 1%.

20 (B) (1) A CHILD CARE CENTER ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE  
21 SHALL:

22 (i) ENROLL ONLY THE CHILDREN OF STUDENTS WHO:

23 1. ACTIVELY ATTEND A PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL IN  
24 PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY; AND

25 2. REGISTER TO RECEIVE SERVICES WITH CHILD  
26 RESOURCE CONNECT IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY; AND

27 (ii) PROVIDE SERVICES AT NO COST TO STUDENTS AND THEIR  
28 FAMILIES.

29 (2) IF A PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL LACKS SUFFICIENT SPACE TO  
30 ESTABLISH A CHILD CARE CENTER AS REQUIRED UNDER THIS SECTION, THE PRINCE

1 **GEORGE’S COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION SHALL, TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE,**  
2 **ARRANGE FOR ANY STUDENTS ATTENDING THE SCHOOL AND THEIR CHILDREN TO**  
3 **BE TRANSPORTED TO ANOTHER SCHOOL WITH A CHILD CARE CENTER.**

4 **(C) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ASSIST THE PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY**  
5 **BOARD OF EDUCATION IN CARRYING OUT THIS SECTION BY:**

6 **(1) PROVIDING FOR THE LICENSING OF CHILD CARE CENTERS**  
7 **ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS SECTION;**

8 **(2) ENSURING THE SPACE DESIGNATED WITHIN A PUBLIC HIGH**  
9 **SCHOOL OR NEARBY BUILDINGS FOR A CHILD CARE CENTER COMPLIES WITH THE**  
10 **PREVAILING LOCAL AND STATE SAFETY BUILDING CODES FOR CHILD CARE**  
11 **CENTERS; AND**

12 **(3) APPLYING THE REGULATIONS ADOPTED UNDER SUBTITLE 4 OF**  
13 **THIS TITLE FOR CHILD CARE CENTERS.**

14 **(D) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER, THE**  
15 **GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET BILL AN APPROPRIATION OF**  
16 **\$5,000,000 TO THE PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION TO:**

17 **(1) CARRY OUT THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION; AND**

18 **(2) PROVIDE GRANTS TO CHILD RESOURCE CONNECT IN PRINCE**  
19 **GEORGE’S COUNTY FOR THE SERVICES PROVIDED TO STUDENTS WHO REGISTER AS**  
20 **REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (B)(1)(I)2 OF THIS SECTION.**

21 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July**  
22 **1, 2024.**