

# SENATE BILL 672

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By: Senator A. Washington

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Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Prince George's County – Expanding Access to Early Childhood Education and**  
3 **Child Care**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the State Department of Education to develop an  
5 implementation and financing plan to expand access to high-quality early childhood  
6 education and child care in Prince George's County for children from birth through  
7 3 years; requiring the Department to consult with certain entities; requiring the plan  
8 to include certain analyses; and generally relating to early childhood education and  
9 child care in Prince George's County.

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

12 (a) The State Department of Education shall develop an implementation and  
13 financing plan to expand access to high-quality early childhood education and child care in  
14 Prince George's County for children from birth through 3 years.

15 (b) To complete the plan, the Department shall consult with Prince George's  
16 County and relevant State agencies.

17 (c) The plan shall include an analysis of:

18 (1) the cost to parents, the county, and the State;

19 (2) the workforce needs of early childhood education and child care  
20 providers to expand access;

21 (3) the capacity of early childhood education and child care providers to  
22 serve more children; and

23 (4) additional county and State revenue options to expand access.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1       (d) On or before December 1, 2026, the Department shall submit the plan to the  
2 Governor and, in accordance with § 2–1257 of the State Government Article, the General  
3 Assembly and the members of the Prince George’s County Delegation to the General  
4 Assembly.

5       SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
6 1, 2026.