

KABOOM - 2023 SB 966 FAV - Prince George's County

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**Testimony in Support of SB 966
Prince George's County – Workgroup on Health and Wellness
Senate Finance Committee
March 21, 2023**

KABOOM! is a national non-profit organization whose mission is to end playspace inequity across the country. We aim to accomplish this goal by partnering with a variety of systems that share our commitment to identifying and eliminating the racially based policy and funding barriers that created the inequities we seek to address. Since 1996, we have created over 17,000 playspaces and ensured over 12 million children have access to quality playspaces. Because the location and quality of playspace infrastructure was determined by the location and availability of housing opportunities, past policies like redlining, restrictive housing covenants, and school segregation have created a legacy of inequity that continues to deprive Black children the same access to quality play equipment that their white counterparts enjoy.

This is why KABOOM! has partnered with Baltimore City Schools, the Baltimore City Recreation and Parks Department, and Prince George's County/Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) to address playground inaccessibility in those communities through a data-driven, racially equitable plan. To date, KABOOM! has built over 60 community co-designed playspaces in Maryland with these and other partners. Furthering this effort also involves helping communities address wellness issues more holistically. The benefits of play children experience can only be fully achieved when their nutritional and other wellness needs are being met.

For these reasons, KABOOM! supports passage of SB 966, which would create a multi-sector Workgroup on Health and Wellness in Prince George's County. Addressing children's health and wellness needs through a series of interventions in the areas of food access, community health access, school nutritional support, mental health services, and physical activity can have a compounding positive impact when they are conducted in a coordinated manner. The Workgroup will ensure that the appropriate level of issue identification and coordination can take place.

KABOOM! is committed to this kind of cross sector approach for the promotion of community wellness. Last year, KABOOM! participated in the roll-out of President Biden's National Strategy on Hunger, Nutrition and Health, which identified five-pillars of action: 1) Improve Food Access and Affordability, 2) Integrate Nutrition and Health. 3) Empower all Consumers to Make and Have Access to Healthy Choices, 4) Support Physical Activity for All, and 5) Enhance Nutrition and Food Security Research to helping underserved populations lead healthier lives. The representatives on this



Workgroup mirror these priorities and will allow Prince George's County to leverage any federal funding or resources which may result from the implementation of this national effort.

KABOOM! hopes that more communities will adopt this kind of strategic, long-term, and community driven approach as they work to address the social determinants of health that are preventing too many Black, low-income, and vulnerable children and families from leading full, healthy lives. We urge the legislature to quickly pass this legislation and hope Governor Moore will soon sign it into law. KABOOM! is ready to assist leaders in Prince George's County with the Workgroup's implementation in any manner that makes sense and aligns with the work we are doing with M-NCPPC and Prince George's County Department of Parks and Recreation as part of our 25 in 5 Initiative to End Playspace Inequity.

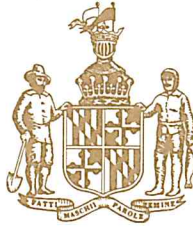
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March 16, 2023

Senator Melony Griffith, Chair
Senate Finance Committee
3E Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Chair Griffith,

Please let this letter serve as official notice of the support of the Prince George's County Senate Delegation for Senate Bill 966 (Prince George's County – Workgroup on Health and Wellness).

Should you require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Michael A. Jackson".

Senator Michael A. Jackson, Chair
Prince George's County Senate Delegation

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THE SENATE OF MARYLAND
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401

Testimony: SB 966: Prince George's County – Workgroup on Health & Wellness

Good afternoon, Chairwoman Griffith, Vice Chairwoman Klausmeier and members of the Senate Finance Committee.

Senate Bill 966 would establish a Prince George's County Health & Wellness workgroup. The workgroup would consist of the following members:

- The Chair of the Prince George's County Senate Delegation, or the Chair's designee,
- The Chair of the Prince George's County House Delegation, or the Chair's designee,
- The Chair of the Prince George's County Council, or the Chair's designee, and
- The following members, shall be appointed by the Chair of the Prince George's County Senate Delegation:
 - two representatives of small and local health and wellness businesses, and
 - one integrative health and wellness practitioner.
- The following members, shall be appointed by the Prince George's County Executive:
 - one certified dietitian providing services in Prince George's 4 County,
 - two health and wellness practitioners in Prince George's County, and
 - one representative of the Prince George's County Food Equity Council.

There is an **amendment** that would add *Prince George's Non-Profit*, as a member to the workgroup... they have requested to be added to the workgroup and we would love for them to be a part of this.

As it relates to the health and wellness of our state, I hope some of you will agree with me, that our focus is on DISEASE management... specifically in the black and brown communities. And many of the diseases that we are managing are related to lack of education and limited options and resources.

Therefore, SB 966 would require the workgroup to review:

- 1) the availability of health and wellness practices in the county,
 - 2) the available options for integrative health & wellness programs in the county,
- and

- 3) review programs that promote health eating withing the counties government agencies.

After reviewing these programs, the workgroup would be tasked with making recommendations regarding the best practices in the health and wellness community, including strategies and programs that:

- 1) promote healthy eating,
- 2) improve equitable access to healthy, affordable, and accessible food retailers,
- 3) improve access to gyms, rec centers, playgrounds, bike and walking paths,
- 4) promote healthy eating, physical activity, and healthy habits to prevent obesity.

The workgroup will also make recommendations for incentives that may be provided to employers who promote health and wellness strategies. Further, the workgroup will review, report, and evaluate the benefits and feasibility of integrative health and creating integrative health and wellness hubs in Prince George's County.

Also, there is another amendment that strikes the University of Maryland System as the staff and replaces it with the Maryland Department of Health in *cooperation* with the Prince George's County Department of Health. The workgroup would report their findings by December 2024.

In closing, I do not know all the answers, but I do know that we are in a health crisis in Prince George's County. In fact, according to the Harvard school of Health, 1 out of 6 children are obese, and 1 out of 3 children are overweight or obese. Unfortunately, there are several factors, but one factor is lack of education.

Therefore, it is for all these reasons and many more, that I urge and ask this body for FAVORABLE report for SB 966 as amended.

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AMENDMENT REQUEST FORM

Date Submitted

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REQUEST INFORMATION

Bill No.

SB 967

Bill Title

Public Safety - Statewide DNA Database System, DNA Collectio

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Hearing Date

03/09/2023

Date Needed

03/14/2023

Name(s) and contact information of individual(s) the drafter is authorized to contact

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To Be Offered

In Committee



Description and Comments

Add language:

§2 – 511

(e) [A letter documenting expungement of the DNA record and destruction of the DNA sample shall be sent by the Director to the defendant and the defendant ' s attorney at the address specified by the court in the order of expungement.] WRITTEN NOTIFICATION DOCUMENTING EXPUNGEMENT OF THE DNA RECORD AND DESTRUCTION OF THE DNA SAMPLE SHALL BE PROVIDED TO THE DEFENDANT IN ACCORDANCE WITH REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

(h)(1) ANY DNA SAMPLE COLLECTED FROM AN INDIVIDUAL CHARGED WITH A CRIME UNDER §2 – 504 (a)(2) PRIOR TO OCTOBER 1, 2023 SHALL BE EXPUNGED IF:

(i) ONE YEAR FROM THE DATE OF COLLECTION HAS PASSED;

(ii) AN ASSOCIATED CHARGE HAS A DISPOSITION AT DISTRICT COURT OF GUILTY, PROBATION BEFORE JUDGEMENT, OR STET; OR

****PLEASE ATTACH ANY ADDITIONAL COMMENTS AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS TO THE EMAIL WITH THIS FORM****

EMAIL THIS FORM TO: amendment.office@mlis.state.md.us

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