

## THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT

## POSITION STATEMENT

HB 432 (PG 503-23) Prince George's County Delegation Prince George's County – Chief Executive Officer of the Public School System – Search Committee Requirements

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## POSITION: SUPPORT W/ AMENDMENTS

**HB 432 (PG 503-23)** – Prince George's County – Chief Executive Officer of the Public School System – Search Committee Requirements – For the purpose of altering the composition of, the qualifications for, and the method for selecting the search committee for the Chief Executive Officer of the Prince George's County public school system. This bill would take effect June 1, 2023.

This bill amends the search committee members by adding a third county resident to the committee and altering that all three county resident members will be appointed by the County Executive of Prince George's County, rather than the Governor. It also requires all resident members of the committee to be Prince George's County residents for at least two years and that they must reflect the geographical, racial, ethnic, cultural, and gender diversity of the County and possess a high level of knowledge and expertise in various education related topics.

During the public hearing, members of the public expressed concern with giving all authority in appointing the search committee members to one governing body, here the County Executive. The Prince George's County Council shares the public's concern and respectfully recommends the following suggested amendment to ensure equity among the search committee members.

Page 2, Line 7: Two] THREE residents of Prince George's County, appointed by the [Governor] COUNTY EXECUTIVE ONE APPOINTED BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE, ONE APPOINTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL, AND ONE APPOINTED BY THE ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

For the foregoing reasons, the Prince George's County Council respectfully requests the Committee's consideration of its amendment to HB 432 (PG 503-23).

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