



POSITION STATEMENT

Informational

Bill: HB 1413 - Prince George's County – Development Authority – Established

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Dear Chair Vanessa Atterbeary and Vice Chair Jheanelle Wilkins

The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC or “the Commission”) has not voted to take a position on this bill. However, Commission staff has prepared an informational statement. The Commission respectfully requests that the Ways and Means committee consider this information and include it in the record.

What this bill Does. This bill seeks to establish a Prince George's County Development Authority (PGCDA) in Prince George's County to support and develop a certain neighborhood revitalization plan in coordination with certain residents in target areas. Those target areas consist of the Town of Fairmont Heights, The Town of Seat Pleasant, The Town of Capital Heights, and the Unincorporated areas in 3.5 square miles in Maryland around the boundaries of the Town of Fairmont Heights, The Town of Seat Pleasant and the Town of Capital Heights. **This bill also requires the Commission to participate as a member and staff the authority.** On or before October 31, 2026, the PGCDA is required to report its comprehensive neighborhood revitalization strategy to the Governor and certain community of the General Assembly.

Background. Prince George's County currently has a Prince George's County Economic Development Corporation. Its goal is to cultivate and promote a strong local economy that supports the growth and prosperity of entrepreneurs and businesses. In 2020, Plan Prince George's 2035 was approved by the County Council which includes comprehensive recommendations by the Commission for guiding future development within Prince George's County. The plan designates eight Regional

Transit Districts, which are the focus of the County's planned growth and mixed-use development, and which have the capacity to become major economic generators. Six Neighborhood Reinvestment Areas are designated for coordinated funding and resources needed to stabilize and revitalize these areas.

Section 12-1105 - Member of Authority. This section of the bill requires the Commission to participate as a member of the PGCDA and indicates language that requires the Commission to staff the authority. The current language in this section does not make it clear if the Commission must appoint a representative to participate and/or whether the Commission is required to staff the membership of the authority. The Commission urges this committee to clarify the Commission's role as it relates to this new PGCDA.