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HOUSE BILL 359

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By: Prince George's County Delegation

Introduced and read first time: January 16, 2025

Assigned to: Ways and Means

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 Prince George's County - ~~Early Childhood Education Program, High School~~  
3 ~~Child Care Centers,~~ Teen Pregnancy Support Program and Fee in Child Support Cases -  
Established

4 PG 502-25

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;~~ establishing the Prince George's County Teen Pregnancy Support Program to  
provide certain students attending a public high school in Prince George's County with certain assistance  
relating to child care and parenting; requiring the Circuit Court for Prince George's County to  
collect  
16 a certain fee in certain cases pertaining to child support; requiring the revenue  
17 generated from the fee to be remitted to ~~Prince George's County~~ the Prince George's County Board of  
Education and used to support  
18 ~~certain child care centers~~ the Teen Pregnancy Support Program in the county; and generally  
relating to ~~early childhood~~  
19 ~~education and child care centers in~~ the Prince George's County Teen Pregnancy Support  
Program.

20 BY adding to

21 Article - Education

22 ~~Section 4-406; and 9-5 5A-01 to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 5A. Child Care~~

23 ~~Centers in Prince George's County Public High Schools" Section 3-1009~~

24 Annotated Code of Maryland

25 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

26 BY adding to

27 Article - Family Law

28 Section 12-103.1

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Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

## Article - Education

3-1009.

(A) THERE IS A PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY TEEN PREGNANCY SUPPORT PROGRAM.

(B) THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY BOARD SHALL ASSIST STUDENTS WHO ARE EXPECTING TO BECOME, OR HAVE BECOME, A PARENT TO A CHILD WHILE ATTENDING A PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL IN THE COUNTY BY PROVIDING STUDENTS:

(1) CASH VOUCHERS TO ASSIST IN PAYING FOR CHILD CARE EXPENSES;

(2) PARENTING EDUCATION; AND

(3) OTHER RESOURCES THAT SUPPORT FIRST-TIME PARENTS.

(C) THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY BOARD SHALL:

(1) ESTABLISH PROCEDURES FOR PROVIDING THE SUPPORT DESCRIBED UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION; AND

(2) USE THE REVENUE FROM THE FEES COLLECTED AND REMITTED UNDER § 12-103.1 OF THE FAMILY LAW ARTICLE TO FUND THE SUPPORT DESCRIBED UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION.

~~4-406.~~

~~(A) BEGINNING IN THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR, THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION SHALL REQUIRE EACH PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL REQUIRED TO ESTABLISH A CHILD CARE CENTER UNDER § 9.5-5A-01 OF THIS ARTICLE TO OFFER A CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION PROGRAM IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION THAT PREPARES STUDENTS FOR ADDITIONAL EDUCATION AND CAREERS IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND CARE.~~

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

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

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

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

~~9.5-5A-01.~~

~~(A) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (B)(2) OF THIS SECTION, BEGINNING IN THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR, THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION SHALL ESTABLISH A CHILD CARE CENTER IN EACH PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL IN THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE PREGNANCY RATE AMONG STUDENTS IS GREATER THAN 1%.~~

~~(B) (1) A CHILD CARE CENTER ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE~~

26 ~~SHALL:~~

27                   ~~(1) ENROLL ONLY THE CHILDREN OF STUDENTS WHO:~~

28                   ~~1. ACTIVELY ATTEND A PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL IN~~  
29 ~~PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY; AND~~

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~~2. REGISTER TO RECEIVE SERVICES WITH CHILD~~

~~RESOURCE CONNECT IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY; AND~~

~~(H) PROVIDE SERVICES AT NO COST TO STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES.~~

~~(2) IF A PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL LACKS SUFFICIENT SPACE TO ESTABLISH A CHILD CARE CENTER AS REQUIRED UNDER THIS SECTION, THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION SHALL, TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE, ARRANGE FOR ANY STUDENTS ATTENDING THE SCHOOL AND THEIR CHILDREN TO BE TRANSPORTED TO ANOTHER SCHOOL WITH A CHILD CARE CENTER.~~

~~(C) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ASSIST THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION IN CARRYING OUT THIS SECTION BY:~~

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

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

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

~~(D) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER, THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET BILL AN APPROPRIATION OF \$5,000,000 TO THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION TO:~~

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

~~(2) PROVIDE GRANTS TO CHILD RESOURCE CONNECT IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY FOR THE SERVICES PROVIDED TO STUDENTS WHO REGISTER AS REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (B)(1)(i)2 OF THIS SECTION.~~

Article - Family Law

12-103.1.

(A) THIS SECTION APPLIES ONLY TO PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY.

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(B) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, THE COURT IN  
PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY SHALL COLLECT A FEE OF ~~\$10~~ \$100 IN ANY CASE IN WHICH  
AN INDIVIDUAL:

(1) APPLIES FOR A DECREE OR MODIFICATION OF A DECREE OF CHILD  
SUPPORT; OR

(2) FILES ANY FORM OF PROCEEDING TO RECOVER ARREARAGES OF  
OR TO ENFORCE A DECREE OF CHILD SUPPORT.

(C) THE REVENUE GENERATED FROM THE FEES COLLECTED UNDER THIS  
SECTION SHALL BE REMITTED QUARTERLY TO THE ~~COUNTY AND USED TO SUPPORT~~  
~~CHILD CARE CENTERS IN THE COUNTY, AS DEFINED IN § 9.5-101~~ PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY BOARD OF  
EDUCATION AND USED TO SUPPORT THE TEEN PREGNANCY SUPPORT PROGRAM ESTABLISHED UNDER § 3-1009 OF  
THE  
EDUCATION  
ARTICLE.

(D) THE FEE IMPOSED UNDER THIS SECTION IS IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER  
FEES OR COSTS IMPOSED UNDER LAW, REGULATION, OR RULE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
1, 2025.