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**By: Prince George’s County Delegation**

(Requested by Delegate Geraldine  
Valentino-Smith)

**A BILL ENTITLED**

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force on the Membership and Operation of the Prince George’s County**  
3 **Board of Education**

4 **PG 411-13**

5 FOR the purpose of establishing the Task Force on the Membership and Operation of  
6 the Prince George’s County Board of Education; providing for the chairs and  
7 staff for the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving  
8 certain compensation but entitling members to reimbursement for certain  
9 expenses; requiring the Task Force to make certain recommendations, including  
10 recommendations regarding the method of selecting the Prince George’s County  
11 Board of Education; requiring the Task Force to hold a certain number of public  
12 meetings in certain locations that allow certain persons to testify about certain  
13 issues; requiring the Task Force to submit a certain report to certain persons on  
14 or before a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally  
15 relating to the Task Force on the Membership and Operation of the Prince  
16 George’s County Board of Education.

17 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
18 MARYLAND, That:

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**EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.**

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           (a)    There is a Task Force on the Membership and Operation of the Prince  
2   George’s County Board of Education.

3           (b)    The Task Force consists of the following nine members:

4                   (1)    the Chair of the Prince George’s County Senate Delegation, or the  
5   Chair’s designee;

6                   (2)    one member of the Senate of Maryland who represents Prince  
7   George’s County, appointed by the Chair of the Prince George’s County Senate  
8   Delegation;

9                   (3)    the Chair of the Prince George’s County House Delegation, or the  
10   Chair’s designee;

11                   (4)    one member of the House of Delegates who represents Prince  
12   George’s County, appointed by the Chair of the Prince George’s County House  
13   Delegation;

14                   (5)    the Chair of the Prince George’s County Board of Education, or the  
15   Chair’s designee;

16                   (6)    the Superintendent of Prince George’s County Public Schools, or  
17   the Superintendent’s designee;

18                   (7)    the Prince George’s County Executive, or the County Executive’s  
19   designee;

20                   (8)    one member of the Prince George’s County Council, appointed by  
21   the Chair of the Prince George’s County Council; and

22                   (9)    one member who represents the Maryland Association of Boards of  
23   Education, appointed by the Association.

24           (c)    The Chair of the Prince George’s County Senate Delegation and the Chair  
25   of the Prince George’s County House Delegation shall jointly designate the cochairs of  
26   the Task Force from among the members of the Task Force from the Senate of  
27   Maryland and the House of Delegates.

1           (d)    The Department of Legislative Services shall provide staff for the Task  
2 Force.

3           (e)    A member of the Task Force:

4                   (1)    may not receive compensation as a member of the Task Force; but

5                   (2)    is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard  
6 State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

7           (f)    The Task Force shall study and make recommendations regarding the  
8 Prince George’s County Board of Education as to:

9                   (1)    the composition, qualifications, and compensation of members of  
10 the Board;

11                   (2)    methods for selecting the members of the Board;

12                   (3)    an appropriate phase-in period for any recommended changes to  
13 the existing Board composition;

14                   (4)    a Board composition that reflects the gender and racial diversity of  
15 Prince George’s County;

16                   (5)    criteria that improve Board results, accountability, transparency,  
17 and oversight;

18                   (6)    criteria for establishing and measuring Board outcomes;

19                   (7)    a protocol for Board audits and addressing audit findings; and

20                   (8)    any other relevant issues.

21           (g)    (1)    The Task Force shall hold at least three public meetings in  
22 geographically diverse areas of Prince George’s County that allow members of the  
23 general public and stakeholder organizations to testify on issues being studied by the  
24 Task Force.

1           (2)    The Task Force shall extend an invitation to representatives from  
2 the following stakeholder organizations to testify at a public meeting:

3                   (i)    the Prince George’s County Educator’s Association;

4                   (ii)   the Prince George’s County SEIU Local 400;

5                   (iii)   the Prince George’s County Association of Supervisory and  
6 Administrative School Personnel;

7                   (iv)   the Prince George’s County AFSCME 2250;

8                   (v)    the PTA Council of Prince George’s County;

9                   (vi)   the Prince George’s County Student Councils;

10                  (vii)   the Prince George’s County chapter of the NAACP;

11                  (viii)   the Prince George’s County Board of Education; and

12                  (ix)    the Prince George’s County Municipal Association.

13           (h)    On or before October 31, 2013, the Task Force shall report its findings  
14 and recommendations to the Governor, the State Superintendent of Schools, the  
15 Prince George’s County Executive, the Prince George’s County Council, the Prince  
16 George’s County Superintendent of Schools, the Prince George’s County Board of  
17 Education, and, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, the  
18 Prince George’s County Senate Delegation and the Prince George’s County House  
19 Delegation.

20           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
21 July 1, 2013. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of June 30,  
22 2014, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be  
23 abrogated and of no further force and effect.