

HOUSE BILL 355

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

Introduced and read first time: January 19, 2022

Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Prince George's County – Workgroup on the Membership and Operation of the**
3 **Prince George's County Board of Education**

4 **PG 503–22**

5 FOR the purpose of establishing the Workgroup on the Membership and Operation of the
6 Prince George's County Board of Education; and generally relating to the Workgroup
7 on the Membership and Operation of the Prince George's County Board of Education.

8 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
9 That:

10 (a) There is a Workgroup on the Membership and Operation of the Prince
11 George's County Board of Education.

12 (b) The Workgroup consists of the following members:

13 (1) the Chair of the Prince George's County Senate Delegation, or the
14 Chair's designee;

15 (2) one member of the Senate of Maryland who represents Prince George's
16 County, appointed by the Chair of the Prince George's County Senate Delegation;

17 (3) the Chair of the Prince George's County House Delegation, or the
18 Chair's designee;

19 (4) one member of the House of Delegates who represents Prince George's
20 County, appointed by the Chair of the Prince George's County House Delegation;

21 (5) the Chair of the Prince George's County Board of Education, or the
22 Chair's designee;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



(6) the Chief Executive Officer of the Prince George's County Public School System, or the Chief Executive Officer's designee;

(7) the Prince George's County Executive, or the County Executive's designee;

(8) one member of the Prince George's County Council, appointed by the Chair of the Prince George's County Council;

(9) one representative of the Prince George's County Educators' Association, appointed by the President of the Association;

(10) one representative of the Maryland Association of Boards of Education, appointed by the Executive Director of MABE; and

(11) the following members, appointed by the State Superintendent of Schools:

(i) one parent of a student enrolled in a Prince George's County public school;

(ii) one student enrolled in a Prince George's County public school; and

(iii) one member of the Prince George's County Board of Education.

(c) The Workgroup shall elect a chair and vice chair from among its members.

(d) Prince George's County Public Schools, in conjunction with Bowie State University, shall provide staff for the Workgroup.

(e) A member of the Workgroup:

(1) may not receive compensation as a member of the Workgroup; but

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

(f) The Workgroup shall study and make recommendations regarding the Prince George's County Board of Education as to:

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

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

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

3 (4) a Board composition that reflects the gender and racial diversity of
4 Prince George's County;

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

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

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

9 (8) any other relevant issues.

10 (g) (1) The Workgroup shall hold at least three public meetings in
11 geographically diverse areas of Prince George's County that allow members of the general
12 public and stakeholder organizations to testify on issues being studied by the Workgroup.

13 (2) The Workgroup shall extend an invitation to representatives from the
14 following stakeholder organizations to testify at a public meeting:

15 (i) the Prince George's County Educators' Association;

16 (ii) the Prince George's County SEIU Local 400;

17 (iii) the Prince George's County Association of Supervisory and
18 Administrative School Personnel;

19 (iv) the Prince George's County AFSCME 2250;

20 (v) the PTA Council of Prince George's County;

21 (vi) the Prince George's County Student Councils;

22 (vii) the Prince George's County chapter of the NAACP;

23 (viii) the Prince George's County Board of Education;

24 (ix) the Prince George's County Municipal Association;

25 (x) the Prince George's County Department of Social Services;

26 (xi) the Latin American Youth Center;

27 (xii) Casa de Maryland;

(xiii) the Youth Equality Project;

(xiv) LGBTQ Youth–Prince George’s County Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA);

(xv) local community colleges;

(xvi) local universities; and

(xvii) historically black colleges and universities.

(h) The Workgroup shall submit the following reports of its findings and recommendations to the Governor, the State Superintendent of Schools, the Prince George’s County Executive, the Prince George’s County Council, the Chief Executive Officer of the Prince George’s County public school system, the Prince George’s County Board of Education, and, in accordance with § 2–1257 of the State Government Article, the Prince George’s County Senate Delegation and the Prince George’s County House Delegation:

(1) an interim report on or before October 1, 2022; and

(2) a final report on or before October 1, 2023.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2022. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and 6 months and, at the end of December 31, 2023, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.