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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Prince George's County – Recreation Authority – Authorization**

3 **PG 406-22**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing the governing body of Prince George's County to establish
5 a recreation authority in the County; establishing the Prince George's County
6 Recreation Authority Blue Ribbon Workgroup to study and make recommendations
7 to the Prince George's County Council regarding the establishment of a recreation
8 authority in the County; stating the intent of the General Assembly regarding the
9 possible transfer of employees from the Maryland-National Capital Park and
10 Planning Commission to a Prince George's County recreation authority; and
11 generally relating to recreation in Prince George's County.

12 BY adding to

13 Article – Local Government

14 Section 31-101 through 31-104 to be under the new Title "Title 31. Prince George's
15 County Recreation Authority"

16 Annotated Code of Maryland

17 (2013 Volume and 2021 Supplement)

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

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



Article – Local Government

TITLE 31. PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY RECREATION AUTHORITY.

3 31-101.

4 (A) IN THIS TITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS
5 INDICATED.

6 (B) "COMMISSION" MEANS THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND
7 PLANNING COMMISSION ESTABLISHED UNDER DIVISION II OF THE LAND USE
8 ARTICLE.

9 (c) "WORKGROUP" MEANS THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY RECREATION
10 AUTHORITY BLUE RIBBON WORKGROUP.

11 31-102.

12 THIS TITLE APPLIES ONLY TO PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY.

13 31-103.

14 THE GOVERNING BODY OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY MAY CREATE A
15 COUNTY RECREATION AUTHORITY TO OVERSEE YOUTH SPORTS AND RECREATION
16 FUNCTIONS IN THE COUNTY.

17 31-104.

18 (A) THERE IS A PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY RECREATION AUTHORITY
19 BLUE RIBBON WORKGROUP.

23 (2) ONE MEMBER APPOINTED BY THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY

1 SENATE DELEGATION;

2 (3) ONE MEMBER APPOINTED BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE;

3 (4) ONE MEMBER APPOINTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL;

4 (5) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY BOYS
5 AND GIRLS CLUB;

6 (6) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY
7 GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES ORGANIZATION; AND

8 (7) THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION
9 YOUTH AND COUNTYWIDE SPORTS DIVISION CHIEF.

10 (C) THE PURPOSE OF THE WORKGROUP IS TO STUDY AND, PRIOR TO THE
11 ESTABLISHMENT OF A COUNTY RECREATION AUTHORITY UNDER THIS TITLE, MAKE
12 RECOMMENDATIONS ON:

13 (1) THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF ANY COUNTY RECREATION
14 AUTHORITY ESTABLISHED BY THE COUNTY AND THAT IS NOT AFFILIATED WITH THE
15 COMMISSION;

16 (2) WHICH FUNCTIONS OF EXISTING DIVISIONS OF PRINCE GEORGE'S
17 COUNTY GOVERNMENT, QUASI GOVERNMENT, OR COMMISSION AGENCIES COULD
18 BE ASSUMED BY A COUNTY RECREATION AUTHORITY;

19 (3) FUNDING FOR A COUNTY RECREATION AUTHORITY;

20 (4) ANY CHANGES TO STATE OR COUNTY LAW NECESSITATED BY THE
21 ESTABLISHMENT OF A COUNTY RECREATION AUTHORITY NOT AFFILIATED WITH THE
22 COMMISSION; AND

23 (5) ALL ASPECTS OF A TRANSFER OF ANY PERSONNEL AND THE
24 RESPONSIBILITY FOR YOUTH SPORTS, ARTS, AND RECREATION FROM THE
25 COMMISSION TO A COUNTY RECREATION AUTHORITY.

26 (D) ALL WORKGROUP RECOMMENDATIONS SHALL BE AFFIRMED WITH A

1 MAJORITY VOTE OF THE WORKGROUP MEMBERSHIP DURING A PUBLIC MEETING.

2 (E) THE WORKGROUP SHALL SUBMIT THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE
3 PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 2022.

4 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That it is the intent of the General
5 Assembly that, should the governing body of Prince George's County create a recreation
6 authority, if the General Assembly passes any law providing for the transfer of any
7 employee of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission that
8 performed a recreation function to the Prince George's County recreation authority, any
9 employee who accepts the transfer shall retain the right to retain current pay, accrued
10 leave, participation in the transferred employee's mandatory retirement plan, collective
11 bargaining rights, and any other benefits enjoyed at the time of the transfer.

12 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
13 1, 2022.