

# HOUSE BILL 1454

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

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force to Study the Terms, Pay, Operations, and Ethical Standards for**  
3 **Various Elected Officials in Prince George's County**

4 **PG 422-13**

5 FOR the purpose of establishing the Task Force to Study the Terms, Pay, Operations,  
6 and Ethical Standards for Various Elected Officials in Prince George's County;  
7 providing for the chairs and staff for the Task Force; prohibiting a member of  
8 the Task Force from receiving certain compensation; requiring the Task Force  
9 to make certain recommendations regarding the terms, pay, operations, and  
10 ethical standards for various elected officials in Prince George's County;  
11 requiring the Task Force to hold a certain number of public meetings in certain  
12 locations that allow certain persons to testify about certain issues; requiring the  
13 Task Force to submit a certain report to certain persons on or before a certain  
14 date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the  
15 Task Force to Study the Terms, Pay, Operations, and Ethical Standards for  
16 Various Elected Officials in Prince George's County.

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

19 (a) There is a Task Force to Study the Terms, Pay, Operations, and Ethical  
20 Standards for Various Elected Officials in Prince George's County.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



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

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

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

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

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

12 (5) the Chair of the Prince George's County Council;

13 (6) a member of the Prince George's County Council, appointed by the  
14 Chair of the Prince George's County Council;

15 ~~(5)~~ (7) two representatives of the business community in Prince George's  
16 County, appointed jointly by the Chairs of the Prince George's County Senate and  
17 House Delegations; and

18 ~~(6)~~ (8) four citizens of Prince George's County, three of whom are  
19 registered Democrats and one of whom is a registered Republican, appointed jointly by  
20 the Chairs of the Prince George's County Senate and House Delegations.

21 (c) The Chair of the Prince George's County Senate Delegation and the Chair  
22 of the Prince George's County House Delegation shall jointly designate the cochairs of  
23 the Task Force from among the members of the Task Force from the Senate of  
24 Maryland and the House of Delegates.

25 (d) The Prince George's County Senate Delegation and the Prince George's  
26 County House Delegation staff shall provide staff for the Task Force.

27 (e) A member of the Task Force may not receive compensation as a member  
28 of the Task Force.

29 (f) The Task Force shall study and make recommendations regarding the  
30 terms, pay, operations, and ethical standards for various elected officials in Prince  
31 George's County, including the County Executive, County Council, State's Attorney,  
32 County Sheriff, Clerk of the Circuit Court, and Register of Wills, including:

33 (1) methods to improve accountability, transparency, and oversight for  
34 officials;

1 (2) criteria for establishing and measuring office outcomes;

2 (3) criteria for comparing effectiveness of local elected officials to  
3 comparable elected officials in neighboring jurisdictions; and

4 (4) any other relevant issues.

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

8 (h) On or before ~~October~~ November 1, 2013, the Task Force shall report its  
9 findings and recommendations, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government  
10 Article, to the Prince George’s County Senate Delegation and the Prince George’s  
11 County House Delegation.

12 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
13 July 1, 2013. It shall remain effective for a period of 6 months and, at the end of  
14 December 31, 2013, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act  
15 shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Approved:

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Governor.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.

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President of the Senate.