

Chapter 336

(House Bill 1568)

AN ACT concerning

**Workgroup on Transportation for Middle and High School Students in Prince George’s County**

**PG 415–17**

FOR the purpose of establishing the Workgroup on Transportation for Middle and High School Students in Prince George’s County; providing for the composition and staffing of the Workgroup; prohibiting a member of the Workgroup from receiving certain compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses; requiring the Workgroup to study and make recommendations regarding certain matters; requiring the Workgroup to report its findings and recommendations to the Prince George’s County House Delegation and the Prince George’s County Senators on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Workgroup on Transportation for Middle and High School Students in Prince George’s County.

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

(a) There is a Workgroup on Transportation for Middle and High School Students in Prince George’s County.

(b) The Workgroup consists of the following members:

(1) the Director of the Prince George’s County Department of Public Works and Transportation, or the Director’s designee or designees;

(2) the Chief Executive Officer of the Prince George’s County Public Schools, or the Chief Executive Officer’s designee or designees; ~~and~~

(3) the General Manager and Chief Executive Officer of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, or the General Manager and Chief Executive Officer’s designee or designees;

(4) one representative of AFSCME Local 2250, selected by the President of AFSCME Local 2250;

(5) one representative of AFSCME Local 2467, selected by the President of AFSCME Local 2467; and

(6) one representative of the local union that represents the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority bus drivers, selected by the President of the local union.

(c) The Prince George's County Public Schools shall provide staff for the Workgroup.

(d) 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.

(e) The Workgroup shall:

(1) identify where Prince George's County public school buildings and bus routes intersect with bus routes of the Prince George's County Department of Public Works and Transportation and the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority;

(2) identify the software systems currently in use by or available to the Prince George's County Public Schools, the Prince George's County Department of Public Works and Transportation, and the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority to operate and monitor their bus systems;

(3) estimate, if Prince George's County Public Schools students were to be transported by the Prince George's County Department of Public Works and Transportation and the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, the:

(i) cost savings to the Prince George's County Public Schools; and

(ii) cost increase to the Prince George's County Department of Public Works and Transportation and the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority;

(4) determine the feasibility and cost of implementing a system utilizing Global Positioning System technology and text messages to inform parents of when a bus is expected to arrive and provide notification if a bus will be delayed; and

(5) identify a range of options for transporting Prince George's County Public Schools middle and high school students and the cost of each option.

(f) On or before August 31, 2017, the Workgroup shall report its findings and recommendations to the Prince George's County House Delegation and the Prince George's County Senators in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2017. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and 1 month and, at the end of June

30, 2018, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

**Approved by the Governor, April 18, 2017.**