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House Bill 1438 (Prince George's County Delegation)
Appropriations

Prince George's County – School Construction Master Plan Workgroup PG 514–18

This bill establishes the Prince George's County School Construction Master Plan Workgroup to make recommendations regarding the county's educational facilities master plan. The Prince George's County Board of Education must provide staff to the workgroup. **The bill takes effect June 1, 2018, and terminates June 30, 2019.**

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The bill affects only Prince George's County.

Local Effect: Prince George's County Board of Education can handle the bill's requirements with existing budgeted resources. No effect on local revenues.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Bill Summary: Based on its review of the county's fiscal 2017 Educational Facilities Master Plan, the workgroup must make recommendations regarding:

- options to meet identified needs at lower costs;
- methods to improve the maintenance and rehabilitation of public schools in Prince George's County; and
- options to increase cost sharing.

By December 31, 2018, the workgroup must report its findings and recommendations to:

- the Prince George's County Executive;
- the Prince George's County Council;

- the Prince George’s County Board of Education;
- the Interagency Committee on School Construction (IAC); and
- the Prince George’s County House and Senate delegations.

Current Law/Background: By July 1 of every year, each local school system must develop and submit to IAC an educational facilities master plan, which is a written plan that is approved by the local school board and that includes:

- educational goals, standards, and guidelines;
- community analysis so that the plan conforms to county and municipal comprehensive plans and growth management strategies;
- an inventory and evaluation of existing school buildings;
- current and projected enrollment data;
- analysis of future school facility needs;
- policies for co-location, shared use, and shared cost of existing and planned school facilities;
- policies to address school capacity needs in planned growth areas; and
- policies addressing current and planned transportation for students, administrators, and teachers per school.

In submitting requests for planning and funding approval to IAC, a local school board must demonstrate that the requests are consistent with the most recent educational facilities master plan. IAC may recommend that the Board of Public Works disapprove any school construction project that is not consistent with the plan.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: SB 332 (Senator Rosapepe) - Budget and Taxation.

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