

HOUSE BILL 1134

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

Introduced and read first time: February 11, 2016

Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Equality in Education Act**

3 **PG 434-16**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring a certain public charter school application to include certain
5 information regarding whether a certain public charter school will provide
6 transportation to certain students or secure a certain facility in a certain county;
7 requiring certain public charter schools to develop and implement a certain
8 comprehensive plan; requiring certain public charter schools to submit a certain
9 comprehensive plan to the Chief Executive Officer of Prince George's County Public
10 Schools on or before a certain date; requiring the Chief Executive Officer to review a
11 certain plan and authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to require certain revisions
12 to the plan under certain circumstances; prohibiting certain public charter schools
13 from implementing a certain plan without a certain approval; authorizing the Prince
14 George's County Board of Education to provide technical assistance to certain public
15 charter schools under certain circumstances; and generally relating to public charter
16 schools in Prince George's County.

17 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
18 Article – Education
19 Section 9-104(a)(3) and (6)
20 Annotated Code of Maryland
21 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

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

24 **Article – Education**

25 9-104.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (a) (3) (I) An application shall include:

2 [(i)] 1. A plan to provide a rigorous program of instruction that
3 includes an equivalent method for satisfying any requirements from which the public
4 charter school operator intends to seek a waiver under § 9–106 of this title; and

5 [(ii)] 2. A description of how a weighted lottery or the provision of
6 guaranteed placement will be implemented under §§ 9–102.2 and 9–102.3 of this title.

7 (II) 1. **THIS SUBPARAGRAPH APPLIES ONLY IN PRINCE**
8 **GEORGE’S COUNTY.**

9 2. **AN APPLICATION SHALL INCLUDE WHETHER THE**
10 **PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL WILL:**

11 **A. PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION TO EACH STUDENT**
12 **ATTENDING THE PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL; OR**

13 **B. SECURE A FACILITY THAT IS ACCESSIBLE TO PUBLIC**
14 **TRANSPORTATION.**

15 (6) (i) A public chartering authority may approve an application to
16 operate a public charter school on a contingent basis subject to the conditions of
17 subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph.

18 (ii) The contingent approval granted under subparagraph (i) of this
19 paragraph may be contingent on:

20 1. A public charter school’s ability to meet any timelines
21 established by the public chartering authority for the securing of a facility; [and]

22 2. Final approval by the public chartering authority
23 regarding the suitability of the facility secured by the public charter school; AND

24 3. **IN PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY, WHETHER THE**
25 **PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL SECURED A FACILITY THAT IS ACCESSIBLE TO PUBLIC**
26 **TRANSPORTATION.**

27 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

28 (a) This section applies only in Prince George’s County.

29 (b) (1) Each public charter school shall develop and implement a
30 comprehensive plan to make equipment and supplies that are required as part of the

1 curriculum of the public charter school available and affordable to students attending the
2 public charter school.

3 (2) Each public charter school shall submit the plan to the Chief Executive
4 Officer of Prince George's County Public Schools on or before October 15, 2017.

5 (c) (1) (i) The Chief Executive Officer shall review each plan to determine
6 whether the plan complies with the requirements of subsection (b) of this section.

7 (ii) The Chief Executive Officer may require revisions to the plan if
8 the Chief Executive Officer determines that the plan does not comply with the requirements
9 of subsection (b) of this section.

10 (2) A public charter school may not implement a plan unless it has been
11 approved by the Chief Executive Officer.

12 (d) The county board may provide technical assistance to a public charter school
13 in developing and implementing a plan.

14 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
15 1, 2016.