

# HOUSE BILL 358

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

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Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Prince George's County – Workgroup on Health and Wellness**

3 **PG 409–24**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing a Workgroup on Health and Wellness in Prince George's  
5 County to review and evaluate certain information and make certain  
6 recommendations related to health and wellness in Prince George's County; and  
7 generally relating to the Workgroup on Health and Wellness in Prince George's  
8 County.

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

11 (a) There is a Workgroup on Health and Wellness in Prince George's County.

12 (b) The Workgroup consists of the following members:

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

15 (2) the Chair of the Prince George's County House Delegation, or the  
16 Chair's designee;

17 (3) the Chair of the Prince George's County Council, or the Chair's  
18 designee;

19 (4) the following members, appointed by the Chair of the Prince George's  
20 County Senate Delegation:

21 (i) two representatives of small and local health and wellness  
22 businesses; and

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (ii) one integrative health and wellness practitioner; and

2 (5) the following members, appointed by the Prince George's County  
3 Executive:

4 (i) one certified dietitian providing services in Prince George's  
5 County;

6 (ii) two health and wellness practitioners in Prince George's County;

7 (iii) one representative of the Prince George's County Food Equity  
8 Council;

9 (iv) one representative from Nonprofit Prince George's County; and

10 (v) one representative from the South County Economic  
11 Development Association.

12 (c) The Prince George's County Health Officer shall designate the chair of the  
13 Workgroup.

14 (d) The Prince George's County Health Department shall provide staff for the  
15 Workgroup.

16 (e) A member of the Workgroup or a subgroup established under subsection (g) of  
17 this section:

18 (1) may not receive compensation as a member of the Workgroup or  
19 subgroup; but

20 (2) is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State  
21 Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

22 (f) The Workgroup shall:

23 (1) review the availability of health and wellness practices in Prince  
24 George's County;

25 (2) review available options for integrative health and wellness programs  
26 in Prince George's County;

27 (3) review programs that promote healthy eating within the Prince  
28 George's County government agencies;

29 (4) make recommendations regarding the best practices in health and  
30 wellness community programming, including strategies and programs that:

1 (i) promote healthy eating;

2 (ii) improve equitable access to healthy, affordable, and accessible  
3 food retailers;

4 (iii) improve equitable access to environments that are built and  
5 promote physical activity, including:

6 1. gymnasiums;

7 2. recreation centers;

8 3. athletic fields and facilities;

9 4. playgrounds;

10 5. sidewalks; and

11 6. bicycle and walking paths;

12 (iv) reduce the density in specified areas of calorie-dense and fast  
13 food restaurants and retailers; and

14 (v) promote healthy eating, physical activity, and nonsedentary  
15 habits for obesity prevention;

16 (5) make recommendations for incentives that may be provided to  
17 employers, businesses, and Prince George's County agencies to promote health and  
18 wellness strategies and programs identified under item (4) of this subsection;

19 (6) review and report on the benefits of incorporating integrative health  
20 into various aspects of Prince George's County; and

21 (7) evaluate the benefit and feasibility of creating integrative health and  
22 wellness hubs in Prince George's County.

23 (g) (1) The Workgroup may establish a subgroup to assist in carrying out its  
24 duties, including conducting research and producing reports.

25 (2) A subgroup established under paragraph (1) of this subsection may  
26 include an individual who is not a member of the Workgroup, such as a representative of a  
27 relevant expert.

28 (h) On or before December 1, 2025, the Workgroup shall report its findings and  
29 recommendations to the Prince George's County Executive, the Chair of the Prince George's

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1 County Council, the Governor, and, in accordance with § 2–1257 of the State Government  
2 Article, the General Assembly.

3 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
4 1, 2024. It shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and, at the end of June 30, 2026,  
5 this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and  
6 of no further force and effect.