

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

2023 Legislative Session

Resolution No. CR-074-2023

Proposed by Council Member Oriadha

Introduced by Council Members Oriadha, Watson, Olson, Fisher, Hawkins, Blegay,
Burroughs and Dernoga

Co-Sponsors _____

Date of Introduction September 6, 2023

RESOLUTION

1 A RESOLUTION concerning

2 Establishing a Workgroup to Study Truancy: Causes, Effects, and Solutions

3 For the purpose of establishing a Truancy Study Workgroup; providing for the purpose of the
4 Truancy Study Workgroup; providing for the composition of the Truancy Study Workgroup;
5 providing for the staff and technical support for the Truancy Study Workgroup; providing for the
6 issuance of a report; and generally regarding the Truancy Study Workgroup.

7 WHEREAS, the State's Attorney for Prince George's County noted a correlation between
8 truancy and juvenile delinquency; and

9 WHEREAS, the Truancy Study Workgroup ("Workgroup") will study possible causes of
10 truancy, and whether truancy and drop-out rates increased as students returned to in-person
11 instruction on school campuses after the COVID-19 pandemic; and

12 WHEREAS, the Workgroup shall attempt to identify goals and develop strategies to
13 substantially reduce overall truancy within Prince George's County; and

14 WHEREAS, Section 506 of the Charter for Prince George's County provides that the County
15 Council or the County Executive may appoint, for designated periods, one or more temporary
16 advisory boards of citizens of the County who shall assist in the consideration of County policies
17 and programs.

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George's County,
19 Maryland, that there is hereby established a Truancy Study Workgroup to assist the County in
20 studying what if any correlation exists among truancy, drop-out rates, and juvenile delinquency
21 while striving to identify goals and strategies to decrease overall truancy-based delinquency within

1 the County:

- 2 (a) The Workgroup shall study the causes and effects of truancy, while examining solutions
3 to address any correlation between truancy and youth in contact with the justice system as
4 well as any resources available for truant youth in contact with the justice system.
- 5 (b) The Workgroup shall study possible causes of truancy, and whether truancy and drop-out
6 rates increased as students returned to in-person instruction on school campuses after the
7 COVID-19 pandemic.
- 8 (c) The Workgroup shall identify recommendations to combat truancy focused on
9 procedural, budgetary, or policy changes.
- 10 (d) The Workgroup shall be comprised of the following members:
- 11 (1) The State's Attorney for Prince George's County or their designee;
12 (2) The DCAO for Public Safety, or their designee;
13 (3) The DCAO for Health, Human Services, and Education, or their designee;
14 (4) The Superintendent of Prince George's County Public Schools, or their designee;
15 (5) The Sheriff for Prince George's County, or their designee;
16 (6) The Chief of Prince George's County Police Department, or their designee;
17 (7) The Director of Prince George's County Family Services, or their designee;
18 (8) The Secretary of Juvenile Services, or their designee;
19 (9) The Director of the Department of Social Services; or their designee;
20 (10) The Public Defender for Prince George's County, or their designee;
21 (11) The President of PGCEA, or their designee;
22 (12) The Elected Student Board member of the Prince George's County School Board
23 of Education;
24 (13) The following five (5) members are to be selected by the Prince George's County
25 Council:
- 26 a. One (1) Representative from the Prince George's County Council;
27 b. One (1) Representative from the Police Chief's Association for Prince
28 George's County;
29 c. One (1) Representative from the Prince George's County School Board of
30 Education;
31 d. Two (2) Representatives total from two (2) different community-based non-

profits serving youth

- (e) All member selections by the County Council shall be complete within sixty (60) days of the adoption of this Resolution.
- (f) The Workgroup shall elect the Chair of the Workgroup by majority vote at the first meeting.
- (g) The Workgroup shall meet monthly commencing within 90 days after the adoption of this Resolution, and for a period of 12 months, unless otherwise noted.
- (h) No member of the Workgroup shall receive compensation in exchange for their services rendered to the Workgroup; but they are entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State Travel Regulations as provided by the County Budget.
- (i) The Legislative Branch shall provide for the staff and technical support for the Workgroup.
- (j) The Workgroup shall issue one (1) report to be transmitted to the County Executive and County Council on an annual basis, and no later than thirty (30) days following the final meeting of each 12 month period.

Adopted this 3rd day of October, 2023.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
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BY: _____
Thomas E. Dernoga
Chair

ATTEST:

Donna J. Brown
Clerk of the Council