

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND**

**2011 Legislative Session**

Resolution No. CR-23-2011

Proposed by Council Member Turner

Introduced by Council Members Turner, Harrison, Franklin, Toles, Patterson, Olson,  
Johnson, Lehman and Campos

Date of Introduction April 5, 2011

**RESOLUTION**

1 A RESOLUTION concerning

2 Task Force for Service Consolidation and Cost Reductions

3 For the purpose of establishing a Service Consolidation and Cost Reductions Task Force to  
4 identify opportunities for the consolidation of services currently performed independently by  
5 both the Board of Education and the Government of Prince George’s County to provide cost  
6 savings in both Board of Education and County budgets.

7 WHEREAS, the State of Maryland is facing a deficit and, for the first time, Governor  
8 O’Malley has proposed cutting education funding by 2%, which constitutes an additional loss for  
9 Prince George’s County Public Schools; and

10 WHEREAS, State and local education funding is based on enrollment and the Prince  
11 George’s County Public Schools have experienced a significant decline in enrollment of 7,032  
12 students over the past five years; is currently at a student population of approximately of  
13 118,000; and

14 WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Prince George’s County Schools has proposed a budget  
15 that reduces or completely eliminates many long-standing programs and services that are valued  
16 by students and parents; and

17 WHEREAS, the citizens of Prince George’s County have expressed a desire to increase  
18 both per pupil spending and funding for the classroom; and

19 WHEREAS, Prince George’s County Government continues to confront fiscal challenges  
20 impacting services provided to County residents; and

21 WHEREAS, a consolidation plan may identify opportunities to merge services required by  
22 County government with the same or similar services required by the Board of Education to

1 reduce costs and eliminate duplication; and

2 WHEREAS, the Prince George's County Council previously sought a clearer understanding  
3 of the budgetary challenges and adopted CR-27-1996 to examine possible ways to economize in  
4 light of an economic downturn and the resultant County agency reductions, elimination of  
5 services and programs, and deferred capital improvements; and

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George's  
7 County, Maryland, that due to the economic climate; a Service Consolidation and Cost  
8 Reductions Task Force is hereby created to examine and identify opportunities for consolidation  
9 of services to reduce costs to the Board of Education and Prince George's County; and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Prince George's County Council will maintain a  
11 long-term focus on local efficiency using existing county agencies that will support local  
12 initiatives, promote cost savings and follow through on the Task Force recommendations; and

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Service Consolidation and Cost Reductions Task  
14 Force shall be comprised of seventeen members, who shall be appointed in the following  
15 manner:

- 16 1. One member shall be appointed by the County Council Chair and serve as Chairman of  
17 the Task Force;
- 18 2. One member shall be appointed by the Prince George's County Board of Education  
19 Chair and shall serve as Vice Chair of the Task Force;
- 20 3. One member shall be appointed by the County Executive;
- 21 4. One member shall be appointed by the State of Maryland Board of Education;
- 22 5. One member shall be appointed by the Association of Supervisory and Administrative  
23 School Personnel;
- 24 6. One member shall be appointed by the Association of Classified Employees (ACE) or  
25 School Employees Local 400;
- 26 7. One member shall be appointed by the Prince George's County Chamber of  
27 Commerce;
- 28 8. One member shall be the Superintendent of Prince George's County Schools or his  
29 designee;
- 30 9. One member shall be appointed by the Office of Management and Budget;
- 31 10. One member shall be appointed by the Office of Finance;

- 1 11. One member shall be appointed by the Office of Central Services;
- 2 12. One member shall be appointed by the Greater Prince George’s Business Roundtable;
- 3 13. One member shall be appointed by the Prince George’s County Educators Association;
- 4 14. Two (2) members shall be appointed by Prince George’s County PTA Council, Inc.
- 5 15. Two (2) members shall be appointed by the Public School System’s Chief Financial
- 6 Officer.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council Administrator and the Board of Education  
 8 shall appoint appropriate staff to assist and advise the Service Consolidation and Cost  
 9 Reductions Task Force in its efforts as necessary.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Service Consolidation and Cost Reductions Task  
 11 Force shall present its findings and recommendations to the County Council within 180 calendar  
 12 days from the date of adoption.

Adopted this 14<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2011.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE  
 GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Ingrid M. Turner  
 Chair

ATTEST:

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 Clerk of the Council