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Proposed and Presented by The Chairman (by request -

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Executive)

Introduced by Council Members Del Giudice, Fletcher, and
Casula

Co-Sponsors

Date of Introduction October 13,

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BILL

AN ACT concerning

Commission for Children, Youth and Families
FOR the purpose of consolidating the functions of the
Commission for Children and Youth and the Commission for
Families.

BY repealing and reenacting with amendments:

SUBTITLE 2. ADMINISTRATION.

Sections 2-439,

2-440,

2-441,

2-443, and

2-446,

The Prince George's County Code
(1991 Edition).

BY reenacting:

SUBTITLE 2. ADMINISTRATION.

Sections 2-442,

2-444, and

2-445,

The Prince George's County Code
(1991 Edition).

BY repealing:

SUBTITLE 2. ADMINISTRATION

Sections 2-464, 2-465, 2-466, 2-467,

2-468, 2-469, and 2-470,

The Prince George's County Code
(1991 Edition).

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED by the County Council of Prince George's County, Maryland, that Sections 2-439, 2-440, 2-441, 2-443, and 2-446 of the Prince George's County Code be and the same are hereby repealed and reenacted with the following amendments and that Sections 2-442, 2-444, and 2-445 be and the

same are hereby reenacted without amendments:

SUBTITLE 2. ADMINISTRATION.

**DIVISION 32. COMMISSION FOR CHILDREN [AND], YOUTH _____
AND FAMILIES.**

Sec. 2-439. Commission for Children [and], Youth, and Families; composition; terms; vacancies.

(a) There is established a Commission for Children [and], Youth, and Families. The Commission shall consist of [fifteen (15)] twenty-one (21) voting members [, at least five (5) of whom shall represent public and private agencies serving children and youth of the County]. [Two (2) members] One (1) member of the Commission shall be [youths] under the age of eighteen (18) at the time of appointment. [There shall be at least one (1) representative each from the County Departments of Health and Social Services, Department of Juvenile Services, and the Board of Education.] The Commission shall include the Director of the County Department of Social Services or designee of the Director; the Director of the County Health Department or designee of the Director; the Director of the County Department of Housing and Community Development or designee of the Director; the Area Director of the Department of Juvenile Services, Area 5, or designee of the Area Director; the Superintendent of the Prince George's County Public Schools or the designee of the Superintendent; the Director of the County Department of Family Services or designee of the Director; a representative appointed by the Director of the

State Office of Children, Youth, and Families; a representative appointed by the County Council; and the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer for Human Services or other designee of the County Executive, who may be a member of the general public. There shall be twelve (12) citizen members of the Commission who shall be broadly representative of the community. The appointment of members of the Commission shall be by the County Executive, subject to confirmation by the County Council. The County Executive shall designate one (1) citizen member to serve as Chairman.

(b) The terms of office for the citizen members of the Commission shall be for staggered terms of three (3) years each [except for the youth member who shall serve one (1) year terms].

(c) Vacancies shall be filled by appointment for the unexpired terms in the manner the appointments are initially made. Upon the notification and recommendation of the Chairperson of the Commission the County Executive may remove any member who has had more than three (3) unexcused absences in one (1) year to be replaced in the manner prescribed above.

The members shall continue in office until their successors are appointed and have qualified. Members shall be eligible for reappointment.

Sec. 2-440. Commission meetings; report.

(a) The Commission shall meet at the call of the Chairperson or at the request of [the majority] two-thirds of

the membership, as frequently as required to perform its duties but at least ten (10) times a year. A majority of the members of the Commission shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. A majority of those present at any meeting shall be sufficient for any official action taken by the Commission.

Meetings shall be scheduled at times which are conducive to participation by citizen members, including the periodic scheduling of meetings during non-business hours.

(b) The Commission shall hold at least one public hearing each year on service needs and delivery issues.

~~[(b)]~~ (c) On or before January 1[, 1988, and] of each year [thereafter] the Commission shall submit an annual report to the County Executive and the Council concerning its activities for the preceding fiscal year and recommendations for future consideration.

Sec. 2-441. Duties and responsibilities of Commission.

(a) The Commission shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

(1) [Initiate recommendations for such procedures, programs, or legislation as are needed to promote the well-being of children, youth, and families in the community] The primary responsibility of the Commission shall be to address broad policy issues, facilitate the coordination of service delivery, and advocate for the system as a whole;

(2) Collect data on the needs of children [and], youth, and families as well as services delivered by public and

private agencies in Prince George's County;

(3) [Evaluate and review] Provide comment as needed on the implementation of County policies and programs affecting children, youth, and families;

(4) Review and promote the coordination of services among public and private agencies serving children [and] youth, and families in the County;

(5) Serve as a review board to assess and make recommendations, when requested, regarding funding of proposals utilizing public funds for services to children [and] youth, and families;

(6) Provide effective public information on services, issues, and other matters affecting children [and] youth, and families;

(7) Recommend priorities to the County Government for improving services to children, youth, and families; [and]

(8) [To hold] Hold such public forums or hearings as are necessary and appropriate to carry out the powers and duties of the Commission;

(9) Act as the Children's Council for Prince George's County as a part of the Maryland Office for Children and Youth and exercise the powers and duties specified in Article 49D of the Annotated Code of Maryland;

(10) Serve as the representative of the County to the State Advisory Committee on Children, Youth, and Families; and

(11) Serve as the local governing entity for the

Maryland Services Reform Initiative.

Sec. 2-442. Adoption of rules and regulations.

(a) The Commission shall adopt such rules and procedures, subject to the approval of the County Executive, as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this Division.

(b) The Commission shall keep a record of its activities and minutes of all official meetings. The records and minutes shall be on file and shall be open to the public at reasonable business hours upon request.

Sec. 2-443 [Reserved] Budget development.

(a) The Commission shall be advised of major budgetary changes to County Departments which administer programs and services for children, youth, and families which will have significant impact on the current service delivery system.

(b) The Commission shall be given the opportunity to provide input on the establishment of program priorities for budget development and allocation of resources relating to children, youth and families.

Sec. 2-444. Committees.

(a) The Commission may establish such committees as are deemed necessary and appropriate to assist in its functions and duties. Members of such committees may include nonmembers of the Commission.

(b) Committee actions shall not be deemed to be the action of the Commission and shall in no way bind the Commission or its members.

Sec. 2-445. Volunteer services; consultants.

(a) The Commission, through the Department of Family Services, may engage the services of volunteer workers and consultants without salary as it may find necessary from time to time and may engage other workers and consultants in accordance with the laws of the County, subject to budget appropriations, to assist it in carrying out its duties. Services of an individual as a volunteer worker or consultant for the Commission shall not be considered as service of employment bringing such individual within any merit system of the County or of this State.

Sec. 2-446. Administrative support.

(a) [There shall be an Executive Director who shall be part of the administrative] Administrative support for the Commission shall be provided by the Department of Family Services.

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that Sections 2-464 through 2-470, inclusive, comprising all of Division 37 of Subtitle 2 of the Prince George's County Code, be and the same are hereby repealed.

SUBTITLE 2. ADMINISTRATION.

[DIVISION 37. COMMISSION FOR FAMILIES.]

[Sections 2-464 through 2-470] Reserved.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that this Act shall take effect forty-five (45) calendar days after it becomes law.

Adopted this 10th day of November, 1992.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

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Acting Clerk of the Council

APPROVED:

DATE: _____

BY:
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County Executive

KEY:

Underscoring indicates language added to existing law.
[Brackets] indicate language deleted from existing law.
Asterisks *** indicate intervening existing Code provisions
that remain
unchanged.