

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

2001 Legislative Session

Resolution No. CR-3-2001

Proposed by Council Member Estepp

Introduced by Council Member Estepp

Co-Sponsors _____

Date of Introduction February 6, 2001

RESOLUTION

1 A RESOLUTION concerning

2 Evaluation of the Regulations to Analyze the Development Impact on Public School Facilities
3 For the purpose of examining the current statistical datum and methodology, including a
4 comparative analysis of both the merits and deficiencies of the current system versus the
5 proposed recommendations presented by the Planning Staff to the Council on January 25, 2001,
6 or measuring and projecting pupil populations at public school facilities to evaluate the
7 effectiveness of existing practices and to obtain recommendations to improve the accuracy and
8 timeliness of future projections.

9 WHEREAS, the County Council approved and adopted Regulations to Analyze the
10 Development Impact on Public School Facilities with the adoption of CR-4-1998; and

11 WHEREAS, certain Appendices to the adopted Regulations pertaining to Funded School
12 Construction Projects, 5-year Enrollment Projections, and Actual Enrollment require amendment
13 each year by the Planing Board staff on or before January 1 of each year to permit the application
14 of adequacy tests for public school facilities; and

15 WHEREAS, the preparation of enrollment statistics and the enrollment projections have
16 been plagued by inaccuracies, inconsistencies and tardiness; and

17 WHEREAS, the Board of Education of Prince George's County maintains a number of
18 educational programs and maintains a number of pupil assignment and school boundary policies
19 that can be established, altered, waived, or terminated at will that significantly impact the
20 assignment of public school children to individual schools; and

21 WHEREAS, assumptions contained within the various methods of measuring and
22 projecting pupil populations used by both the Planning Board and the Board of Education have

1 resulted in inconsistent pupil population projections and delay in the preparation of current
2 appendices for the administration of adequacy tests; and

3 WHEREAS, the Council and the public have lost confidence in the existing system for
4 counting and projecting pupil populations in a manner that provides an objective basis for
5 approving the construction of new residential development.

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George's
7 County, Maryland, that the Prince George's County Planning Board is directed to commission an
8 independent, outside audit of the existing system of collecting pupil population data and
9 projecting pupil population and recommend to the County Council corrective amendments to the
10 existing Regulations to Analyze the Development Impact on Public School Facilities no later
11 than June 1, 2001. Extensions may be approved by the County Council if deemed appropriate.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Planning Board's recommendations shall address
13 the following issues:

14 1. A comparative analysis of both the merits and deficiencies of the current system versus
15 the proposed recommendations presented by the Planning Staff to the Council on January 25,
16 2001.

17 2. The role of the Board of Education pertaining to data collection and data reporting;

18 3. The appropriateness of the September 30 pupil census to measure student population;

19 4. The appropriateness of the January 1 deadline for annual adjustment of statistics;

20 5. The appropriateness of adjustments to the September 30 pupil census by the Board of
21 Education;

22 6. Whether the measurement and projection of high school or middle school pupil
23 populations have continued utility in the testing of adequate public school facilities;

24 7. Whether reliable statistical methods exist to account for the Board of Education's pupil
25 assignment policies, both pupil-based and school-based, to evaluate the future impact of
26 proposed residential development on public school facilities;

27 8. Whether proven and demonstrable alternative techniques used in other Maryland
28 counties to construct and manage public school facilities to accommodate new residential
29 development would be appropriate for use in Prince George's County, including an analysis of
30 the merits and deficiencies of the pay-and-go policies in those jurisdictions currently having or
31 previously having pay-and-go in place.

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 2001

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____
Ronald V. Russell
Chairman

ATTEST:

Joyce T. Sweeney
Clerk of the Council