

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND**  
**2017 Legislative Session**

Bill No. CB-9-2017

Chapter No. \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed and Presented by Council Member Franklin

Introduced by Council Members Franklin, Toles, Lehman, Harrison, Turner, Davis,  
Glaros and Taveras

Date of Introduction March 21, 2017

**BILL**

1 AN ACT concerning

2 Prince George’s County Commission on Fathers, Men, and Boys

3 For the purpose of establishing a Commission on Fathers, Men, and Boys in Prince George’s  
4 County.

5 BY adding:

6 SUBTITLE 2. ADMINISTRATION.

7 Sections 2-509, 2-510, 2-511,

8 The Prince George's County Code

9 (2015 Edition; 2016 Supplement).

10 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED by the County Council of Prince George's County,  
11 Maryland, that Sections 2-509, 2-510, and 2-511 of the Prince George's County Code be and the  
12 same are hereby added:

13 **SUBTITLE 2. ADMINISTRATION.**

14 **DIVISION 43. COMMISSION ON FATHERS, MEN, AND BOYS.**

15 **Sec. 2-509. Establishment of Commission.**

16 The Commission on Fathers, Men, and Boys (“Commission”) is established to advise the  
17 County Executive, the County Council, County agencies, and the public on issues and needs of  
18 fathers, men, and boys in Prince George’s County.

19 **Sec. 2-510. Commission members; qualifications; terms of office; removal.**

20 (a) The Commission shall consist of 13 voting members nominated by the County Executive  
21 and subject to the advice and approval of the Council after public hearing. The makeup of the

1 Commission shall reflect the demographics of Prince George's County, including ethnic,  
 2 geographic, and linguistic diversity, and shall include prominent business and community  
 3 leaders, also including individuals certified in fatherhood training or having documented  
 4 experience working directly with issues of particular interest and concern to fathers, men, and  
 5 boys.

6 (b) Members of the Commission shall be residents domiciled in Prince George's County.

7 (c) The term of office of each of the appointive members shall be for three (3) years. Of the  
 8 members first appointed, four (4) shall be appointed for terms which will expire in one (1) year;  
 9 four (4) shall be appointed for terms which will expire in two (2) years; and three (3) for terms  
 10 which will expire in three (3) years.

11 (d) Whenever a vacancy occurs on the Commission, the County Executive shall, within 90  
 12 business days of the vacancy, appoint a successor, subject to approval of the Council in  
 13 accordance with Subsection (a), above, to fill the unexpired portion of the term.

14 (e) The County Executive shall designate, from among the members appointed, the Chair,  
 15 who shall serve in that capacity at the pleasure of the County Executive.

16 (f) All members of the Commission shall serve without compensation except that expenses  
 17 incurred by the Commission as a whole, or by a group of its members, become an obligation  
 18 against appropriated Prince George's County funds designated for that purpose.

19 (g) The County Executive may remove, subject to approval of the County Council, any  
 20 voting member of the Commission for neglect of duty, incompetence, misconduct, or  
 21 malfeasance in office.

22 (h) The Commission shall meet at the call of the Chair as frequently as required to perform  
 23 its duties, but no less than once each month. A majority of the members of the Commission shall  
 24 constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Any action taken by the Commission shall  
 25 require approval by a majority of the voting members present at a public meeting.

26 (i) The Chair of the County Council shall appoint an ex-officio or non-voting member to  
 27 serve on the Commission.

28 **Sec. 2-511. Duties of the Commission.**

29 (a) The Commission shall:

30 (1) Serve as an advocate for fathers, men, and boys residing in Prince George's County  
 31 by advising and making recommendations to the County Executive, the Council, and other

1 entities concerning the needs of Prince George’s County residents related to or concerning  
 2 fathers, men, and boys;

3 (2) Research, review, maintain, and disseminate empirical data, statistics, and facts  
 4 concerning or attributable to fatherhood and family social economic issues;

5 (3) Stimulate and encourage the dialogue of responsible fatherhood and spur community  
 6 initiatives to combat fatherlessness;

7 (4) Prepare and recommend to the County Executive and the Council an annual plan of  
 8 programs and services focused on issues directly related to fathers, men, and boys;

9 (5) Work with Prince George’s County agencies, the private sector, and local  
 10 communities to promote a healthier societal impact on fathers, men, and boys;

11 (6) Work in collaboration with the Commission for Women on issues and programs for  
 12 strengthening the quality of life for women, men, and children in Prince George’s County; and

13 (7) Enlist individuals to provide technical and expert advice on specific and particular  
 14 matters relevant to the functions of the Commission.

15 (b) The Commission shall recommend, adopt, and implement policies, programs, and  
 16 procedures that will effectively address the social economic concerns of fathers, men, and boys,  
 17 including:

18 (1) Fatherlessness and responsible fatherhood;

19 (2) Employment and Economic Opportunities;

20 (3) Family law and domestic violence;

21 (4) Hunger, Poverty, and Homelessness;

22 (5) Health and well-being; and

23 (6) Rehabilitation and reintegration.

24 (c) The Commission may recommend that the County Executive, County agencies, the  
 25 Council or other entities apply for public and private grants relating to fatherhood, children, and  
 26 family initiatives.

27 (d) The Commission, through the Department of Family Services, may engage the services  
 28 of volunteer workers and consultants without salary as they may find necessary from time to  
 29 time and may engage other workers and consultants in accordance with the laws of the County,  
 30 subject to budget appropriations, to assist it in carrying out its duties. Services of an individual as  
 31 a volunteer worker or consultant for the Commission shall not be considered as service of

1 employment bringing such individual within any merit system of the County or of this State.

2 (e) The Commission shall submit an annual report to the County Executive and the Council  
3 summarizing its activities, needs, recommendations, and the degree to which the goals of the  
4 Commission are being met.

5 (f) Administrative support for the Commission shall be provided by the Department of  
6 Family Services.

7 SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that the Director of the Department of Family  
8 Services may adopt regulations to implement the purposes of this Act.

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

Adopted this 18<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2017.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE  
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Chairman

ATTEST:

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Clerk of the Council

APPROVED:

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Rushern L. Baker, III  
County Executive

KEY:

Underscoring indicates language added to existing law.

[Brackets] indicate language deleted from existing law.

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