

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND**  
**2006 Legislative Session**

Bill No. CB-19-2006  
 Chapter No. 12  
 Proposed and Presented by Council Member Bland  
 Introduced by Council Members Bland, Dernoga, Dean, Exum, Harrington, Hendershot  
Campos, Knotts and Peters  
 Date of Introduction May 30, 2006

**BILL**

1 AN ACT concerning

2 Youth Commission

3 For the purpose of establishing a Youth Commission and setting forth its duties and  
 4 responsibilities.

5 BY adding:

6 SUBTITLE 2. ADMINISTRATION.

7 Sections 2-489, 2-490, 2-491, 2-492, 2-493, 2-494,  
 8 and 2-495,

9 The Prince George's County Code  
 10 (2003 Edition, 2005 Supplement).

11 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED by the County Council of Prince George's County,  
 12 Maryland, that Sections 2-489, 2-490, 2-491, 2-492, 2-493, 2-494 and 2-495 of the Prince  
 13 George's County Code be and the same are hereby added:

14 SUBTITLE 2. ADMINISTRATION.

15 **DIVISION 39. YOUTH COMMISSION.**

16 **Sec. 2-489. The Prince George's County Youth Commission; established.**

17 The Prince George's County Youth Commission is established to provide the youth of  
 18 Prince George's County with a vehicle to learn about government, participate in the process,  
 19 represent and articulate the needs of youth in the County, and advise the County Executive and  
 20 County Council on matters pertaining to the youth and teen population, especially as it relates to  
 21 County programs.

**Sec. 2-490. Duties and responsibilities of Commission.**

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

(1) Foster increased youth involvement in the affairs of County government;

(2) Study problems and hold forums on issues, activities and concerns of County youth;

(3) Comment upon legislation and policies that impact the youth;

(4) Present methods to resolve youth-related conflicts between youth, and between youth and adults;

(5) Recommend the implementation of community programs to improve the lives of youth;

(6) Monitor programs and policies that affect youth to ensure that they are achieving the intended results;

(7) Work with other youth organizations in the County to collaborate on shared issues and interest; and

(8) Submit to the County Executive and County Council, and make available to the general public, an annual report of the activities of the Commission.

**Sec. 2-491. Commission composition; term; officers.**

(a) The Commission shall be composed of 35 youth members appointed by the County Executive and subject to confirmation by the County Council. Youth members shall be selected as to represent each public and private high school in the County and be youth between the ages of 15 and 18 who have a sincere interest in, and motivation to work for, the community and have a background of community-based activity.

(b) The term of office for each member shall be one (1) year, with a maximum term of four (4) years for each member. Any vacancy shall be filled for the unexpired term in the manner of the original appointment. Each member shall serve until a successor is confirmed.

(c) The Commission members shall elect annually from their own membership a chairperson and such other officers as it deems necessary.

**Sec. 2-492. Executive Director; administrative support.**

There shall be an Executive Director of the Commission and such staff support and facilities as may be authorized and provided in the Office of Human Resources Management.

**Sec. 2-493. Adoption of rules and regulations.**

The Commission shall promulgate its own rules and regulations, subject to the approval of the County Executive, as may be necessary and appropriate to carry out the responsibilities of the Commission.

**Sec. 2-494. 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. 2-495. Meetings.**

The Commission shall meet at the call of the Chairperson or at the request of the majority of the membership, as frequently as required to perform its duties, but no less than once a month. A majority of the members of the Commission shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. A majority of the quorum at any meeting shall be sufficient for any official action taken by the Commission.

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that this Act shall take effect forty-five (45) calendar days after it becomes law.

Adopted this 20th day of June, 2006.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE  
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Thomas E. Dernoga  
Chairman

ATTEST:

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Redis C. Floyd  
Clerk of the Council

APPROVED:

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jack B. Johnson  
County Executive

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Underscoring indicates language added to existing law.