

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND**  
**2008 Legislative Session**

Bill No. CB-7-2008

Chapter No. 5

Proposed and Presented by Council Member Bland

Introduced by Council Members Bland, Dernoga and Olson

Co-Sponsors \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Introduction March 25, 2008

**BILL**

1 AN ACT concerning

2 Youth Commission

3 For the purpose of amending provisions of the Code relating to the Youth Commission  
4 established by CB-19-2006, transferring certain administrative and staff support responsibilities.

5 BY repealing and reenacting with amendments:

6 SUBTITLE 2. ADMINISTRATION.

7 Section 2-492

8 The Prince George's County Code

9 (2003 Edition, 2006 Supplement).

10 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED by the County Council of Prince George's County,  
11 Maryland, that Section 2-492 of the Prince George's County Code be and the same is hereby  
12 repealed and reenacted with the following amendments:

13 **SUBTITLE 2. ADMINISTRATION.**

14 **DIVISION 39. YOUTH COMMISSION.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

30 the Council Administrator shall assign appropriate technical and administrative support  
31 personnel as needed to assist the Commission in its work.

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

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

5 **Sec. 2-494. Committees.**

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

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

11 **Sec. 2-495. Meetings.**

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

17 SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that the provisions of this Act are hereby  
 18 declared to be severable; and, in the event that any section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph,  
 19 sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional by a court of  
 20 competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the remaining  
 21 words, phrases, clauses, sentences, subparagraphs, paragraphs, subsections, or sections of this  
 22 Act, since the same would have been enacted without the incorporation in this Act of any such  
 23 invalid or unconstitutional word, phrase, clause, sentence, subparagraph, subsection, or section.

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

Adopted this 15<sup>th</sup> day of April , 2008.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE  
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

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KEY:

Underscoring indicates language added to existing law.

[Brackets] indicate language deleted from existing law.

Asterisks \*\*\* indicate intervening existing Code provisions that remain unchanged.