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The Hon. Thomas M. Middleton, Chair
Senate Finance
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Annapolis, Maryland 21401-1991

The Hon. Kumar P. Barve, Chair
House Environment and Transportation
Lowe House Office Building, Room 251
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Re: **Bill Position** – HB 1551 (PG 426-17) – Prince George's County Local Management Board – Strategic Plan, Report, and Study – **SUPPORT AS AMENDED**

Dear Senator Middleton & Delegate Barve:

It is my pleasure, on behalf of the Prince George's County Council, to transmit our position on HB 1551 – Prince George's County Local Management Board – Strategic Plan, Report, and Study, which is before you this 2017 General Assembly Session. The Council met on April 4, 2017. The enclosed statement reflects our position as the bill is currently drafted.

The Council appreciates the opportunity to work together with you and your colleagues to address issues important to Maryland citizens and the operation of Prince George's County. Should you have any questions or need additional information please do not hesitate to contact me. For your convenience my office phone number is (301) 952-3426. Thanks again, for favorable consideration of the Council's position.

Sincerely,

Derrick L. Davis
Chair

Enclosure

cc:
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POSITION STATEMENT

(HB 1551)
Prince George's
County Delegation

Prince George's County Local Management Board -
Strategic Plan, Report, and Study PG 426-17

POSITION:

SUPPORT

HB 1551 (PG 426-17) – Prince George's County Local Management Board - Strategic Plan, Report, and Study requires the Prince George's County Local Management Board (LMB) to conduct a feasibility study to assess the most effective means of raising revenues to carry out the State's strategies to improve the outcomes for children and families in their communities. HB 1551 would require the LMB to study the feasibility of converting to a quasi-public nonprofit corporation, study the fundraising ability of other quasi-public nonprofits throughout the State, and report its findings and recommendations by December 1, 2017 to the County Executive, County Council, as well as to the House and Senate Delegations. By January 1, 2018, the LMB would be required to develop and implement a strategic plan to raise revenues to match the funding that is provided by the Governor's Office for Children (GOC) from the Children's Cabinet Interagency Fund (CCIF).

Prince George's County's LMB, the Commission for Children, Youth, and Families has been integral to our County's delinquency prevention, youth suicide prevention, drug and alcohol abuse prevention and youth development services to youth and their families. We are proud of the impact that these community-based programs have made on our County over the years. Unfortunately, tackling these important issues remains an ongoing effort.

As you know, Prince George's County was the first County within the State to form an LMB, following Governor Schaeffer's 1988 executive order creating the Children and Family System Reform Initiative. This Council is excited to support any effort to reaffirm our County's commitment to children, youth, and families; and, we believe that it is time for our LMB to take a fresh look at how it can expand its efforts with more funding.

As our LMB's impact has proven, our County deserves the opportunity to evaluate its ability to access more funding to improve the lives of more children, youth, and families. As legislators we believe it is

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regularly incumbent on us to take a fresh look at processes, policies, laws, and procedures to determine how we may improve the services we provide to our constituents.

Therefore, the County Council recommends a position of **SUPPORT** on **HB 1551** and respectfully requests your favorable consideration of its position.

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 On behalf of Prince George's County Council