

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND
2009 Legislative Session

Bill No. CB-2-2009
 Chapter No. 1
 Proposed and Presented by Council Member Bland
 Introduced by Council Members Bland, Exum, Dean, Harrison and Turner
 Co-Sponsors _____
 Date of Introduction February 10, 2009

BILL

1 AN ACT concerning

2 Youth Commission

3 For the purpose of amending the provisions of the County Code relating to the Youth
 4 Commission.

5 BY repealing and reenacting with amendments:

6 SUBTITLE 2. ADMINISTRATION.

7 Sections 2-495, 2-496, 2-497 and 2-499,

8 The Prince George's County Code

9 (2007 Edition, 2008 Supplement).

10 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED by the County Council of Prince George's County,
 11 Maryland, that Sections 2-495, 2-496, 2-497 and 2-499 of the Prince George's County Code be
 12 and the same are hereby repealed and reenacted with the following amendments:

13 SUBTITLE 2. ADMINISTRATION.

14 DIVISION 39. YOUTH COMMISSION.

15 **Sec. 2-495. 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.

Sec. 2-496. 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 interests; 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. 2-497. Commission composition; term; officers.

(a) The Commission shall be composed of [thirty-five (35)] up to thirty-seven (37) youth members [appointed by the County Executive and subject to confirmation by the County Council]. Youth members shall be selected [as to represent] on recommendation of the principal of each public and private high school in the County , and two (2) members may be children participating in the County's home school program under the supervision of the Prince George's County Public Schools Department of Curriculum and Instruction. Each member shall be a [and be] youth between the ages of fifteen (15) and eighteen (18) who [have] has a sincere interest in, and motivation to work for, the community and have a background of community-based activity. The Commission may also include the student member of the Prince George's County Board of Education as an ex officio member.

(b) The term of office for each member shall be [one (1) year] two years, 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. 2-499. Adoption of rules and regulations.

The Commission shall promulgate its own rules and regulations, subject to the approval of the [County Executive] County Council, as may be necessary and appropriate to carry out the responsibilities of 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 10th day of March, 2009.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____
Marilynn M. Bland
Chairperson

ATTEST:

Redis C. Floyd
Clerk of the Council

APPROVED:

DATE: _____ BY: _____
Jack B. Johnson
County Executive

KEY:

Underscoring indicates language added to existing law.

[Brackets] indicate language deleted from existing law.

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