

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND**

**2025 Legislative Session**

Resolution No. CR-076-2025

Proposed by Council Member Hawkins

Introduced by Council Members Hawkins, Watson, Burroughs, Blegay, Olson, Harrison,  
Dernoga, Ivey, and Adams-Stafford

Co-Sponsors Council Members Oriadha and Fisher

Date of Introduction June 17, 2025

**RESOLUTION**

1 A RESOLUTION concerning

2 The readiness of Prince George’s County Public Schools in a potential overdose emergency.  
3 For the purpose of calling on the Prince George’s County Board of Education to initiate an audit  
4 in conjunction with the Prince George’s County Public Schools to ensure compliance with State  
5 and Local mandated overdose-reversing medication requirements in schools.

6 WHEREAS, The Maryland Department of Health estimates that in 2023, there were 2,513  
7 overdoses within the State; and

8 WHEREAS, the Prince George’s County Health Department estimates that one person  
9 overdoses every single day in this County; and

10 WHEREAS, in the State of Maryland, for every 100 overdoses, an estimated 14 of those  
11 overdoses are from this County’s residents; and

12 WHEREAS, the Prince George’s County Board of Education has an obligation under the  
13 Annotated Code of Maryland, Education Article Section 7-426.5 to be prepared in an overdosing  
14 emergency as laid forth below; and

15 WHEREAS, the Annotated Code of Maryland, Education Article Section 7-426.5(a)  
16 requires that “Each county board shall establish a policy in accordance with school health  
17 guidelines and State laws and regulations for public schools within its jurisdiction to authorize  
18 the school nurse, school health services personnel, and other school personnel to administer  
19 naloxone or other overdose-reversing medication to a student or other person...”; and

20 WHEREAS, the Annotated Code of Maryland, Education Article Section 7-426.5(b)(1)  
21 also mandates “a provision requiring all public schools to obtain and store at the public school

1 naloxone or other overdose-reversing medication to be used in an emergency situation”; and

2 WHEREAS, the Annotated Code of Maryland, Education Article Section 7-426.5(b)(2)  
3 additionally specifies “a requirement that each public school develop and implement a method  
4 for notifying the parents or guardians of students of the school’s policy under this section at the  
5 beginning of each school year”; and

6 WHEREAS, the Prince George’s County Board of Education adopted Board Policy 0112  
7 which incorporated the aforementioned State law.

8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George's  
9 County, Maryland, that the Prince George’s County Board of Education in collaboration with  
10 Prince George’s County Public Schools, should begin auditing all public schools to ensure  
11 compliance of the Annotated Code of Maryland Education Article Section 7-426.5(b)(1).


12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Prince George’s County Board of Education and  
13 Prince George’s County Public Schools should begin the process of auditing all public schools to  
14 ensure compliance with all other State and Local requirements under the Annotated Code of  
15 Maryland Education Article Section 7-426.5 and Board Policy 0112.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Prince George’s County Board of Education should  
17 notify Prince George’s County Public Schools immediately to begin rectifying any deficiencies  
18 found while conducting the recommended audit.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Council recommends that Prince George’s  
20 County Board of Education begin the audit no later than the start of the school year 2025–26.  
21 The County’s Board of Education should conclude its audit by the end of January 2026 and  
22 provide a summary of its findings to the County Council.  
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Adopted this 9<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2025.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE  
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY:   
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Edward P. Burroughs III  
Chair

ATTEST:

  
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Donna J. Brown  
Clerk of the Council