

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 9th day of September, 2025.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____
Edward P. Burroughs III
Chair

ATTEST:

Donna J. Brown
Clerk of the Council