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Senate Bill 198

(Senator A. Washington, *et al.*)

Education, Energy, and the Environment

Appropriations

Prince George's Community College - Aerospace and Aviation Systems
 Technology Programs - Feasibility Study

This bill requires Prince George’s Community College (PGCC) to conduct a comprehensive feasibility study and program design assessment to establish an aerospace systems technology workforce training program and an aviation systems technology workforce training program. The study must include an examination of specified aspects of program design and implementation. PGCC must consult with specified stakeholders in conducting the study and the study must include structured industry engagement, including employer roundtables, workforce charrettes, and demand-validation sessions to ensure alignment with current and projected labor markets. For fiscal 2028, the Governor must include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of \$100,000 to PGCC for the study and design assessment. By December 1, 2027, PGCC must report to the Senate Education, Energy and the Environment Committee and the House Ways and Means Committee with specified findings, recommendations, and plans. **The bill takes effect July 1, 2026, and terminates June 30, 2028.**

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: General fund expenditures increase by \$100,000 in FY 2028 in accordance with the bill’s mandate. State agencies, including the Maryland Higher Education Commission, the Maryland Department of Labor, and the Maryland Department of Commerce can likely consult on the study with existing resources. Revenues are not affected. **This bill establishes a mandated appropriation for FY 2028.**

(in dollars)	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030	FY 2031
Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
GF Expenditure	0	100,000	0	0	0
Net Effect	\$0	(\$100,000)	\$0	\$0	\$0

Note:() = decrease; GF = general funds; FF = federal funds; SF = special funds; - = indeterminate increase; (-) = indeterminate decrease

Local Effect: PGCC revenues and expenditures correspondingly increase by \$100,000 in FY 2028 from State appropriations and to conduct the feasibility study.

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

Analysis

Current Law: PGCC currently does not offer a [program of study](#) in aerospace technology, though it does offer degrees in related fields, like its Associate of Science Degree in Engineering.

Local Effect: Prince George's County advises that PGCC can likely cover any expenses associated with conducting the feasibility study and program design assessment using revenues from the mandated \$100,000 appropriation in fiscal 2028.

Additional Information

Recent Prior Introductions: Similar legislation has not been introduced within the last three years.

Designated Cross File: None.

Information Source(s): Department of Commerce; Maryland State Department of Education; Maryland Higher Education Commission; Maryland Department of Labor; Prince George's County; Department of Legislative Services

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