

SENATE BILL 672

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By: **Senator A. Washington**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Prince George's County – Expanding Access to Early Childhood Education and**
3 **Child Care**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the ~~State Department of Education~~ Prince George's County
5 government to develop an implementation and financing plan to expand access to
6 high-quality early childhood education and child care in Prince George's County for
7 children from birth through 3 years; requiring the ~~Department~~ county government
8 to consult with certain entities; requiring the plan to include certain analyses; and
9 generally relating to early childhood education and child care in Prince George's
10 County.

11 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
12 That:

13 (a) The ~~State Department of Education~~ Prince George's County government shall
14 develop an implementation and financing plan to expand access to high-quality early
15 childhood education and child care in Prince George's County for children from birth
16 through 3 years.

17 (b) To complete the plan, the ~~Department~~ Prince George's County government
18 shall consult with the Prince George's County Public School System, the Prince George's
19 County Council, the State Department of Education, businesses, and relevant State
20 agencies organizations.

21 (c) The plan shall include an analysis of:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

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1 (1) the cost to parents, the county, and the State;

2 (2) the workforce needs of early childhood education and child care
3 providers to expand access;

4 (3) the capacity of early childhood education and child care providers to
5 serve more children; and

6 (4) additional county and State revenue options to expand access.

7 (d) On or before December 1, ~~2026~~ 2027, the ~~Department~~ county government shall
8 submit the plan to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government
9 Article, the General Assembly and the members of the Prince George’s County Delegation
10 to the General Assembly.

11 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
12 1, 2026.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.