

# SENATE BILL 867

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By: **Senators Peters, Currie, Miller, and Muse**

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Prince George's County Board of Education – Public High Schools – Outdoor**  
3 **Synthetic Turf Fields**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Prince George's County Board of Education to install an  
5 outdoor synthetic turf field at each public high school in the county during a certain  
6 period of time; establishing the priority order for school field construction;  
7 prohibiting the Prince George's County Executive and the Prince George's County  
8 Board of Education from designating more than a certain number of fields for  
9 construction in any fiscal year; requiring certain fields to be constructed for joint use;  
10 ~~requiring certain expenditures to be deemed eligible public school construction costs~~  
11 ~~or capital improvement costs by the Interagency Committee on School Construction~~  
12 ~~for certain purposes;~~ requiring the ~~local share of~~ costs for construction of certain  
13 fields to be paid for with certain funds from Program Open Space; prohibiting the  
14 aggregate expenditures using funds from Program Open Space from exceeding a  
15 certain percentage of the total amount authorized for development projects in Prince  
16 George's County for any fiscal year; providing that certain matching funds may not  
17 be required for a certain project; requiring the Prince George's County Board of  
18 Education to enter into a certain binding memorandum of understanding with a  
19 certain local governing body prior to making certain expenditures; authorizing the  
20 Prince George's County Board of Education to use certain funds to implement certain  
21 provisions of law; prohibiting the Prince George's County Board of Education from  
22 using certain funds to implement certain provisions of law; and generally relating to  
23 public high school athletic fields and the Prince George's County Board of Education.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 BY adding to  
2 Article – Education  
3 Section 4–131  
4 Annotated Code of Maryland  
5 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

6 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
7 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

8 **Article – Education**

9 **4–131.**

10 **(A) THIS SECTION APPLIES ONLY IN PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY.**

11 **(B) (1) BEGINNING IN FISCAL YEAR 2016 AND THROUGH THE END OF**  
12 **FISCAL YEAR 2020, THE PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION SHALL**  
13 **INSTALL AN OUTDOOR SYNTHETIC TURF FIELD AT EACH PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL**  
14 **UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE COUNTY BOARD.**

15 **(2) THE PRIORITY ORDER FOR SCHOOL FIELD CONSTRUCTION UNDER**  
16 **PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE AS FOLLOWS:**

17 **(I) IN FISCAL YEAR 2016:**

- 18 1. **GWYNN PARK HIGH SCHOOL;**
- 19 2. **DR. HENRY WISE, JR. HIGH SCHOOL;**
- 20 3. **NORTHWESTERN HIGH SCHOOL; AND**
- 21 4. **SUITLAND HIGH SCHOOL;**

22 **(II) IN FISCAL YEAR 2017:**

- 23 1. **HIGH POINT HIGH SCHOOL;**
- 24 2. **BOWIE HIGH SCHOOL;**
- 25 3. **CHARLES HERBERT FLOWERS HIGH SCHOOL; AND**
- 26 4. **FORESTVILLE HIGH SCHOOL;**

27 **(III) IN FISCAL YEAR 2018:**

- 1                   1.     **FRIENDLY HIGH SCHOOL;**
- 2                   2.     **LARGO HIGH SCHOOL;**
- 3                   3.     **FREDERICK DOUGLASS HIGH SCHOOL; AND**
- 4                   4.     **ELEANOR ROOSEVELT HIGH SCHOOL;**

5                   **(IV) IN FISCAL YEAR 2019:**

- 6                   1.     **LAUREL HIGH SCHOOL;**
- 7                   2.     **CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL;**
- 8                   3.     **POTOMAC HIGH SCHOOL; AND**
- 9                   4.     **PARKDALE HIGH SCHOOL; AND**

10                  **(V) IN FISCAL YEAR 2020:**

- 11                  1.     **BLADENSBURG HIGH SCHOOL;**
- 12                  2.     **DUVAL HIGH SCHOOL;**
- 13                  3.     **FAIRMONT HEIGHTS HIGH SCHOOL;**
- 14                  4.     **SURRATTSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL; AND**
- 15                  5.     **CROSSLAND HIGH SCHOOL.**

16                  **(3) THE PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND THE PRINCE**  
 17 **GEORGE’S COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION MAY NOT DESIGNATE MORE THAN FIVE**  
 18 **FIELDS FOR CONSTRUCTION IN ANY FISCAL YEAR.**

19                  **(C) ALL OUTDOOR SYNTHETIC TURF FIELDS CONSTRUCTED UNDER THIS**  
 20 **SECTION SHALL BE FOR JOINT USE UNDER § 5-307 OF THIS ARTICLE.**

21                  **(D) (1) ~~EXPENDITURES UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE DEEMED~~**  
 22 **~~ELIGIBLE PUBLIC SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION COSTS OR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT~~**  
 23 **~~COSTS BY THE INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION FOR PUBLIC~~**  
 24 **~~SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS UNDER TITLE 5, SUBTITLE 3 OF THIS ARTICLE.~~**

25                  **~~(2)~~ (1) THE LOCAL SHARE OF COSTS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF**  
 26 **OUTDOOR SYNTHETIC TURF FIELDS UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE PAID FROM**

1 FUNDS FROM PROGRAM OPEN SPACE UNDER § 5-905 OF THE NATURAL  
2 RESOURCES ARTICLE.

3 (II) FOR ANY FISCAL YEAR, THE AGGREGATE EXPENDITURES  
4 USING FUNDS FROM PROGRAM OPEN SPACE MAY NOT EXCEED 50% OF THE TOTAL  
5 AMOUNT AUTHORIZED FOR DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN PRINCE GEORGE'S  
6 COUNTY AS DETERMINED UNDER § 5-905 OF THE NATURAL RESOURCES ARTICLE  
7 MINUS THE TOTAL AMOUNT AUTHORIZED FOR DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS BY  
8 MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY.

9 (III) NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF § 5-905 OF THE  
10 NATURAL RESOURCES ARTICLE REGARDING LOCAL MATCHING FUNDS, LOCAL  
11 MATCHING FUNDS MAY NOT BE REQUIRED FOR A PROJECT AUTHORIZED UNDER  
12 THIS SECTION.

13 (IV) BEFORE MAKING ANY EXPENDITURES REQUIRED UNDER  
14 THIS SECTION, THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION SHALL  
15 ENTER INTO A BINDING MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE LOCAL  
16 GOVERNING BODY DESIGNATED UNDER § 5-901 OF THE NATURAL RESOURCES  
17 ARTICLE TO PROVIDE SHARED PUBLIC, NONSCHOOL USE OF THE TURF FIELDS  
18 CONSTRUCTED USING FUNDS AUTHORIZED UNDER THIS SECTION.

19 ~~(3)~~ (2) (I) TO IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION, THE  
20 PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION MAY USE FUNDS:

21 ~~(I)~~ 1. DONATED BY A CORPORATION; ~~AND~~

22 ~~(II)~~ 2. RAISED BY A SCHOOL PARENT-TEACHER  
23 ORGANIZATION, A SCHOOL PARENT ORGANIZATION, OR A SCHOOL ATHLETIC  
24 DEPARTMENT; AND

25 3. DONATED FROM ANY OTHER SOURCE.

26 (II) THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
27 MAY NOT USE GENERAL OPERATING FUNDS TO IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS OF  
28 THIS SECTION.

29 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
30 1, 2015.