

Martin O'Malley, Governor

H.B. 629

Senate Bill 112, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 629.

Sincerely,

Martin O'Malley  
Governor

**House Bill 629**

AN ACT concerning

**Prince George's County - Task Force on the Establishment of Vocational and  
Technical Education High School Academies**

**PG 423-07**

FOR the purpose of establishing a Task Force on the Establishment of Vocational and Technical Education High School Academies in Prince George's County; establishing the membership and staffing of the Task Force; requiring the members of the Task Force to designate the chair of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to evaluate and make recommendations regarding certain issues; requiring the Task Force to submit a report to certain officials regarding its recommendations by a certain date; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving certain compensation, but authorizing a member of the Task Force to receive certain reimbursements; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Task Force on the Establishment of Vocational and Technical Education High School Academies in Prince George's County.

**Preamble**

WHEREAS, A disproportionately large number of students do not graduate from high school and may not be prepared for the workplace in Prince George's County; and

WHEREAS, A large percentage of students who do graduate from high school in Prince George's County do not go on to postsecondary education and instead directly enter the workforce; and

WHEREAS, It has been reported that the current Prince George's County public high school curriculum and method of teaching does not adequately prepare all students for meaningful and productive work; and