

# HOUSE BILL 322

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By: **Montgomery County Delegation and Prince George's County Delegation**  
Introduced and read first time: January 25, 2017  
Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Prince George's County – Maryland–National Capital Park and Planning**  
3 **Commission – Budget and Operation Study**

4 **MC/PG 108–17**

5 FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland–National Capital Park and Planning  
6 Commission, in relation to its work in Prince George's County, to study and make  
7 recommendations regarding certain budgetary and operational issues; requiring the  
8 Commission to report certain recommendations by a certain date to the Prince  
9 George's County Delegation to the General Assembly; and generally relating to the  
10 budget and operation of the Commission in Prince George's County.

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

13 (a) The Maryland–National Capital Park and Planning Commission shall, in  
14 relation to its work in Prince George's County, study and make recommendations  
15 regarding:

16 (1) the manner in which the Commission's budget is prepared;

17 (2) the format of the Commission's budget, and whether it is consistent  
18 with other local departments' budget formats;

19 (3) the process, if any, under which the Commission's budget is reviewed  
20 by the County Executive before submission to the County Council;

21 (4) the structure of the park tax and the recreation tax, including:

22 (i) mechanisms for calculating each tax rate;

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.  
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



(ii) a 5-year analysis of each tax rate and the associated revenues and expenditures; and

(iii) exclusions available to local jurisdictions, including:

1. the amount of the exclusions available; and

2. the rationale for continuing or changing the exclusions available;

(5) a 5-year analysis of administrative fund expenditures by category, including:

(i) the Commissioner's office;

(ii) the planning department;

(iii) human resources and management;

(iv) the finance department;

(v) the legal department;

(vi) support services;

(vii) reserve funds; and

(viii) any other administrative expenditure category;

(6) budget reversions or other exchanges in funds between the Commission's budget and the county's budget;

(7) a 5-year analysis of per capita spending by:

(i) administrative costs;

(ii) recreation costs;

(iii) park costs;

(iv) planning costs; and

(v) other costs;

(8) the need for changes to the audit process, if any, for capital projects and operations;

1                   (9)     the feasibility of combining functions under a single entity for efficiency  
2 or economies of scale;

3                   (10)  the possible reassignment of any functions performed by the  
4 Commission to another entity in order to allow for efficiency and savings;

5                   (11)  any issues regarding:

6                           (i)     the role and function of the Commission;

7                           (ii)  the needs of the Commission; and

8                           (iii) changes that can be made in order to better serve county  
9 residents; and

10                  (12)  the need, if any, for further evaluation of any other issue that the  
11 Commission determines is necessary.

12                  (b)    On or before October 1, 2017, the Commission shall report its  
13 recommendations under subsection (a) of this section to the Prince George's County  
14 Delegation to the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government  
15 Article.

16                  SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June  
17 1, 2017.