

SENATE BILL 198

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(PRE-FILED)

By: Senator A. Washington

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Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Prince George's Community College – Aerospace Technology Studies Program**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Board of Community College Trustees for Prince George's
4 County, in consultation with the Maryland Higher Education Commission, the
5 Department of Commerce, and the Prince George's County Economic Development
6 Corporation, to establish an Aerospace Technology Studies Program at Prince
7 George's Community College; and generally relating to Prince George's Community
8 College.

9 BY adding to

10 Article – Education

11 Section 16–420

12 Annotated Code of Maryland

13 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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

16 **Article – Education**

17 **16–420.**

18 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS
19 INDICATED.

20 (2) "BOARD" MEANS THE BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE
21 TRUSTEES FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(3) "PROGRAM" MEANS THE AEROSPACE TECHNOLOGY STUDIES**
2 **PROGRAM.**

3 **(B) THE BOARD, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE COMMISSION, THE**
4 **DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, AND THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY ECONOMIC**
5 **DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, SHALL ESTABLISH AN AEROSPACE TECHNOLOGY**
6 **STUDIES PROGRAM.**

7 **(C) (1) THE BOARD, IN CONSULTATION WITH INDUSTRY EXPERTS, SHALL**
8 **DEVELOP THE PROGRAM CURRICULUM TO INCLUDE:**

9 **(I) AEROSPACE SYSTEMS TECHNOLOGY;**

10 **(II) AVIONICS AND ELECTRONICS;**

11 **(III) ADVANCED MANUFACTURING; AND**

12 **(IV) ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN AEROSPACE.**

13 **(2) THE PROGRAM SHALL PROVIDE:**

14 **(I) WORKFORCE-BASED LEARNING, INCLUDING INTERNSHIPS**
15 **AND APPRENTICESHIPS; AND**

16 **(II) A PATHWAY FROM HIGH SCHOOL TO COLLEGE AND**
17 **CAREERS FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH AN INTEREST IN PURSUING A CAREER IN**
18 **AEROSPACE TECHNOLOGY.**

19 **(D) THE BOARD SHALL ENTER INTO MEMORANDA OF UNDERSTANDING TO**
20 **ESTABLISH FORMAL INDUSTRY PARTNERSHIPS WITH AT LEAST ONE AEROSPACE**
21 **AND TECHNOLOGY EMPLOYER IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY.**

22 **(E) THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE PROGRAM AT PRINCE GEORGE'S**
23 **COMMUNITY COLLEGE IS SUBJECT TO PROGRAM APPROVAL BY THE COMMISSION**
24 **UNDER TITLE 11, SUBTITLE 2 OF THIS ARTICLE.**

25 **(F) (1) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 15, 2026, AND EACH DECEMBER 15**
26 **THEREAFTER UNTIL THE PROGRAM HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED, THE BOARD SHALL**
27 **SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE COMMISSION, THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY**
28 **EXECUTIVE, THE MARYLAND AEROSPACE TECHNOLOGY COMMISSION, AND, IN**
29 **ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1257 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE GENERAL**
30 **ASSEMBLY ON THE STATUS OF ESTABLISHING THE PROGRAM.**

1 (2) ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 1 OF EACH YEAR AFTER THE
2 PROGRAM'S ESTABLISHMENT, THE BOARD SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE
3 COMMISSION, THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY EXECUTIVE, THE MARYLAND
4 AEROSPACE TECHNOLOGY COMMISSION, AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1257 OF
5 THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON INDUSTRY
6 PLACEMENT AND OUTCOMES OF THE PROGRAM IN THE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING
7 ACADEMIC YEAR.

8 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
9 1, 2026.