

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND
2001 Legislative Session
REORGANIZATIONAL PROPOSAL

Executive Order No. 12-2001
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EXECUTIVE ORDER
No. 12 - 2001

WHEREAS, the Prince George's County Office of Child Support Enforcement was created in 1985; and

WHEREAS, since October 1999 the Child Support Enforcement Administration of the Maryland Department of Human Resources has assumed responsibility for centralized child support collections and disbursements; and

WHEREAS, child support payments by obligors are now paid to State accounts and all payments to custodial parents are disbursed from State accounts; and

WHEREAS, Prince George's County is one of only two jurisdictions in Maryland continuing to operate a local support enforcement agency; and

WHEREAS, State support for local child support enforcement in the County has devolved in recent years; and

WHEREAS, the transfer of the responsibility of child support enforcement in Prince George's County from the County Office of Child Support Enforcement to the State Child Support Administration will ensure a more coherent service delivery system and result in a positive fiscal impact on the County budget; and

WHEREAS, appropriate notice of this proposed reorganization has been sent to the State of Maryland; and

WHEREAS, Section 503 of the Prince George's County Charter provides that the County Executive may propose changes in the organization of the Executive branch, including the establishment or abolition of agencies, and in the assignment of functions, powers, and duties among agencies, which proposals shall be set forth in executive orders in statutory form and be submitted to the County Council;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that:

SECTION 1. The Schedule of Legislation of the Charter for Prince George's County, Maryland, be and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

SCHEDULE OF LEGISLATION

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Section 18. [Office of Child Support Enforcement] Reserved.

(a) There shall be an Office of Child Support Enforcement headed by the Executive Director of Child Support Enforcement. The Executive Director shall be responsible for developing, conducting and administering a comprehensive program for the enforcement of child support obligations, coordinating activities of the Office of Child Support Enforcement with Federal, State, local and other agencies that provide child support enforcement services, and providing staff support for the Advisory Board of Child Support.

(b) There shall be an Advisory Board on Child Support which shall review and make recommendations to the Executive Director concerning the policies, programs, and procedures of the Office of Child Support Enforcement. The Advisory Board shall consist of two members designated by the Circuit Court, and one member each to be designated by the County Executive, the County Council, the Clerk of the Circuit Court, the Sheriff, the Department of Social Services, the agency providing legal services to the Office, and the State Child Support Enforcement Administration, respectively. The Chairman of the Advisory Board shall be designated by the County Executive, subject to confirmation by the County Council.]

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SECTION 2. This Order shall be submitted to the County Council pursuant to Section 503 of the Prince George's County Charter and, thereafter, shall become effective July 1, 2001, unless disapproved by a majority vote of the full Council within sixty (60) days after such submission.

Wayne K. Curry
County Executive