

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND
2026 Legislative Session

Bill No. CB-015-2026

Chapter No. _____

Proposed and Presented by Council Member Oriadha

Introduced by Council Members Oriadha, Hunter, Olson, Blegay, Dernoga, Adams,
Adams-Stafford and Fisher

Co-Sponsors _____

Date of Introduction March 31, 2026

BILL

1 AN ACT concerning

2 Child Care Building Blocks Act

3 For the purpose of establishing a Child Care Facilities Grant Program to preserve and increase
4 child care; providing for eligibility for and permissible uses of financial assistance from the
5 Program; providing for the funding and administration of the Program; and generally relating to
6 child care facilities.

7 BY adding:

8 SUBTITLE 5C. EARLY CHILDHOOD

9 EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

10 Sections 5C-107, 5C-108, 5C-109, 5C-110, 5C-111,

11 The Prince George's County Code

12 (2023 Edition; 2025 Supplement).

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED by the County Council of Prince George's County,
14 Maryland, that Sections 5C-107, 5C-108, 5C-109, 5C-110, and 5C-111 of the Prince George's
15 County Code be and the same are hereby added:

16 **SUBTITLE 5C. EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE.**

17 **DIVISION 4. CHILD CARE FACILITIES GRANT PROGRAM.**

18 **Sec. 5C-107. Establishment, purpose and objectives.**

19 (a) There is established a Child Care Facilities Grant Program.

20 (b) The purpose of the program is to increase the amount of licensed child care services in

1 Prince George's County provided at reasonable costs.

2 (c) Operators of child care centers or family child care homes may receive financial
3 assistance from the Program if the funds will:

4 (1) increase the number of children served;

5 (2) help a center or home begin operation; or

6 (3) keep in operation a center or home that otherwise is likely to stop operating.

7 **Sec. 5C-108. Eligibility.**

8 (a) Centers and homes operated for profit are eligible for assistance under the Program.

9 (b) Highest priority shall be given to grants to centers or homes that serve significant
10 percentages of low-income children or children with disabilities.

11 (c) The recipient of any grant must agree to provide child care services in the County, to
12 an extent or in an amount agreed to and set in the grant documents, for at least three years
13 following the disbursement of grant funds.

14 **Sec. 5C-109. Uses of funds.**

15 (a) All grant funds must be used for capital improvements that are needed to:

16 (1) establish, or increase the capacity of, the center or home; or

17 (2) meet licensing, zoning, building, or other government-imposed requirements.

18 (b) Eligible capital improvements include:

19 (1) buying land or a building;

20 (2) building, repairing or renovating all or part of a building;

21 (3) buying furniture or equipment with a useful life of at least 3 years; and

22 (4) fees for architects, engineers, accountants, lawyers or other professional services
23 needed to buy, build, repair or renovate a building.

24 **Sec. 5C-110. Grant amounts.**

25 (a) The amount of grants made to any single family child care home must not exceed
26 \$10,000.

27 (b) A grant made under the Program may supplement a loan or grant made or guaranteed
28 under any other government program.

29 **Sec. 5C-111. Funding, administration, and reporting.**

30 (a) The Program shall be administered by an agency designated by the Chief
31 Administrative Officer.

1 (b) The Chief Administrative Officer, or their designee, shall adopt procedures for the
2 administration of the Program. These procedures shall include:

- 3 (1) grant standards and priorities;
- 4 (2) application procedures, and ways to document need;
- 5 (3) procedures for referring applicants to other sources of funds, and for cooperating
6 with other public and private sources of funds;
- 7 (4) procedures to request reconsideration any denial of a grant; and
- 8 (5) procedures for recovering grant funds upon a grantee’s failure to:
9 (A) demonstrate that funds were used for the purposes set forth in Section 5C-

10 109; or

11 (B) operate a licensed child care facility in the County for at least three (3) years
12 following the disbursement of grant funds.

13 (c) The Chief Administrative Officer or their designee shall provide technical assistance
14 to family child care home providers on the financial aspects of operating a child care business,
15 including basic accounting and securing financial assistance.

16 (d) A Program report shall be included in the quarterly report to Council required under
17 section 10-288(f), including:

- 18 (1) the names and locations of Program grant recipients;
- 19 (2) the uses of the grant funds; and
- 20 (3) the number of additional children served.

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22 SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that the Child Care Facilities Grant Program
23 shall be administered as a part of the Economic Development Incentive (EDI) Fund established
24 under Subtitle 10, Division 16 of this Code in fiscal year 2027, and not less than \$500,000 in the
25 Economic Development Incentive Fund shall be reserved for use of the Program in fiscal year
26 2027.

27 SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that the provisions of this Act are hereby
28 declared to be severable; and, in the event that any section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph,
29 sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional by a court of
30 competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the remaining
31 words, phrases, clauses, sentences, subparagraphs, paragraphs, subsections, or sections of this

1 Act, since the same would have been enacted without the incorporation in this Act of any such
2 invalid or unconstitutional word, phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, subparagraph, subsection,
3 or section.

4 SECTION 4. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that this Act shall take effect forty-five (45)
5 calendar days after it becomes law.

Adopted this 21st day of April , 2026.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____
Krystal Oriadha
Chair

ATTEST:

Donna J. Brown
Clerk of the Council

APPROVED:

DATE: _____ BY: _____
Aisha N. Braveboy
County Executive

KEY:
Underscoring indicates language added to existing law.
[Brackets] indicate language deleted from existing law.
Asterisks *** indicate intervening existing Code provisions that remain unchanged.

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