

**PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL  
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

**Meeting Date:** 3/19/96

**Reference No.:** CB-3-1996

**Proposer:** Council Member Maloney

**Draft No.:** 2

**Sponsors:** Council Member Maloney

**Item Title:** To provide that all legal services contracts are administered by the County Attorney and funded through the approved budget of the Office of Law

**Drafter:** Ralph E. Grutzmacher  
Legislative Officer

**Resource Personnel:** Ralph E. Grutzmacher  
Legislative Officer

**LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:**

**Date Presented:** 1/16/96

**Executive Action:** \_\_/\_\_/\_\_ \_\_

**Committee Referral:**(1) 1/16/96 PSFM

**Effective Date:** \_\_/\_\_/\_\_

**Committee Action:**(1) 2/15/96 HELD  
(2) 3/7/96 UNFAV

**Date Introduced:** \_\_/\_\_/\_\_

**Pub. Hearing Date:** (1) \_\_/\_\_/\_\_

**Council Action:** (1) 3/19/96 REJECTED

**Council Votes:** AMc:A, DB:A, SD:A, JE:A, IG:A, WM:N, RVR:A AS:A MW:A

**Pass/Fail:** P

**Remarks:** (Rejected at introduction)

**PUBLIC SAFETY & FISCAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT Date: 3/7/96**

Committee Vote: Unfavorable, 3-1 (In favor: Council Members Estepp, Bailey and Del Giudice. Opposed: Maloney).

This legislation will require the County Attorney to administer all contracts for legal services for the County. The contracts will be funded through an approved budget within the Office of Law.

The Legislative Officer has reviewed this legislation and finds it to be in proper legislative form.

The bill was amended and held in Committee on 2/15/96 pending receipt of a list of attorneys engaged by contract to provide legal services on behalf of the County for FY95 and FY96.

Proposed amendments were:

1. On page 1 line 28, delete "Attorney" insert "Executive".
2. On page 2, line 3, insert "Beginning July 1, 1996" before "No".
3. On page 2, line 5, insert "These restrictions shall not apply to contracts for legal services for litigation requiring contract legal services that commences after the date the annual operating budget is adopted."

The County Executive expressed his opposition to this legislation.

There should not be any negative fiscal impact on the County as a result of enacting CB-3-1996.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT**

**(Includes reason for proposal, as well as any unique statutory requirements)**

The proposed legislation will amend the County Code to provide that the County Attorney shall be authorized to contract for legal services for the County. The contracts shall be funded out of the appropriations for the Office of Law unless funds are specifically identified by the terms of a grant received by the County.

**CODE INDEX TOPICS:**

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