

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND
2025 Legislative Session

Bill No. CB-024-2025

Chapter No. _____

Proposed and Presented by Council Members Blegay and Oriadha

Introduced by _____

Co-Sponsors _____

Date of Introduction _____

BILL

1 AN ACT concerning

2 The Federal Worker Emergency Assistance Act of Prince George's County

3 For the purpose of establishing emergency financial assistance, job placement support, and

4 essential services for laid-off federal workers residing in Prince George's County, ensuring

5 stability and access to critical resources during periods of economic hardship.

6 BY adding:

7 SUBTITLE 10. FINANCE AND TAXATION.

8 Sections 10-360, 10-361, 10-362, 10-363, 10-364,

9 10-365, 10-366

10 The Prince George's County Code

11 (2023 Edition; 2024 Supplement).

12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED by the County Council of Prince George's County,
 13 Maryland, that Sections 10-360, 10-361, 10-362, 10-363, 10-364, 10-365, and 10-366, of the
 14 Prince George's County Code be and the same are hereby added:

15 **SUBTITLE 10. FINANCE AND TAXATION.**

16 **DIVISION 35. FEDERAL WORKER EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE.**

17 **SUBDIVISION 1. FEDERAL WORKER EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE.**

18 **Sec. 10-360. Legislative findings and declaration of purpose.**

19 The County Council of Prince George's County, Maryland, hereby finds that Prince
 20 George's County is home to over 30,000 of federal employees whose livelihoods are impacted
 21 by government layoffs, furloughs, or shutdowns; sudden job loss can lead to financial insecurity.

housing instability, and difficulty accessing essential services such as healthcare, utilities, and food; the County Council seeks to establish a comprehensive local safety net to assist laid-off federal workers in maintaining economic stability and transitioning to new employment opportunities.

Sec. 10-361. Definitions.

(a) “Laid-Off Federal Worker” means a Prince George’s County resident who was employed by the federal government and has been involuntarily terminated, furloughed, or had their employment contract suspended without pay due to the acts of the President Trump’s Administration, including but not limited to The Department of Government Efficiency (“DOGE”).

(b) “Participating Employer” refers to a local business or entity that commits to hiring or training laid-off federal workers under this Act.

SUBDIVISION 2. EMPLOYMENT AND JOB TRAINING ASSISTANCE.

Sec. 10-362. Federal Worker Job Recovery Initiative.

(a) Employ Prince George's (unless another agency or entity is designated for such purpose by the County Executive), shall establish a “Federal Worker Job Recovery Initiative”, which offers:

(1) Priority hiring for County government positions for eligible applicants. However such priority shall not impact the hiring preference of current County employees.

(2) A local business hiring incentives such as providing tax credits to Prince George’s County businesses that hire laid-off federal workers.

(3) Free workforce training and career transition support at Prince George’s Community College.

SUBDIVISION3. FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS.

Sec. 10-363. Expansion of Food Assistance Programs.

The County shall establish a “Federal Worker Food Assistance Program”, expanding access to food banks and creating a voucher program in partnership with local grocery stores.

SUBDIVISION 4. IMPLEMENTATION AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE PROGRAMS.

Sec. 10-364. Implementation and administration.

(a) The County Executive shall designate an appropriate agency to oversee the

1 implementation of these programs and ensure effective distribution of resources.

2 (b) The County shall establish a dedicated online portal and in-person application centers
3 to assist laid-off workers in applying for aid.

4 **Sec. 10-365. Financing the programs.**

5 The program shall be funded through a combination of County appropriations, state and
6 federal grants, and private sector partnerships.

7 **SUBDIVISION 5. REPORTING PROVISIONS OF THE PROGRAMS.**

8 **Sec. 10-366. Reporting.**

9 (a) The County Executive shall provide an annual report to the County Council detailing:

- 10 (1) The number of workers assisted.
11 (2) The effectiveness of job placement and relief programs.
12 (3) Recommendations for program improvements or extensions.

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14 SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that the provisions of this Act shall remain in
15 effect for three years from its enactment, subject to reauthorization based on the County's
16 economic conditions and workforce needs.

17 SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that the provisions of this Act are hereby
18 declared to be severable; and, in the event that any section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph,
19 sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional by a court of
20 competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the remaining
21 words, phrases, clauses, sentences, subparagraphs, paragraphs, subsections, or sections of this
22 Act, since the same would have been enacted without the incorporation in this Act of any such
23 invalid or unconstitutional word, phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, subparagraph, subsection,
24 or section.

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

Adopted this ____ day of _____, 2025.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____
Edward P. Burroughs III
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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