

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL
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2020 Legislative Session

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Action: FAV

REPORT: Favorable 11-0: Council Members Turner, Anderson-Walker, Davis, Dernoga, Franklin, Glaros, Harrison, Hawkins, Ivey, Streeter and Taveras

The Prince George's County Council convened as the Committee of the Whole to review CB-004-2020, which will authorize the Director of the Office of Central Services to establish a mentor-protégé program in the County to increase the capacity of local diverse businesses. This program will be tailored after a similar program which was initiated by the Small Business Administration.

During the discussion on CB-004-2020, all expressed great support. This included the County Executive, the Jonathan, Butler, Director, Office of Central Services and the Prince George's Chamber of Commerce.

The Office of Audits and Investigations advised the direct impact of CB-004-2020 may result in minimal additional expenditures to cover administrative cost related to approval of required mentor-protégé agreements and monitoring compliance and authorized service and reimbursement agreements may have cost. However, the Office of Central Services does not anticipate significant additional costs associated with the Bill's provisions.

The imposition of the mentor-protégé requirement (and the 20%-of-value protégé work requirement) may result in slightly higher contract prices in procurements under such a program.

There may be a positive indirect impact of enactment of CB-004-2020 in the County by further increasing the participation of local businesses in the County procurement process.

The Office of Law finds CB-004-2020 to be in proper legislative form with no legal impediments to its enactment.

After discussion, the Committee of the Whole voted CB-004-2020 out favorable, 11-0.

