

Prince George's County Council

Agenda Item Summary

Meeting Date:	9/10/2013
Reference No.:	CB-058-2013
Draft No.:	2
Proposer(s):	Turner, Davis
Sponsor(s):	Turner, Davis
Item Title:	An Ordinance concerning private schools for the purpose of allowing private schools in the C-O Zone under certain circumstances.

Drafter:	Council Staff,
Resource Personnel:	Tomeka Bumbry, Legislative Aide

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

Date Presented:	7/9/2013	Executive Action:	
Committee Referral:	7/9/2013 - PZED	Effective Date:	10/28/2013
Committee Action:	7/17/2013 - FAV(A)		
Date Introduced:	7/24/2013		
Public Hearing:	9/10/2013 - 10:00 AM		
Council Action (1)	9/10/2013 - ENACTED		
Council Votes:	WC:A, DLD:A, MRF:A, AH:A, ML:A, EO:A, OP:A, IT:A, KT:A		
Pass/Fail:	P		
Remarks:			

AFFECTED CODE SECTIONS:

27-463

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PZED Committee Report

Date 7/17/2013

Committee Vote: Favorable as amended, 3-0 (In favor: Council Members Franklin, Harrison and Olson)

Council staff summarized the purpose of the legislation and informed the Committee of written referral comments that were received. CB-58-2013 amends the Zoning Ordinance to allow private schools in the Commercial Office (C-O) Zone if certain conditions apply.

Council Member Turner, the bill's sponsor, informed the Committee that she sponsored this legislation to include provisions which are intended to assist schools and day care centers in expanding and continuing at higher grade levels while ensuring diverse opportunities for their students.

The Planning Board takes no position on CB-58-2013 and provided comments by letter dated July 16, 2013 to Council Chair Harrison. On page 3, line 8, the phrase "previously approved as a day care center" should be clarified. This language could lead to some varying interpretation since there is no indication to which event the word "previously" refers. It is not clear whether the language refers to "prior to the enactment of the bill," or "prior to approval of a private school."

The Bowie City Council submitted a letter dated July 16, 2013 to Committee Chair Franklin recommending a favorable vote on this legislation from the Committee. Arthur Horne, representing the Goddard School, testified in support of the legislation.

The Committee voted favorable including a clarifying amendment as suggested by the Planning Board. On page 3, line 8, strike the word "previously" before "approved" and after the phrase "approved as a day care center", insert "prior to October 1, 2013".

BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT:

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

This legislation amends the Zoning Ordinance to provide alternative requirements for certain private schools in the C-O Zone.

CODE INDEX TOPICS:

INCLUSION FILES:
