

**PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
**2025 Legislative Session**

Reference No.: CR-126-2025

Draft No.: 2

Committee: Committee of the Whole (COW)

Date: October 21, 2025

Action: FAV(A)

**REPORT:**

Committee Vote: 10-0 Favorable (In favor Council Members Burroughs, Oriadha, Adams-Stafford, Blegay, Dernoga, Fisher, Harrison, Hawkins, Olson, and Watson)

The Prince George's County Council convened in COW on October 21, 2025, to consider CR-126-2025, Draft 2.

CR-126-2025 establishes a Foster Care Task Force to review current county practices and processes relating to foster care and youth in the system (including for youth and parents/guardians impacted by the justice system), develop recommendations on policy operations, and budget/finance actions across the relevant county agencies to strengthen the social safety net for foster youth.

The Task Force must hold its first meeting within 90 days of its creation and then produce a scope memo (work plan, schedule, goals, bylaws) for the County Council. Within six months of its first meeting, the Task Force shall provide the County Council with an interim report of its preliminary findings and recommendations.

Ramon Gonzalex, Legislative Attorney, reviewed the proposed amendments in Draft 2 of CR-126-2025. He highlighted that language referencing "Children of Justice-Involved Parents" was incorporated throughout the document for clarification purposes. Draft 2 also modifies the composition of the Task Force. Draft 2 establishes six appointments for the County Executive, five of which are to be selected from specified agencies/religious groups, with the remaining appointment left to the County Executive's discretion. In addition, the Director of the Prince George's County Department of Social Services, or their designee, shall serve as a permanent member of the Foster Case Task Force.

The total membership was modified from thirteen to nineteen members. The Council Chair will select the Task Force Co-Chair from among the members, and the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer for Health and Human Services shall serve as the other Task Force Co-Chair.

David Noto, Legislative Budget and Policy Analyst, referencing his Policy Analysis and Fiscal Impact Statement, indicates that the adoption of CR-126-2025 is unlikely to have any fiscal impact.

The Office of Law finds CR-126-2025 to be in proper legislative form and sees no legal impediment to its adoption.

The COW voted favorably 10-0 on CR-126-2025 Draft 2.