



# Prince George's County Council

## Agenda Item Summary

**Meeting Date:** 9/15/2020

**Effective Date:**

**Reference No.:** CB-061-2020

**Chapter Number:**

**Draft No.:** 1

**Public Hearing Date:**

**Proposer(s):** County Executive

**Sponsor(s):**

**Item Title:** AN ACT CONCERNING THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION for the purpose of amending the name of the Human Relations Commission to provide clarity to citizens and other governmental agencies as to the mission and function of the agency, modifying language to increase inclusion and diversity, adding gender identity as a protected class, clarifying roles and authority of the Human Relations Commission and the appointed Commissioners, and re-establishing the Human Relations Commission as separate and apart from the Office of Community Relations.

**Drafter:** Renée Battle-Brooks, Executive Director, Human Relations Commission

**Resource Personnel:** V'Hesspa Glenn, Human Relations Commission  
Kyla Hanington, Human Relations Commission  
Jose Villegas, Human Relations Commission

### LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

Date:	Acting Body:	Action:	Sent To:
09/15/2020	County Council	presented and referred	COW

**Action Text:**

This Council Bill was presented by the Council Chair by request of the County Executive and referred to the Sitting as the Committee of the Whole.

### AFFECTED CODE SECTIONS:

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### BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT:

The Human Relations Commission's proposed amendments are intended to: change the name of the agency to the Office of Human Rights in order to provide clarity to citizens and other governmental agencies as to its mission and function; modify language to increase inclusion and diversity; add gender identity as a protected class; clarify roles and authority of the Human Relations Commission and the appointed Commissioners; and re-establish the Human Relations Commission as an agency separate and apart from the Office of Community Relations.

**THIS COUNCIL BILL WAS NOT ENACTED**

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**Document(s):** B2020061, CB-061-2020 AIS