

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL
COMMITTEE REPORT
2023 Legislative Session

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Committee:	Health, Human Services, and Public Safety
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Action:	FAV

REPORT: Favorable 5-0: Council Members, Oriadha, Blegay, Burroughs, Dernoga, and Franklin

The Health, Human Services, and Public Safety Committee (HHSPS) convened on September 21, 2023, to consider CR-077-2023, a Resolution Concerning Establishing a Workgroup to Study LGBTQIA+ Issues.

The workgroup would study current services, perform research, and analyze underserved areas of need for residents within the LGBTQIA+ communities of the County, and develop recommendations for programs or legislation to expand services for the LGBTQIA+ communities. Services such as access to medical care treatment, social services, mental health services, violence, economic opportunities, public accommodations, judicial services, and affordable housing will be addressed.

The membership, which will be selected by the County Council or County Executive, will be comprised of nine (9) members who will elect the Chair of the Workgroup by majority vote at the first meeting. The membership will be comprised of the following:

- One (1) LGBTQIA+ Liaison from the Office of the County Executive
- The Director of the Office of Community Relations, or their designee
- The Director of Prince George's County Family Services, or their designee
- The Director of the Department of Social Services; or their designee
- The Director of the Department of Health, or their designee
- One (1) Representative from the Prince George's County Council

Two (2) Representatives from a community-based non-profit providing services to LGBTQIA+ communities.

Sakinda Skinner, County Council Liaison, stated that the County Executive is in support of the legislation.

The Office of Law finds CR-077-2023 to be in proper legislative form with no legal impediments to its enactment.

After discussion, the Health, Human Services and Public Safety Committee, voted favorably 5-0.