

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORT

2014 Legislative Session

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REPORT

Committee Vote: Favorable 3-0 (In Favor: Council Members Toles, Harrison, and Lehman)

This bill would allow businesses that are certified as a Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) who currently have a certification indicating that the business' principal place of operation or domicile is within the County to be automatically deemed a certified County-based business. The bill also allows the Purchasing Agent at the time of a bid or proposal solicitation, to request the business to provide a copy of documentation of its existing MBE certification, a tax return filed with the State establishing that the business has operated within the County in the last 12 months, and a certificate of good standing from the Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation.

Currently, approximately 95% of MBEs are not certified under the new certification process established pursuant to CB-17-2011. Roland Jones, Acting Director, Office of Central Services, said that the bill will allow approximately 3,000 businesses to be deemed a certified County-based business as opposed to the 137 businesses the County has now.

The Office of Law has reviewed this legislation and finds it to be in proper legislative form with no legal impediments to its enactment.