

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORT

2024 Legislative Session

Reference No.: CB-024-2025

Draft No.: 2

Committee: GOFP

Date: June 26, 2025

Action: FAV (A)

REPORT: Committee Vote: Favorable as amended, 4-0 (Council Members Watson, Oriadha, Blegay, and Dernoga)

The Prince George's County Council's Government Operations and Fiscal Policy Committee convened on May 1, and June 26, 2025, to consider CB-024-2025, an act concerning the Federal Worker Emergency Assistance Act of Prince George's County, which would establish essential services for laid-off federal workers residing in Prince George's County and job placement support.

Council staff provided an overview of the legislation, which seeks to ensure stability for those among the federal workers whose livelihoods have been impacted. The legislation would create access to critical resources during periods of economic hardship through the establishment of a Job Recovery Initiative, a food assistance program, and Temporary Real Property Tax and penalty relief.

Enactment of CB-024-2025 may have a positive indirect impact by preventing the geographical displacement of former federal employees and ameliorating some of the county's vacancy issues by attracting some new job seekers into the market. This program may also reduce the number of foreclosures, thereby stabilizing the County's property tax base.

Committee Vice Chair Blegay requested that the bill be held for additional work with stakeholders during the May 1st GOFP meeting and clarified that the bill is specifically for unexpectedly laid-off federal workers, not retirees.

During the June 26, 2025, GOFP meeting, draft two was discussed, which removes the worker assistance fund. The state of Maryland has established a fund to assist federal workers. The new draft would prioritize hiring for county government positions as long as it does not negatively impact current employees.

After further discussion, the Prince George's County Council Government Operations and Fiscal Policy Committee voted favorably on CB-24-2025 draft 2, 4-0.