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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

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RE: Policy Analysis and Fiscal Impact Statement
CR-008-2026 Protecting All County Public Spaces

CR-008-2026 (*Proposed by Council Chair Oriadha and Councilmember Olson*)

Assigned to the Committee of the Whole

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING PROTECTING ALL COUNTY PUBLIC SPACES For the purpose of urging the Maryland National Park and Planning Commission, the Prince George's County Board of Education, the Prince George's County Memorial Library System, and the Prince George's Community College to prohibit the use of public property under their control for civil immigration enforcement.

Fiscal Summary

Direct Impact:

Expenditures: No anticipated expenditures.

Revenues: None.

Indirect Impact:

No indirect impact.

Legislative Summary:

CR-008-2026¹, proposed by Councilmember Olson and Council Chair Oriadha, was introduced on February 17, 2026, and referred to the Committee of the Whole. CR-008-2026 would direct certain County entities to prohibit the use of public property under their control for civil immigration enforcement. The legislation also reaffirms the County Council’s commitment to being a safe and welcoming County for all residents, regardless of race, religion, immigration status, or national origin, and prioritizes the protection of the well-being of communities within the County.

Current Law/Background:

Under Laws of Maryland, Chapter 718 of 2025 (The Maryland Values Act)²: 1) public schools, public libraries, and certain units of the executive branch of State or local government that operate at a “sensitive location” to “deny access” to any portion of the sensitive location not accessible to the public to any individual who is seeking access “for the purpose of enforcing federal immigration law” unless: (1) the individual presents a valid warrant issued by a federal; or 2) exigent circumstances exist.

The Maryland Values Act would also require the Office of the Attorney General to develop and publish guidance to inform the public and State agencies about certain topics related to immigration enforcement activities and sensitive locations³. Montgomery County is currently considering Bill 3-26 (The County Values Act)⁴ which would: 1) require the County Executive to develop and publish certain guidance related to immigration enforcement action at County facilities; 2) require County departments to adopt certain policies consistent with the Executive’s guidance; 3) limit access to certain areas for immigration enforcement, subject to certain conditions; and 4) generally amend the laws regarding County administration and immigration enforcement in the County.

¹ [CR-008-2026 - Prince George's County Council](#)

² [Maryland General Assembly - HB1222 \(Maryland Values Act\)](#)

³ Under the Act, public schools, public libraries, and units of the executive branch of State or local government that operate at a sensitive location must implement policies consistent with the Attorney General’s guidance by October 1, 2025

⁴ [Bill 3-26 - Administration - Immigration Enforcement Guidance - Required \(The County Values Act\)](#)

The proposed legislation will operate similarly to the legislation from the State and Montgomery County. The signage requirement has been addressed in additional proposed legislation, CB-006-2026⁵. A recent Executive Order⁶ from the County Executive has also addressed concerns around the approval of use and occupancy permits for detention facilities.

Resource Personnel:

- Josh Hamlin, Legislative Attorney
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Discussion/Policy Analysis:

CR-008-2026 aims to address any future civil immigration enforcement on public property under the control of the Maryland National Park and Planning Commission (MNPPC), the Prince George's County Board of Education (Board of Education), the Prince George's County Memorial Library System (Library System), and Prince George's Community College (PGCC). The provisions of the legislation would:

- Urge the MNPPC, Board of Education, Library System, and PGCC to take all necessary actions to restrict or prohibit the use of its property for civil immigration enforcement

For years, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has required Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) to refrain from immigration enforcement in certain areas⁷. On January 20, 2025, the Trump Administration⁸ rescinded a previous Biden Administration policy regarding the protection of sensitive locations⁹ which reduced protections against immigration enforcement efforts in locations such as schools.

Fiscal Impact

Direct Impact

The adoption of CR-008-2026 should not have a fiscal impact, as this proposal should only require monitoring and enforcement by the police to keep these public spaces free from immigration enforcement activity.

⁵ [CB-006-2026](#)

⁶ [Executive Order - No. 09-2026](#)

⁷ [Enforcement Actions at or Focused on Sensitive Locations](#)

⁸ [National Immigration Law Center - Rescission of Protected Areas](#)

⁹ Typically included areas such as schools, hospitals, and places of worship.

Indirect Impact

The adoption of CR-008-2026 will not have an indirect impact.

Appropriated in the Current Fiscal Year Budget

No.

Effective Date of the Proposed Legislation

This proposed resolution shall take effect on the date of adoption.

If you require additional information or have questions about this fiscal impact statement, please email or call me.