PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORT

2014 Legislative Session

Reference No.: CB-013-2014

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Committee: PLANNING, ZONING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Date: 05/07/2014

Action: FAV

REPORT:

Committee Vote: Favorable, 5-0 (In favor: Council Members Turner, Campos, Franklin, Harrison and Olson)

Council staff summarized the purpose of CB-13-2014 and informed the committee of referral comments that were received. This legislation amends the Zoning Ordinance definition of "Recreational Program, Before and After School" to change the age requirements for children from 5 years to 3 years of age for participation in before and after school recreational programs not operated by a public agency. The bill does not apply to before and after school recreational programs operated by public agencies because they are exempt from the Zoning Ordinance.

Council Chair Franklin, the bill's sponsor, credited the Planning Board staff for bringing the issue to his attention and indicated that the change in age requirement proposed in CB-13-2014 will now allow pre-kindergarten programs and services as currently allowed for older children.

The Planning Board supports the legislation. The Office of Law reviewed CB-13-2014 and determined that it is in proper legislative form with no legal impediments to its enactment.