

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORT

2015 Legislative Session

Reference No.: CB- 98-2015

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Committee: PLANNING, ZONING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Date: October 7, 2015

Action: FAV (A)

REPORT:

Committee Vote: Favorable as amended, 5-0 (In favor: Council Members Harrison, Davis, Glaros, Taveras and Toles)

Council staff summarized the purpose of the legislation. Council Member Glaros, the bill's sponsor, commented that CB-98-2015 is intended to facilitate the reuse of vacant buildings as medical uses with an educational mission on the 62-acre Washington Bible College campus. Rana Hightower, representing the Planning Board, suggested an amendment on page 2, line 7 to insert the word "separate" before "Special Exception" to clarify that the Special Exception for the private school is not associated with the Health Campus which also requires a Special Exception. The Chief Zoning Hearing Examiner suggested deletion of the phrase "or for an 'educational institution, private'" on page 2, lines 7 and 9. This term was initially included in the legislation because the original Special Exception for the bible college use was approved as an "educational institution, private"; however, the use is now classified as "private school" in the Zoning Ordinance.

Thomas Haller and Brian McLaughlan testified in support of the legislation.

The committee voted favorable including the amendments suggested by the Planning Board and the Chief Zoning Hearing Examiner.