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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

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RE: Policy Analysis and Fiscal Impact Statement
CR-125-2025 Domestic Violence Workgroup

CR-125-2025 (*Proposed by:* Council Members Fisher, Harrison, Watson, Oriadha, Burroughs, Olson, Hawkins, and Adams-Stafford)

Assigned to the Health, Human Services and Public Safety Committee

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING A DOMESTIC VIOLENCE WORKGROUP for the purpose of establishing a Domestic Violence Workgroup and providing the purpose and objectives of the Workgroup, defining the composition of the Workgroup, and requiring the issuance of a report regarding domestic violence prevention and response in Prince George's County.

Fiscal Summary

Direct Impact

Expenditures: None.

Revenues: None.

Indirect Impact

Likely Favorable.

Legislative Summary:

CR-125-2025¹, introduced by Councilmembers Fisher, Harrison, Watson, Oriadha, Burroughs, Olson, Hawkins and Adams-Stafford, would create a Work Group that will assist in creating a strategic plan to better handle domestic violence within the County. This resolution also defines the composition of the Work Group and mandates the issuance of a report, within one year, regarding domestic violence prevention and improving victim support in Prince George's County.

The Workgroup shall be comprised of the following members:

1. The Prince George's County Police Chief, or their designee
2. The Prince George's County Sheriff, or their designee
3. A representative from the County Department of Health
4. A representative from the County Department of Housing and Community Development
5. A representative from the County Department of Social Services
6. A representative from the Family Justice Center
7. The Prince George's County State's Attorney, or their designee
8. The Prince George's County Fire Chief, or their designee
9. The Prince George's County Public Schools Superintendent, or their designee
10. A representative from the University of Maryland Capital Region Medical Center's Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Center
11. A representative from Community Legal Services of Prince George's County
12. A representative from Maryland Building Industry Association
13. A representative from the Prince George's County Circuit Court, Civil Domestic Division
14. A representative from the Prince George's County Association of Realtors
15. A representative from the University of Maryland Medical Center's Bridge Program
16. A representative from Maryland's Department of Housing and Community Development
17. A representative from the Prince George's County Redevelopment Authority
18. A representative from the Department of Permitting, Inspections and Enforcement
19. A representative from the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission
20. A representative from Southern Management Companies
21. Representatives from the following four (4) nonprofits:
 - a. Together We Can
 - b. MERCY House
 - c. The Armor Group
 - d. House of Ruth

¹ [Prince George's County Council - Reference No. CR-125-2025](#)

The Council Chair will also appoint one (1) County Council member to serve on the Workgroup.

Members are not compensated for their work outside of the entitled reimbursements for expenses under the Standard State Travel Regulations, as provided by the County Budget.

Background:

Prince George's County continues to experience significant numbers of domestic violence cases, demonstrating an ongoing public safety concern. As was stated in the legislation, according to the Maryland Network Against Domestic Violence, of the 91 homicides reported in Prince George's County in 2023, 20% of those were domestic violence incidents.² Furthermore, in January of 2025, it was reported that there were 433 domestic violence protective orders filed in Prince George's County for adults.³ Some of the reasons for the protective orders included assault, a fear of harm, sexual assault or stalking. Prince George's County also has more protective and peace orders in any given month than any other county in the state and has almost double the number of protective orders filed in Baltimore City, the county with the second highest number of protective orders.⁴ This came out to around 21% of all the domestic violence protective orders in the state issued in January.⁵ Additionally, the County has seen a 13% increase in domestic violence cases in 2024. According to reporting, Police investigated 17 domestic homicides in 2024, up from 12 in 2023.⁶ According to the CDC, about 41% of women and 26% of men experienced some form of violence by an intimate partner during their lifetime⁷. Previous local initiatives to support victims of domestic violence, like the Prince George's County Family Justice Center, have helped to raise awareness offered resources for survivors to help them escape from abusive relationships and have supported thousands of survivors.⁸ A recent operation coordinated by the Prince George's County Sheriff's office led to the arrest of 83 individuals with outstanding domestic violence warrants.⁹

Resource Personnel:

- Ramon Gonzalez, Legislative Attorney
- Shanika Griffith, Chief of Staff, Council Member Fisher's office

² [Maryland DV Statistics – MNADV](#)

³ [Domestic Violence Monthly Reports | Maryland Courts](#)

⁴ Ibid

⁵ Ibid

⁶ [The Hidden Toll Of Domestic Violence Across Maryland: A Comprehensive View - The BayNet The Hidden Toll of Domestic Violence in Maryland: A Deep Dive into Impact and Solutions](#)

⁷ [About Intimate Partner Violence | Intimate Partner Violence Prevention | CDC](#)

⁸ [Prince George's County family Justice Center – "Changing Lives, Restoring Hope"](#)

⁹ [83 arrested in Prince George's County domestic violence warrant operation](#)

Discussion/Policy Analysis:

CR-125-2025 would establish a workgroup to propose solutions to reduce the incidence of domestic violence and enhancing victim support within the County. These solutions could include programs, public education, and legislation. The Workgroup would examine the causes of domestic violence, current response practices and gaps in service provision. The Workgroup would also propose strategies and recommendations to improve domestic violence prevention and response efforts within the County. As was stated in the legislation, the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence reports that nearly 20 people are abused by an intimate partner in the United States every minute.¹⁰ But these statistics and those cited above only tell part of the story, as domestic violence is one of the most underreported crimes, with many victims afraid to come forward.

Fiscal Impact:

- *Direct Impact*

Adoption of CR-125-2025 is not likely to have any direct fiscal impact beyond the entitled reimbursements for expenses for workgroup members under the Standard State Travel Regulations, as provided by the County Budget.

- *Indirect Impact*

Adoption of CR-125-2025 may have a positive indirect fiscal impact on the County, as reductions in the rate of those suffering from domestic violence would also have a positive impact on the rates of some chronic health conditions, such as substance abuse, amongst County residents, as well as a positive impact on homelessness rates in the County, thereby reducing the strain on already overtaxed social services and strengthening the County's tax base.

Effective Date of Proposed Legislation:

The proposed Resolution shall be effective upon its adoption.

If you require additional information, or have questions about this fiscal impact statement, please reach out to me via phone or email.

¹⁰ [The Nation's Leading Grassroots Voice on Domestic Violence](#)