

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORT

2026 Legislative Session

Reference No.: CB-012-2026

Draft No.: 2

Committee: PSHHS

Date: March 19, 2026

Action: FAV (A)

REPORT: Committee Vote: Favorable with amendments, 3-0 (Council Members Fisher, Blegay, and Oriadha). Absent: Burroughs and Hunter

The Public Safety, Health and Human Services Committee convened on March 19, 2026, to consider CB-012-2026, an act concerning motor vehicle takeovers and unlawful speed contests. The purpose of this bill is to prohibit unlawful speed contests or races consistent with State law.

Council staff provided an overview of the bill, which establishes the offense of organizing or participating in a motor vehicle takeover event; prohibits attending a motor vehicle takeover event; provides definitions; establishes penalties; and generally, relates to public safety and unlawful vehicle exhibitions within Prince George's County.

Ms. Sonia Owens, representing the Office of the County Executive, provided a position in support of the legislation.

Legislative Attorney, Mr. Ramon Gonzalez, reviewed and clarified amendments in Draft 2.

The Office of Law was represented by Ms. Dinora Hernandez, who noted that the legislation is within the county's authority.

Committee Chair Fisher, the sponsor of the legislation, noted that this legislation is the most the County can do regarding penalties, as reflected in the bill, and is in line with state law, which allows 60 days for attendance. We are aligning with state law regarding the driver, but since the state is silent on the participants, we set the term to 60 days to ensure compliance.

Major Hanson and Ms. Stacy Ann Llewelyn, representing Prince George's County Police Department (PGPD), spoke in support. These events are a huge public safety risk. Firearms and other public safety hazards have been discovered at these events.

After further discussion, a motion was made by Committee Chair Fisher and a second was offered by Committee Vice-Chair Blegay to vote favorably as amended, 3-0.