

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

2023 Legislative Session

Resolution No. CR-077-2023

Proposed by Council Member Oriadha

Introduced by Council Members Oriadha, Dernoga, Fisher, Olson, Blegay, Burroughs and
Hawkins

Co-Sponsors _____

Date of Introduction September 6, 2023

RESOLUTION

1 A RESOLUTION concerning

2 Establishing a Workgroup to Study LGBTQIA+ Issues

3 For the purpose of establishing a LGBTQIA+ Workgroup; providing for the purpose of the
4 LGBTQIA+ Workgroup; providing for the composition of the LGBTQIA+ Workgroup; providing
5 for the staff and technical support for the LGBTQIA+ Workgroup; providing for the issuance of a
6 certain report with suggestions; and generally regarding the LGBTQIA+ Workgroup.

7 WHEREAS, the LGBTQIA+ Workgroup shall study current services and come up with
8 recommendations for programs or legislation to expand services for the LGBTQIA+
9 communities across the County, such as access to medical care, access to social services, access
10 to mental health services, economic opportunity, violence, employment discrimination, housing
11 discrimination, access to affordable housing, bathrooms, schools, and other public
12 accommodations, and discrimination in the criminal justice system.

13 WHEREAS, Section 506 of the Charter for Prince George’s County provides that the
14 County Council or the County Executive may appoint, for designated periods, one or more
15 temporary advisory boards of citizens of the County who shall assist in the consideration of
16 County policies and programs.

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George's County,
18 Maryland, that there is hereby established a LGBTQIA+ Workgroup to assist the County in
19 expanding services to communities in need:

- 20 (a) The LGBTQIA+ Workgroup (“Workgroup”) shall research and analyze underserved
21 areas of need for residents within the LGBTQIA+ communities in Prince George’s

County, to include access to medical care, social services and mental health services, housing and/or employment discrimination, violence, economic opportunities, public accommodations and judicial services and treatment; and

(b) The Workgroup shall be comprised of the following members:

- (1) One (1) Representative from the Prince George’s County Council;
- (2) One (1) LGBTQIA+ Liaison from the Office of the County Executive;
- (3) The Director of the Office of Community Relations, or their designee;
- (4) The Director of Prince George’s County Family Services, or their designee;
- (5) The Director of the Department of Social Services; or their designee;
- (6) The Director of the Department of Health, or their designee;
- (7) A Representative from the Office of Human Rights;
- (8) Two (2) Representatives from a community-based non-profit providing services to LGBTQIA+ communities.

(c) The Workgroup shall elect the Chair of the Workgroup by majority vote at the first meeting.

(d) The Workgroup shall meet a minimum of once a month.

(e) No member of the Workgroup shall receive compensation in exchange for their services rendered to the Workgroup; but they are entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State Travel Regulations as provided by the County Budget.

(f) The Legislative Branch shall provide for the staff and technical support for the LGBTQIA+ Workgroup.

(g) The LGBTQIA+ Workgroup shall issue a report to be transmitted to the County Council no later than 1 year after the initial meeting.

Adopted this 3rd day of October, 2023.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____
Thomas E. Dernoga
Chair

ATTEST:

Donna J. Brown
Clerk of the Council