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**Policy Analysis and Fiscal Impact Statement**

TO: Public Safety and Health and Human Services Committee

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CB-021-2026 Community Resources Information

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**CB-021-2026:** (Proposed by: Council Member Olson)

Assigned to the Public Safety, Health, and Human Services Committee

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AN ACT CONCERNING COMMUNITY RESOURCES INFORMATION for the purpose of requiring that ambulances operated by the Prince George's County Fire & 4 Emergency Medical Services Department carry printed community resource information materials; requiring that such materials include resources related to housing, food assistance, legal services, mental health services, and other relevant social services; requiring that such materials be maintained in updated form and in multiple languages consistent with County law; designating a responsible agency for preparation and ongoing distribution of such materials; and generally relating to Fire/EMS Department.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**Direct Impact:**

*Expenditures:* Additional agency expenditures will be required.

*Revenues:* No revenues are anticipated.

**Indirect Impact:**

Neutral. Potentially favorable.

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**Legislative Summary:**

CB-021-2026<sup>1</sup> was presented on March 17, 2026, and referred to the Public Safety, Health, and Human Services (PSHHS) Committee. This bill repeals and reenacts with amendments §11-164 of Subtitle 11. Fire Safety by mandating that Prince George’s County Fire & Emergency Medical Services (EMS) maintain a supply of printed materials for public distribution during service calls. The distribution of these materials shall be voluntary and provide a comprehensive list of services to include:

- ❖ Housing assistance, homelessness prevention
- ❖ Food assistance
- ❖ Legal aid services
- ❖ Mental health and crisis services
- ❖ Domestic violence and family support
- ❖ Alcohol and substance abuse assistance

Any other services included within these materials shall be determined by the Director of the Department of Social Services. These materials will be printed in multiple languages and provided to the Fire Chief or the Fire Chief’s designee to ensure they are properly stored in ambulances operated by the Fire/EMS Department. The Department of Social Services will be charged with providing the materials and conducting an annual assessment to make recommendations and updates when deemed necessary.

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**Current Law/Background:**

There is no current legal mandate for ambulances to carry printed materials for public information. The State of Maryland establishes operational requirements for ambulances and ambulatory services.<sup>2</sup>

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**Resource Personnel:**

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<sup>1</sup> Prince George’s County - [CB-021-2026](#)

<sup>2</sup> Maryland Regulations – [Operational Requirements](#)

### **Discussion/Policy Analysis:**

The purpose of this legislation is to enhance Fire/EMS service delivery when handling service calls. This bill would give first responders the ability to provide care that meets and exceeds standard medical treatment. First responders would be equipped to quickly and effectively disseminate information on important social services that community stakeholders may need. Citizens receiving first responder services will maintain confidentiality about themselves or a loved one if they require additional services beyond the current emergency.

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### **Fiscal Impact:**

- *Direct Impact*

Enactment of CB-021-2026 will likely have a direct adverse impact on the County. This bill will require materials to be printed in multiple languages and in sufficient numbers to adequately stock each of the County's 142 total ambulances. This expense may be offset if the agency gains permission to fund this initiative by repurposing their salary lapse or other alternative funding sources.

- *Indirect Impact*

Enactment of CB-021-2026 is likely to have a neutral indirect impact but may enhance stakeholder experiences during Fire/EMS service calls and improve overall County service delivery.

- Appropriated in the Current Fiscal Year

Yes.

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### **Policy Implementation Resource/Project Timeline:**

At the time of this report, we do not have a timeline for implementation from the Department. However, implementation should not require more than 60 days after this bill becomes law.

Possible implementation forecast:

- ❖ Department of Social Services (DSS) develops document materials, dimensions, and number of required units.
- ❖ DSS determines list of service providers in accordance with legislative mandates.
- ❖ DSS creates draft electronic copy of document for assessment and final approval.
- ❖ DSS begins printing document in sufficient number to stock all County ambulatory units.
- ❖ DSS hands materials over to Fire Chief or Fire Chief's designee
- ❖ Fire Chief or designee begins distribution to ambulance crews for stocking and storage.

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**Effective Date of Proposed Legislation:**

The proposed Bill shall be effective forty-five (45) calendar days after it becomes law.

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