

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL
COMMITTEE REPORT
2026 Legislative Session

Reference No.: CR-025-2026

Draft No.: 2

Committee: Government Operations and Fiscal Policy

Date: April 23, 2026

Action: FAV (A)

REPORT:

Committee Vote: Favorable as amended 4-0 (In favor Council Members Adams, Blegay, Oriadha, and Ivey)

The Government Operations and Fiscal Policy Committee met on April 23, 2026, to consider CR-025-2026.

Staff provided an overview of the resolution, expressing that the District Council's Rules of Procedure currently require a Council Member to submit a written notice to the Council Chair and Clerk at least 24 hours in advance of an excused absence. This resolution would create a limited exception to that requirement in cases of unforeseen and urgent circumstances, and it outlines examples where the exception may apply.

David Williams, Legislative Budget and Policy Analyst, provided an overview of the Policy Analysis and Fiscal Impact Statement, indicating that there will be no adverse fiscal impact on the adoption of CR-025-2026.

The Committee Vice Chair recognized the sponsor, Council Member Olson. Council Member Olson stated that the resolution is straightforward and was introduced in response to a recent situation involving a school closure, which required a member to remain home with their child. He noted the intent to support a family-friendly environment while ensuring quorum is maintained during circumstances beyond members' control. He further explained that the legislation, co-sponsored with Council Member Adams-Stafford, addresses both District and County Council rules and procedures through corresponding legislation.

The Legislative Attorney clarified that proposed Draft 2 includes a provision specifying that the exception shall not preclude a Council Member from exercising the option to participate remotely.

The Office of Law has reviewed the resolution introduced on April 14, 2026, and finds it to be in proper legislative form. The Office of Law sees no legal impediment to its adoption.

A motion was made by Council Member Adams to move CR-025-2026 favorably as amended, and seconded by Council Member Oriadha.

The Government Operations and Fiscal Policy Committee voted favorably as amended 4-0 on CR-025-2026 Draft 2.