

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND
2025 Legislative Session

Resolution No. CR-111-2025

Proposed by Council Member Hawkins

Introduced by Council Members Hawkins, Watson, Olson, Blegay, Burroughs, Oriadha,
Dernoga, Ivey, Adams-Stafford and Fisher

Co-Sponsors _____

Date of Introduction October 7, 2025

RESOLUTION

1 A RESOLUTION concerning

2 Prince George's Correctional Facilities Safety Task Force

3 For the purpose of establishing a task force to gather information, evaluate, and make
4 recommendations for improving safety, especially for inmates and employees, within the adult
5 detention center of the Prince George's County Department of Corrections, also known as the
6 Prince George's County Jail.

7 WHEREAS the purpose of the Prince George's County Jail is to improve public safety
8 through fostering accountability and rehabilitation for its inmate population; and

9 WHEREAS the employees, inmates, and visitors of the Prince George's County Jail should
10 be subjected to a safe environment within the jail; and

11 WHEREAS there is an ongoing concern about the levels of inmate-to-inmate violence,
12 violence on Department of Corrections staff, and safety in general at the Prince George's County
13 Jail; and

14 WHEREAS the areas of inmate interaction should be monitored to the maximum extent
15 practicable to ensure safety within the Prince George's County Jail; and

16 WHEREAS other correctional facilities in the state reportedly have more effective and
17 thorough coverage practices for monitoring inmate interaction and behavior at their facilities that
18 could be emulated and incorporated to improve safety at the Prince George's County Jail; and

19 WHEREAS Prince George's County has a vital interest in fostering an environment within
20 the Prince George's County Jail that reduces recidivism, protects the safety of employees and
21 inmates, and overall improves safety.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George's
 2 County, Maryland, that the Council hereby establishes the Prince George's Correctional
 3 Facilities Safety Task Force, for the purpose of and in exercise of the following:

4 (a) Reviewing and analyzing data and other information regarding incidents at the Prince
 5 George's County Jail, particularly those that relate to violence or harm to employees, inmates,
 6 and visitors at the jail;

7 (b) Conducting surveys and interviews with current and former employees, inmates, and
 8 visitors to Prince George's County Jail concerning jail safety, including anonymous or
 9 confidential surveys and interviews to preserve the safety of respondents;

10 (c) Observing and evaluating the safety features and monitoring coverage of the facilities at
 11 the Prince George's County Jail, including relying on the expertise of those who specialize in jail
 12 and correctional facility safety; and

13 (d) Observing, comparing, and considering the safety practices and features of other peer
 14 correctional facilities to determine whether there are elements that can be incorporated into the
 15 safety practices at the Prince George's County Jail to improve the safety of employees, inmates,
 16 and visitors at the jail, especially any best practices; and

17 (e) Obtaining public input about safety at the Prince George's County Jail; and

18 (f) Making comprehensive recommendations for improving safety at the Prince George's
 19 County Jail.

20 (g) The membership of the Prince George's Correctional Facilities Safety Task Force shall
 21 be as follows:

22 (1) One person to serve as Chair of the task force, appointed by the Chair of the County
 23 Council, and a non-employee of the County;

24 (2) One person to serve as Vice-Chair of the task force, appointed by the County
 25 Executive, and a non-employee of the County;

26 (3) Two members who are returning citizens appointed by the Chair of the County
 27 Council;

28 (4) One member from the Prince George's County Returning Citizens Affairs
 29 Division, appointed by the County Executive;

30 (5) Two members of organizations that work with pre- and post-release of formerly
 31 incarcerated populations in Prince George's County, one appointed by the Chair of the County

Council and one appointed by the County Executive;

(6) Four members who are recommended by the Prince George’s County Correctional Officers’ Association and appointed by the Chair of the County Council; and

(7) One member of the County Council appointed by the Chair of the County Council to serve as an ex-officio or non-voting member.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Prince George’s Correctional Facilities Safety Task Force shall have the full cooperation of every county agency to the extent allowable by law, as enforced by the County Auditor;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Prince George’s Correctional Facilities Safety Task Force shall be appointed no later than 90 days after the adoption of this resolution, meet in accordance with a schedule determined by the Chair of the Prince George’s Correctional Facilities Safety Task Force, and publicly issue its final written report no later than one year after the adoption of this resolution, subject to a 180 day extension of the final report deadline as determined by a majority vote of the Prince George’s Correctional Facilities Safety Task Force at a public meeting.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Prince George’s Correctional Facilities Safety Task Force shall cease to exist 60 days after issuance of its final written report and this resolution shall be of no further force or effect on such date.

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 2025.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____
Edward Burroughs
Chair

ATTEST:

Donna J. Brown
Clerk of the Council