

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORT

2023 Legislative Session

Reference No.: CR-091-2023

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Committee: Government Operations and Fiscal Policy (GAFP)

Date: October 26, 2023

Action: FAV

REPORT: Committee Vote: Favorable 5-0 (In favor Council Members Burroughs, Oriadha, Fisher, Harrison, and Ivey)

The Government Operations and Fiscal Policy Committee convened on October 26, 2023, to discuss CR-91-2023. The resolution will create a task force to look into County policies and healthcare benefit options for County employees, emphasizing maternal health.

The County Policies and Healthcare Options Task Force shall be composed of five (5) members: One representative appointed by the County Council, the Director of the Health Department or the designee, the Director of the Office of Human Resources Management or designee, and one representative each from two separate organizations selected by the County Council that work on maternal health.

The bill sponsor expressed her support for the legislation, citing her experience in maternal health and emphasizing the importance of assessing the existing healthcare benefit options provided by the county.

The Administration's representative spoke in support, indicating that the Administration will continue to abide by County Code Section 16-212 Health and Life Insurance Plans.

The Policy Analysis and Fiscal Impact Statement indicates that adopting CR-91-2023 may have a small direct adverse fiscal impact on the County due to the increased cost associated with the Task Force auditing County policies and healthcare options.

Adoption of CR-91-2023 may have a favorable indirect fiscal impact on the County to the extent that finding ways to address maternal health issues positively impacts the health of County residents, though the exact impact is unknown.

The Office of Law finds CR-91-2023 to be in proper legislative form.

The Government Operations and Fiscal Policy Committee voted favorably 5-0 on CR-91-2023.