

**PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

Meeting Date: 5/6/97

Reference No.: CR-17-1997

Proposer: Del Giudice

Draft No.: 3

Sponsors: Del Giudice

Item Title: To establish a Telecommuting and Home Business Task Force to recommend appropriate amendments to the County Code which will allow for greater permitted uses for home business enterprises to take advantage of new computer and communications technologies

Drafter: Frank Porter, Director
PSFM Committee

Resource Personnel: Therese Yewell
Legislative Aide

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

Date Presented: ___/___/___

Executive Action: ___/___/___

Committee Referral:(1) 3/18/97 HEHS

Effective Date: ___/___/___

Committee Action:(1) 4/23/97 FAV(A)

Date Introduced: 3/18/97

Pub. Hearing Date: (1) ___/___/___ __:___ __

Council Action: (1) 5/6/97 ADOPTED

Council Votes: DB:A, SD:A, JE:-, IG:A, AMc:A, WM:A, RVR:A, AS:A, MW:A

Pass/Fail: P

Remarks: _____

5/6/97 - Amended on the Floor

HEALTH, EDUCATION & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

Date: 4/23/97

Committee Voted: Favorable with amendments, 5-0 (In favor: Council Members Gourdine, MacKinnon, Bailey, Russell and Scott).

This resolution establishes a Task Force to accumulate data and recommend changes to the County Code in support of telecommuting and home-based businesses which maximize the use of computers and communications technologies.

The Office of Business and Regulatory Affairs is in favor.

The Department of Environmental Resources is supportive and suggested amending this legislation to include a member of the computer industry or an expert in computers and communications technologies to serve on the Task Force.

The Prince George's Chamber of Commerce is in support.

Additionally, a technical amendment is required on page 2, line 19, to correct the spelling of the word "Business".

The Committee was in full support of this resolution with these two amendments.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT

(Includes reason for proposal, as well as any unique statutory requirements)

This resolution is prompted by the changing economic landscape and the transformation of the traditional workplace. Advancements in computers and communications technologies have reduced the need for many employees to physically commute to an office and have significantly increased the number of persons telecommuting and earning a living via home-based businesses.

Audits and Investigations states there should not be any negative fiscal impact on the County as a result of adopting CR-17-1997.

CODE INDEX TOPICS: