

**PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
**2024 Legislative Session**

Reference No.: CB-30-2024  
Draft No.: 2  
Committee: Health, Human Services, and Public Safety  
Date: October 17, 2024.  
Action: FAV (A)

**REPORT:**

Committee Vote: Favorable with amendments 4-0-1 (In favor Council Members Blegay, Hawkins, and Watson)

Abstain: Council Member Fisher

The Health, Human Services, and Public Safety Committee met on October 17, 2024, to consider CB-30-2024. Eric Irving, Fiscal Legislative Specialist, highlighted the revisions of CB-30-2024 Draft 2. Mr. Irving clarified that Draft 2 removes the changes to Section 140 found in Draft 1. The additive manufacturing and untraceable firearms definitions from Draft 1 are now moved into Section 141. The prohibition on transferring 3D printing technology to minors remains in the bill, while other changes from Draft 1 have been removed.

After providing a summary of the revisions, Mr. Irving reviewed the details line by line. The revised draft strikes several sections to align with the bill's narrower scope, focusing solely on prohibiting 3D printing for minors. Definitions related to firearms, previously included, are removed from the title and text, specifically on page 1 (lines 18-22) and page 2 (lines 1-19). The bill reverts to the original code in several areas, including striking the phrase about discharging, possessing, or transporting loaded weapons (page 2, lines 21-22) and reinstating the owner or tenant's rights to discharge weapons on their land (page 2, line 29, and page 3, line 5). The definitions for additive manufacturing and untraceable firearms from draft 1 are moved to the minor's section (page 3, lines 16-22), while other sections return to the current code.

Sakinda Skinner, Council Liaison, Office of the County Executive, expressed that based on Mr. Irving's explanation and Ms. Hernandez's input from the Office of Law, the revised Proposed Draft 2 of CB-30-2024 appears to align the county's Public Safety code on firearms with state law. The Administration supports the bill for this purpose.

Bill sponsor Council Member Oriadha highlighted the significance of addressing the ghost gun issue, noting it initially started as a stronger bill, similar to those in other jurisdictions, some of which faced legal challenges. Portions of the code upheld by the Supreme Court provided a foundation for the revised bill, which focuses on minors. The intent is to clarify that, beyond prohibiting giving a minor a ghost gun, it is also illegal to provide technology that could enable the creation or enhancement of firearms, such as printing parts for automatic weapons or silencers. This focus aligns with state authority regarding minors and guns.

A Council Member wanted more time to review Draft 2 of the bill, citing concerns about whether the county has the legal authority to enact additional firearms regulations.

Other Council Members discussed the legal aspect, emphasizing that the focus on minors aligns with state law, specifically regarding ghost guns and 3D printing technology. There was a concern about delaying the bill further due to the approaching last day of introduction.

Vice Chair Hawkins motioned to move the bill forward with a favorable recommendation, seconded by Council Member Olson.

Chair Fisher abstained, stating that she needed more time to review Draft 2 and was uncomfortable voting without thoroughly understanding the changes.

The Health, Human Services, and Public Safety Committee voted favorable 4-0-1 on CB-30-2024 Draft 2.

The Health, Human Services, and Public Safety Committee met on June 20, 2024, to consider CB-30-2024.

Staff provided an overview stating that the legislation incorporates state code definitions related to firearms into the county code. This includes adding the definition of untraceable firearms to the list of prohibited loaded weapons, banning the transfer of untraceable firearms to minors, and increasing the maximum penalty for each violation. Additionally, it includes other general provisions related to untraceable firearms.

Sakinda Skinner, Council Liaison, Office of the County Executive, indicated that the Administration had no comments.

The Office of Law indicated they had some strictly technical amendments they would like to propose when appropriate.

HHSPS Committee Chair Wanika Fisher mentioned that she has spoken with the bill sponsor and noted that there is still some work to be done. She indicated that everyone seemed comfortable with continuing to work on the bill.

Chair Fisher requested a motion to hold for continued study. Council Member Watson made the motion, seconded by Vice Chair Hawkins. The motion passed 4-0.

