

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORT

2014 Legislative Session

Reference

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Committee: PUBLIC SAFETY AND FISCAL MANAGEMENT

Date: 10-16-2014

Action: **FAVORABLE**

REPORT: Committee Vote: **Favorable 3-0** (In Favor: Council Members Toles, Harrison, and Turner)

This bill will amend the County Code by transferring certain responsibilities from the County Attorney to the Office of Ethics and Accountability to assist the Board of Ethics and change the Board of Ethics annual period deadline from January 30th to August 30th. Changing the reporting date will allow the Board of Ethics to provide more complete information to both the executive and legislative branches. The bill also requires any person who engages in lobbying to file and certify, under oath or affirmation a lobbying registration with the Board of Ethics.

The Office of Law has reviewed this bill and finds it to be in proper legislative form with no legal impediments to its enactment.

The Office of Law recommends the following amendment:

- (1) On page 1 line 20 delete the brackets () before “County” and after “Attorney” and insert “or” after “Attorney”.