

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

1996 Legislative Session

Bill No. _____ CB-3-1996

Chapter No.

Proposed and Presented by _____ Council Member Maloney

Introduced by _____ Council Member Maloney

Co-Sponsors

Date of Introduction

BILL

AN ACT concerning

Legal Services Contracts

For the purpose of providing that all legal services contracts are administered by the County Attorney and funded through the approved budget of the Office of Law.

BY adding:

SUBTITLE 10. FINANCE AND TAXATION.

Section 10-109.01,

The Prince George's County Code

(1995 Edition).

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED by the County Council of Prince George's County, Maryland, that Section 10-109.01 of the Prince George's County Code be and the same is hereby added:

SUBTITLE 10. FINANCE AND TAXATION.

DIVISION 1. BUDGET AND AUDIT CONTROL.

Sec. 10-109.01. Contracts for legal services.

(a) The County Attorney may appoint necessary assistants as exempt employees and may engage attorneys on a temporary basis for extraordinary work, subject to the limitations in the adopted budget for the Office of Law for such purposes. Each contract for legal services shall be approved by the County Executive. The County Attorney shall be responsible for the performance of the work of the contract attorney.

(b) A specific appropriation of funds shall be contained in the adopted budget for the Office of Law for all contracts for legal services for any County agency that receives or disburses County funds. Beginning July 1, 1996, no other source of funds shall be used to pay for contract legal services except funds specifically identified by the terms of a grant received by the County. These restrictions shall not apply to contracts for legal services for litigation requiring contract legal services that commences after the date the annual operating budget is adopted.

(c) The County Attorney may also engage attorneys by way of contracts for legal services on a contingency fee basis when the County Attorney deems it appropriate. Any fees paid under such contracts shall be paid from funds recovered by or through the efforts of the contract attorney and not from specific appropriations as referenced in (b) herein.

(d) The County Attorney shall prepare and submit a report to the County Executive and to the County Council at the beginning of each quarter of the contracts for legal services in effect during the previous quarter. The report shall identify the name of the firm and attorney(s) engaged, the basis of compensation and rate of compensation, the amount paid during the reporting period, the remaining amount expected to be paid, the reason or justification for using outside legal services.

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that this Act shall take effect forty-five (45) calendar days after it becomes law.

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 1996.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY:

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ATTEST:

Joyce T. Sweeney
Clerk of the Council

APPROVED:

DATE: _____

BY:

Wayne K. Curry
County Executive

KEY:

Underscoring indicates language added to existing law.