

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORT

2022 Legislative Session

Reference No.: CB-095-2022

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Committee: Government Operations and Fiscal Policy Committee

Date: 09/22/2022

Action: FAV

REPORT:

Committee Vote: Favorable, 5-0 (In favor: Council Members Burroughs, Franklin, Ivey, Streeter and Turner)

The Prince George's County Council's Government Operations and Fiscal Policy Committee convened on September 22, 2022 to consider CB 95-2022. CB-95-2022 is a Bill to amend the County's Code of Ethics to add changes mandated by the General Assembly in 2021.

Some of these changes include, but are not limited to: • Adding a definition for quasi-governmental agency • Prohibiting the receipt of gifts from an association or entity engaged only in representing counties or municipal corporations • Prohibiting retaliation against an individual for reporting or participating in an investigation relating to a possible ethics violation • Mandating that the Board of Ethics shall not allow inspection of certain information • Disclosure of information regarding contractual relationships with the University of Maryland Medical System, state or local governments, or a quasi-governmental entity Finally, the members of the Police Accountability Board and Administrative Charging Committees are being added as persons required to submit Financial Disclosure Statements. As is required by State law, these proposed changes were reviewed and approved by the State Ethics Board in June 2022.

The Office of Law reports CB-95-2022 to be in proper legislative form with no impediments to its enactment.

The Policy Group reports CB-95-2022 should not have a fiscal impact on the County.

After discussion the Government Operations and Fiscal Policy Committee reported CB-95-2022 out favorably 5-0.