

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND
2026 Legislative Session

Bill No. CB-031-2026

Chapter No. _____

Proposed and Presented by Council Member Blegay

Introduced by _____

Co-Sponsors _____

Date of Introduction _____

BILL

1 AN ACT concerning

2 Detention Centers

3 For the purpose of prohibiting the issuance of a building permit or certificate of occupancy for
4 any detention center; defining detention center; and generally relating to the issuance of building
5 permits.

6 BY repealing and reenacting with amendments:

7 SUBTITLE 4. BUILDING.

8 Section 4-345,

9 The Prince George's County Code

10 (2023 Edition; 2025 Supplement).

11 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED by the County Council of Prince George's County,
12 Maryland, that Section 4-345 of the Prince George's County Code be and the same is hereby
13 repealed and reenacted with the following amendments:

14 SUBTITLE 4. BUILDING.

15 DIVISION 5. ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS.

16 **Sec. 4-345. - Requirements for Grading, Building Construction, Removal, etc., generally.**

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18 (o) Detention centers prohibited.

19 (1) Definitions. In this Subsection, the following term(s) have the meaning(s)
20 indicated:

21 Detention center means any publicly or privately owned building(s), other than those owned by

1 the County, and all accessory uses and structures in which persons are incarcerated or otherwise
2 involuntarily confined for purposes including pre-trial or pre-sentencing detention, fulfilling the
3 terms of a sentence imposed by a court, or for other judicial or administrative processes or
4 proceedings. Detention center includes an immigration detention facility as defined in Section 1-
5 101 of the Correctional Services Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, and any detention facility
6 operated by a private, nongovernmental entity and operating pursuant to a contract or agreement
7 with a federal, state, or local governmental entity. Detention center does not include temporary
8 holding facilities that are accessory to a police station.

9 (2) No building permit or certificate of occupancy shall be issued for any detention
10 center.

11 SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that the provisions of this Act are hereby
12 declared to be severable; and, in the event that any section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph,
13 sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional by a court of
14 competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the remaining
15 words, phrases, clauses, sentences, subparagraphs, paragraphs, subsections, or sections of this
16 Act, since the same would have been enacted without the incorporation in this Act of any such
17 invalid or unconstitutional word, phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, subparagraph, subsection,
18 or section.

19 SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that this Act shall take effect forty-five (45)
20 calendar days after it becomes law.

Adopted this ____ day of _____, 2026.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____
Krystal Oriadha
Chair

ATTEST:

Donna J. Brown

Clerk of the Council

APPROVED:

DATE: _____ BY: _____

Aisha N. Braveboy
County Executive

KEY:

Underscoring indicates language added to existing law.

[Brackets] indicate language deleted from existing law.

Asterisks *** indicate intervening existing Code provisions that remain unchanged.