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Policy and Fiscal Analysis Statement

TO: Government Operations and Fiscal Policy Committee

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RE: Policy Analysis and Fiscal Impact Statement
CR-026-2026 County Council Rules of Procedure

CR-026-2026 (Proposed and introduced by Councilmembers Olson and Adams-Stafford)

Assigned to the Government Operations and Fiscal Policy (GOFP) Committee

AN ACT CONCERNING COUNTY COUNCIL RULES OF PROCEDURE for the purpose of amending Rules of Procedure for the County Council.

Fiscal Summary

Direct Impact:

Expenditures: No anticipated expenditures.

Revenues: No anticipated revenues

Indirect Impact:

None.

Legislative Summary:

CR-026-2026¹, proposed and sponsored by Councilmembers Olson and Adams-Stafford, was introduced on April 7, 2026, and referred to the Government, Operations, and Fiscal Policy (GOFP) Committee. This resolution would modify the procedural rules for the County Council by creating an exception to the 24-hour notification requirement for an excused absence by a Council Member. The exception is granted for immediate and exigent circumstances that include: having a child in school, having a child who is experiencing a school closure, delay, early dismissal, or emergency. This exception does not preclude a Council Member from exercising the option to be present remotely.

Current Law/Background:

The Prince George's County Charter currently requires a Council Member to provide a 24-hour written notification to the County Council Chairperson and the Clerk of the Council. This proposed resolution establishes an exemption from the 24-hour notification rule due to unforeseen circumstances and provides specific use-case examples. It does not prevent a Council Member from remote attendance.

Discussion/Policy Analysis:

This resolution provides sitting councilmembers with additional flexibility during emergencies and school closures to tend to personal matters while still providing adequate representation for their respective councilmanic district. In January 2026, an unprecedented winter storm hit the state of Maryland, causing a myriad of delays, property damage, restriction of movement, and, in some cases, fatalities. Schools were subject to closures that forced many parents to swiftly adapt to rapidly changing circumstances. This resolution creates additional options for sitting Council Members to maintain attendance and accountability of government during such circumstances.

Fiscal Impact:

- *Direct Impact*

Adoption of CR-026-2026 will have no direct fiscal impact.

- *Indirect Impact*

Adoption of CR-026-2026 will have no indirect fiscal impact

- *Appropriated in the Current Fiscal Year*
N/A
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¹ [Prince George's County Council - Reference No. CR-026-2026](#)

Effective Date:

The proposed resolution shall be effective the day it is signed into law.

If you require additional information or have questions about this fiscal impact statement, please call me.