

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORT

2026 Legislative Session

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Date: April 2, 2026

Action: FAV

REPORT: Committee Vote: Favorable, 3-0 (Council Members Fisher, Oriadha, and Hunter)

The Public Safety, Health, and Human Services Committee convened on April 2, 2026, to consider CB-021-2026, an act concerning Community Resources Information for the purpose of requiring that ambulances operated by Prince George's County Fire & Emergency Medical Services Department carry printed community resource information materials.

Council staff provided an overview of the legislation which will require that materials carried by emergency responders include resources related to housing, food assistance, legal services, mental health services, and other relevant social services; requiring that such materials be maintained in updated form and in multiple languages consistent with County law; that materials be printed in multiple languages and in sufficient quantities to adequately stock each of the County's 142 ambulances; and that responsible agency be designated for preparation and ongoing distribution of such materials; and generally relating to Fire/EMS Department.

The Office of Law was represented by Ms. Dinora Hernandez, who stated that CB-21-2026 was in proper legislative form with no legal impediments to its enactment.

The Office of the County Executive was represented by Ms. Angela Angel, who stated that the Administration supports the legislation's intent and suggested an amendment to the bill. The Administration feels that a more efficient and sustainable approach would be to allow the use of a QR code linking to the required resources, which would be centralized and regularly updated on the County webpage. This would improve accuracy, reduce printing and distribution burdens, and ensure residents have access to the most current information. This approach can also be paired with promoting PGC311 as a central access point for services.

CM Olson, the bill's sponsor, described the origin of the idea for the legislation, which

began with an EMT who found residents with unmet needs while responding to calls. As a result, a belief has emerged that it is important to have printed materials on hand when serving the public. The intent is not to create a mandate or turn the Fire Dept into Social Services Workers, but rather to encourage the availability of information that can help people. The idea of having a digital version of the information is something the sponsor is open to.

After further discussion, it was determined that no amendment was needed to add digital information and that the existing language is sufficient.

Acting Deputy Fire Chief David Wilson noted that the department sees people needing services, and this will provide us with something to leave behind. The Council Liaison inquired about the need for amendments, and Chair Fisher explained that the language as drafted already allows the necessary flexibility, then solicited and received confirmation from legal staff.

After further discussion, a motion was made by Council Member Hunter, and seconded by Council Chair Oriadha, and the Public Safety, Health, and Human Services Committee voted favorably, 3-0.