

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND**2023 Legislative Session**Resolution No. CR-075-2023Proposed by Council Member OriadhaIntroduced by Council Members Oriadha, Dernoga, Watson, Blegay, Burroughs, Olson
and Fisher

Co-Sponsors _____

Date of Introduction September 6, 2023**RESOLUTION**

A RESOLUTION concerning

Establishing a Workgroup to Study Gun Violence: Causes, Effects, and Solutions

For the purpose of establishing a Gun Violence Study Workgroup (“Workgroup”); providing for the purpose of the Workgroup; providing for the composition of the Workgroup; providing for the staff and technical support for the Workgroup; providing for the issuance of a certain report; and generally regarding the Gun Violence Study Workgroup.

WHEREAS, there has been an alarming increase of gun violence in Prince George’s County, resulting in unsafe communities, deaths due to gunshot wounds and violence in predominantly low-income communities; and

WHEREAS, it was reported that in the span of 24 hours, there were 7 different shootings, resulting in 3 deaths in Prince George’s County; and

WHEREAS, the prevention of firearm violence, combined with its impact on the health and safety of Prince George’s County residents is a high priority for the County Council and a deep study of how it is impacting Prince Georgian’s will allow the Council to legislate on this topic with the proper tools to address this issue; and

WHEREAS, the Workgroup will study topics including, but not limited to: causes of increased gun violence in the County, the effects it has on our communities, homicide, violence crime, attempted murder, and gun violence injuries within the County; and

WHEREAS, the Workgroup will provide possible solutions or suggestions of programs and legislation that can assist in decreasing violent gun crimes; and

WHEREAS, Section 506 of the Charter for Prince George’s County provides that the

County Council or the County Executive may appoint, for designated periods, one or more temporary advisory boards of citizens of the County who shall assist in the consideration of County policies and programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George's County, Maryland, that there is hereby established a Gun Violence Study Workgroup to assist the County in studying violent gun crimes within the County:

- (a) The Gun Violence Study Workgroup (“Workgroup”) topics shall include, but not limited to: causes of increased gun violence in the County, the effects it has on our communities, homicide, violence crime, attempted murder, and gun violence injuries within the County with the purpose of providing possible solutions and suggesting programs or legislation to decrease gun violence.
- (b) The Workgroup shall be comprised of the following members:
 - (1) The State’s Attorney for Prince George’s County or their designee;
 - (2) The DCAO for Public Safety, or their designee;
 - (3) The Sheriff for Prince George’s County, or their designee;
 - (4) The Chief of Prince George’s County Police Department, or their designee;
 - (5) The Director of Prince George’s County Family Services, or their designee;
 - (6) The Secretary of Juvenile Services, or their designee;
 - (7) The Director of the Department of Social Services; or their designee;
 - (8) The Public Defender for Prince George’s County, or their designee;
 - (9) The Director of the Department of Health, or their designee;
 - (10) The Director of the Department of Corrections, or their designee;
 - (11) The following four (4) members shall be selected by the County Council:
 - a. One (1) Representative from the Prince George’s County Council;
 - b. One (1) Representative from the Police Chief’s Association for Prince George’s County; and
 - c. Two (2) representatives from a community-based non-profit that works on gun violence prevention and reduction.
- (c) All member selections by the County Council shall be completed within sixty (60) days of the adoption of this Resolution.
- (d) The Workgroup shall elect the Chair of the Workgroup by majority vote at the first meeting.

- (e) The Workgroup shall meet monthly, for up to one (1) year, unless extended.
- (f) No member of the Workgroup shall receive compensation in exchange for their services rendered to the Workgroup; but they are entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State Travel Regulations as provided by the County Budget.
- (g) The Legislative Branch shall provide for the staff and technical support for the Workgroup.
- (h) The Workgroup shall issue an annual report to be transmitted to the County Executive and the County Council within thirty (30) days of the final meeting session.

Adopted this 3rd day of October, 2023.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____
Thomas E. Dernoga
Chair

ATTEST:

Donna J. Brown
Clerk of the Council