

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORT

2026 Legislative Session

Reference No.: CB-014-2026

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Committee: COW

Date: March 24, 2026

Action: FAV (A)

REPORT: Committee Vote: Favorably as amended, 8-0 (Council Members Ivey, Dernoga, Adams, Adams-Stafford, Olson, Oriadha, Burroughs, and Harrison)

The Prince George's County Council sitting as the Committee of the Whole convened on March 24, 2026 to consider CB-014-2026 an act concerning child care expansion and quality improvement for the purpose of expanding the availability and quality of child care in the County; defining certain terms; establishing a County Child Care Navigator; requiring a Strategic Plan for Child Care and annual reporting on program implementation; expanding, facilitating and streamlining the use of County and other public facilities by before and after-school care programs; and generally relating to before and after-school care programs.

Council staff provided an overview of the legislation, which shows a significant decrease in childcare availability and a large increase in childcare costs in the county, and underscores the importance of early childhood education. The legislation defines certain terms and establishes a County Child Care Navigator who would serve as a liaison between the County government and the public on childcare-related issues.

Enactment of CB-014-2026 will have a slightly adverse impact on the County to the extent of the salary for the new Child Care Navigator Position. It is likely this position will fall under either a Community Developer 4G or Administrative Specialist 1G. The salary for these positions can range from \$70,794 to \$168,359.

Ms. Jennifer Iverson, Executive Director of Child Resource Connect, the State-designated child resource center for Prince George's County, spoke in support.

The Office of the County Executive representative stated that the Administration is in support of the legislation.

The Office of Law noted that the legislation is legally sufficient with no impediments to enactment.

CM Harrison inquired about staffing requirements, which would be funded by revenue created by CB-17-2026.

Council Chair Oriadha, the sponsor of this legislation, spoke about the goal of the legislation: ensuring individuals have accessible childcare, expanding opportunities for providers by making it easier to navigate the system, and making it affordable for parents.

Chair Oriadha offered an amendment that strikes all references to the Department of Family Services and replaces them with Social Services.

After further discussion, Prince George's County Council, sitting as the committee of the whole, voted favorably as amended 8-0.