



Prince George's County Council

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Report of the Standing Committee - Final Health, Human Services and Public Safety Committee

Wanika Fisher, Chair
Calvin S. Hawkins, II, Vice Chair
Wala Blegay
Eric C. Olson
Ingrid S. Watson

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Thursday, March 21, 2024

1:30 PM

Committee Room 2027

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ORDER OF PROCEEDING

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting convened by Chair Fisher at 1:32 p. m. with 4 members present. Council Member Blegay arrived at 1:57 p.m.

Present: 5 - Chair Wanika Fisher, Vice Chair Calvin S. Hawkins, Council Member Wala Blegay, Council Member Eric Olson and Council Member Ingrid Watson

Other Council Member Present:

Krystal Oriadha

BRIEFING

[BR 03072024B](#)

Office of State's Attorney
Aisha Braveboy, State's Attorney

Briefing held

LEGISLATION

[CR-005-2024](#)

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING COMMISSION ON REPARATIONS for the purpose of highlighting the County Council's encouragement and strong support for the creation of a commission on providing reparations to African American descendants of those previously enslaved in this State; appealing to the General Assembly to create the Maryland Representations Commission in remembrance of Harriet Tubman; and to have the General Assembly establish the Maryland Representations Commission during the 2024 legislative session.

Sponsor(s): Fisher, Oriadha, Ivey, Blegay, Watson, Olson, Burroughs, Harrison, Hawkins, Dernoga and Franklin

Attachment(s): [R2024005](#)
[CR-005-2024 Summary](#)
[CR-005-2024 Report](#)

Favorably recommended

Aye: 5 - Fisher, Hawkins, Blegay, Olson and Watson

[CR-006-2024](#)

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE HEALTHY FOOD IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES TASK FORCE for the purpose of creating a task force that will recommend to the County Council, sitting as the Board of Health, and eventually the State of Maryland Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services and the Maryland Commission on Correctional Standards, nutritional, food safety, and other standards suitable for the correctional facility meal program that support the health, well-being, and religious and cultural identities of detained individuals and incarcerated individuals, align with the GFPP (Center for Good Food Purchasing's Good Food Purchasing Program) core values, meet or exceed the Dietary Guidelines for Americans, and consider the daily caloric and serving size needs of the populations served.

Sponsor(s): Oriadha, Blegay, Watson, Olson, Ivey, Burroughs, Hawkins, Dernoga and Franklin

Attachment(s): [R2024006](#)
[CR-006-2024 Summary](#)
[CR-006-2024 PAFI Healthy Food Correctional Facilities Task Force - Final](#)

Held in Committee

Aye: 4 - Fisher, Blegay, Olson and Watson

Absent: 1 - Hawkins

[CB-006-2024](#)

AN ACT CONCERNING RE-ENTRY PREFERRED HIRING PROGRAM for the purpose of establishing the Re-Entry Preferred Hiring Program; establishing the Re-Entry Preferred Hiring Program Fund; providing for the administration of the Re-Entry Preferred Hiring Program and Re-Entry Preferred Hiring Program Fund; requiring a certain appropriation; requiring County agencies, departments and offices to provide a preference for hiring non-violent ex-offenders; providing an exception to the hiring preference requirement; requiring reporting requirements; and generally relating to re-entry hiring.

Sponsor(s): Oriadha, Blegay, Burroughs and Hawkins

Attachment(s): [B2024006](#)
[CB-006-2024 Summary](#)
[CB-006-2024 PAFI Reentry Preferred Hiring Program - Final](#)
[CB-006-2024 Re-Entry Amendment](#)

Held in Committee

Aye: 4 - Fisher, Blegay, Olson and Watson

Absent: 1 - Hawkins

[CB-009-2024](#)

AN ACT CONCERNING 9-1-1 VOLUNTARY EMERGENCY REGISTRY for the purpose of establishing the 9-1-1 Registry Program to alert certain first responders of certain behaviors, diagnoses, or traits of individuals with special needs may present during certain encounters with first responders.

Sponsor(s): Oriadha and Olson

Attachment(s): [B2024009](#)
[CB-009-2024 Summary](#)
[CB-009-2024 Report](#)
[CB-009-2024 PAFI](#)

motion failed

Aye: 2 - Blegay and Olson

Abstain: 3 - Fisher, Hawkins and Watson

Enactment No: 06/04/2024 @ 10:00 AM

Held in Committee

Aye: 5 - Fisher, Hawkins, Blegay, Olson and Watson

Enactment No: 06/04/2024 @ 10:00 AM

[CB-010-2024](#)

AN ACT CONCERNING MENTAL HEALTH AND FIREARM SAFETY LITERATURE for the purpose of requiring the Department of Health and Human Services to prepare and distribute certain literature to establishments that sell firearms or ammunition; adding certain display and distribution requirements for sellers of firearms or ammunition; authorizing enforcement by the Department of Health and Human Services; making a civil violation for noncompliance; and generally relating to public safety.

Sponsor(s): Oriadha

Attachment(s): [B2024010](#)
[CB-010-2024 Summary](#)
[CB-010-2024 Report](#)
[CB-010-2024 PAFI](#)

amended (1)

Aye: 4 - Fisher, Blegay, Olson and Watson

Absent: 1 - Hawkins

Enactment No: 05/28/2024 @ 10:00 AM

amended (2)

Aye: 4 - Fisher, Blegay, Olson and Watson

Absent: 1 - Hawkins

Enactment No: 05/28/2024 @ 10:00 AM

amended (3)

Aye: 4 - Fisher, Blegay, Olson and Watson

Absent: 1 - Hawkins

Enactment No: 05/28/2024 @ 10:00 AM

Favorably recommended with amendments

Aye: 4 - Fisher, Blegay, Olson and Watson

Absent: 1 - Hawkins

Enactment No: 05/28/2024 @ 10:00 AM

ADJOURN

adjourned

Other Present:

Sandra Eubanks, Director

Rhonda Riddick, Committee Aide

Leroy Maddox, Legislative Attorney

Amanda Denison, Chief Legislative Attorney

David Williams, Legislative Budget and Policy Analyst

Malcolm Moody, Legislative Budget and Policy Analyst

David Noto, Legislative Budget and Policy Analyst

Sakinda Skinner, CEX

Dinora Hernandez, OOL

Delegate Aletheia McCaskill

Rev. Kobi Little, President of Maryland NAACP

Linda Thomas, President of NAACP, Prince George's County Branch

Josephine Mourning, President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference

Nicole Bruno, Prince George's County Resident

Qiana Johnson, Executive Director, Life After Release

Denise Sizer, Resident

Aisha Braveboy, State's Attorney

Jason Abbott, Principal Deputy, State's Attorney Office

Judith Danso, Chief of Staff, State's Attorney Office

Perry Paylor, Deputy, State's Attorney Office

Cynthia Bridgford, Deputy, State's Attorney Office

Walter Simmons, President and CEO of Employ Prince George's

Pamela Coffield, Resident

Leara Davis, Re-entry Resident

Nicole Harrison, Re-entry Resident