

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL
COMMITTEE REPORT
2023 Legislative Session

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REPORT: Favorable 5-0: Council Members, Oriadha, Blegay, Burroughs, Dernoga, and Franklin

The Health, Human Services and Public Safety Committee (HHSPS) convened on September 21, 2023, to consider CR-075-2023, a Resolution Concerning Establishing a Workgroup to Study Gun Violence: Causes, Effects, and Solutions.

This legislation would create the workgroup and provide for the composition and staffing.

The Gun Violence Study Workgroup will be responsible for studying the community impact of gun violence and reviewing and proposing solutions during the one-year term of the workgroup's existence. At the conclusion of the one-year period, the group will issue a report of the actions of the workgroup as required.

The membership, which will be selected by the County Council or County Executive. It will be comprised of fourteen (14) members who will elect the Chair of the Workgroup by majority vote at the first meeting. The membership will be comprised of the following:

County Executive Selections:

- The State's Attorney for Prince George's County or their designee
- The DCAO for Public Safety, or their designee
- The Sheriff for Prince George's County, or their designee
- The Chief of Prince George's County Police Department, or their designee
- The Director of Prince George's County Family Services, or their designee
- The Secretary of Juvenile Services, or their designee
- The Director of the Department of Social Services; or their designee
- The Public Defender for Prince George's County, or their designee
- The Director of the Department of Health, or their designee
- The Director of the Department of Corrections, or their designee

County Council Selections:

- One (1) Representative from the Prince George’s County Council
- One (1) Representative from the Police Chief’s Association for Prince George’s County; and
- Two (2) representatives from a community-based non-profit that works on gun violence prevention and reduction.

All the member selections are required to be completed within sixty (60) days of the adoption of this Resolution.

According to the Policy and Fiscal Analysis Statement prepared by Malcolm Moody, the direct impact of the adoption of CR-075-2023 may result in a small direct adverse fiscal impact on the County, due to the increased staff workload.

Adoption of CR-75-2023 may have a positive indirect fiscal impact on the County to the extent that lowering gun violence will have a positive correlation with economic activity, though the exact impact is unknown.

Sakinda Skinner, County Council Liaison, stated that the County Executive is in support of the legislation.

The Office of Law finds CR-075-2023 to be in proper legislative form with no legal impediments to its enactment.

After discussion, the Health, Human Services and Public Safety Committee, voted favorably 5-0.