

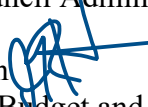



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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

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RE: Policy Analysis and Fiscal Impact Statement
CR-032-2024 The Criminal Justice Coordination Council

CR-032-2024 (*Proposed and introduced by:* Council Members Fisher, Oriadha, Watson, Ivey, Franklin, Hawkins, Dernoga, and Harrison)

Assigned to the Health, Human Services, and Public Safety (HHSPS) Committee

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATION COUNCIL FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY for the purpose of expressing the County Council's strong support and encouragement for the creation of a Criminal Justice Coordination Council.

Fiscal Summary

Direct Impact:

Expenditures: Additional administrative costs will be incurred to establish and administer the body.

Revenues: No anticipated revenue impact.

Indirect Impact:

Likely favorable.

Legislative Summary:

CR-032-2024, proposed by Council Member Fisher, was introduced by Council Members Fisher, Oriadha, Watson, Ivey, Franklin, Hawkins, Dernoga, and Harrison on April 23, 2024, and referred to the Health, Human Services, and Public Safety (HHSPS) Committee. CR-032-2024 supports the formation of a Criminal Justice Coordination Council (CJCC) and provides guidelines for the purpose and staffing composition of the potential CJCC.

Current Law/Background:

Section 402 of the County Charter outlines the County Executive's authority to appoint members of all boards and commissions.¹ Neighboring jurisdictions, such as Montgomery County², Baltimore County, and the District of Columbia, have operational CJCCs to aid in handling their criminal justice policy concerns.

Discussion/Policy Analysis:

The National Institute of Corrections provides the framework for the formation and operation of CJCCs. Their primary purpose is to provide comprehensive policy analysis and reform recommendations to key stakeholders and policymakers.³ The body is composed of ex officio members from a jurisdiction's applicable agencies; this includes the legislature, police, corrections, and police departments, the judiciary, and other related personnel. Due to a variety of socioeconomic factors, Prince George's County has experienced an 18% increase in violent crime and a 44% increase in property crimes from 2022 to 2023.⁴ CJCCs are meant to establish a dedicated body to tackle the most pressing issues related to criminal justice policy.

Neighboring Jurisdictions

Baltimore County:

The Baltimore County CJCC is tasked with studying the criminal justice system and creating research-based plans of action for the council to assess and implement. It also serves as a fundraising organization for criminal justice programs. The Baltimore CJCC is composed of 12 ex officio members plus one voting member appointed by the Baltimore County Executive.

¹ Prince George's County- [Section 402](#)

² Montgomery County CJCC- [§2-60](#)

³ National Institute of Corrections- [National Standards for CJCC](#)

⁴ Prince George's County Police COMPSTAT

Montgomery County:

The Montgomery County CJCC serves to coordinate policies between law enforcement agencies and provides analysis and information to support those agencies and related criminal justice organizations. This body is made up of 32 total members, with 20 of those members being ex-officio. All members are appointed by the Montgomery County Executive and confirmed by the Montgomery County Council to three-year terms.

District of Columbia:

The DC CJCC serves to provide interagency cooperation through information sharing, conducting research and analysis, facilitating policy committees, and conducting training and assistance through a variety of in-person and virtual mediums. This body is comprised of 21 members, all serving in an ex-officio capacity.

Fiscal Impact:

- *Direct Impact*

The adoption of CR-032-2024 would have a small adverse impact, requiring some administrative expenditures for staffing and technical supplies for operations.

- *Indirect Impact*

The adoption of CR-032-2024 may have a favorable indirect impact if the body can develop a comprehensive public safety policy resulting in decreased criminal offenses. Improved public safety will allow the police department to reduce overtime expenditures, the number of use-of-force incidents, and civil claims filed against the County.

- *Appropriated in the Current Fiscal Year Budget*

No.

Effective Date of Proposed Legislation:

The proposed resolution shall be effective on the date of adoption.

If you require additional information or have questions about this fiscal impact statement, please contact me.