

Prince George's County Council Agenda Item Summary

Meeting Date: 11/19/2014
Reference No.: CB-087-2014
Draft No.: 1
Proposer(s): County Executive
Sponsor(s): Turner, Davis, Patterson, Franklin, Toles
Item Title: An Act amending a provision of the County Code pertaining to the number of voting members of the Commission for Children, Youth, and Families

Drafter: LaKeecia Allen, Office of Law
Resource Personnel: Donna F. C. Mason, Department of Family Services

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

Date Presented:	9/30/2014	Executive Action:	12/4/2014 S
Committee Referral:	9/30/2014 - HEHS	Effective Date:	1/20/2015

Committee Action: 10/9/2014 - FAV

Date Introduced: 10/21/2014
Public Hearing: 11/19/2014 - 10:00 AM

Council Action (1) 11/19/2014 - ENACTED
Council Votes: WC:A, DLD:A, MRF:A, AH:A, ML:A, EO:A, OP:A, IT:A, KT:A
Pass/Fail: P
Remarks:

AFFECTED CODE SECTIONS:

02-439

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

Date 10/9/2014

Committee Vote: Favorable, 5-0 (In favor: Council Members Patterson, Davis, Harrison, Lehman and Turner)

CB-87 amends the composition of the Prince George's Commission for Children, Youth and Families. There are currently twenty-five (25) voting members. The purpose of this amendment is to reduce the voting membership to eleven (11). This amendment will assist the Commission in achieving its procedural goals by lowering the threshold needed to achieve a quorum. The Council and Executive members shall remain active and the nine (9) voting members will be appointed.

This legislation will also modify the current terminology related to the title of "Chairperson."

The Department of Family Services representative indicated that this proposed composition model is reflective of Commissions in other jurisdictions throughout the State. Commissions in other jurisdictions on an average have five (5) to seven (7) members up to 15 members.

It was further stated that the passage of this amendment will put the Commission in compliance with its governing

By-Laws set forth in the State of Maryland Policies and Procedures Manual for Local Management Boards. A copy of the By-Laws was distributed to the Committee Members.

The Office of Audits and Investigations determined that enactment of CB-87 will not have an adverse fiscal impact on the County.

The Office of Law finds it to be in proper legislative form.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT:

(Includes reason for proposal, as well as any unique statutory requirements)

This legislation amends provisions of the County Code pertaining to the number of voting members of the Commission for Children, Youth, and Families. Currently, the County Code provides for 25 members; this amendment would reduce the voting membership to 11 and amend the term Chairman to Chairperson.

CODE INDEX TOPICS:

INCLUSION FILES:
