

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORT

2024 Legislative Session

Reference No.: CB-049-2025

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Committee: GOFP

Date: June 10, 2025

Action: FAV (A)

REPORT: Committee Vote: Favorable with amendments 5-0 (Council Members Watson, Burroughs, Oriadha, Blegay, and Dernoga)

The Prince George's County Council Government Operations and Fiscal Policy Committee convened on June 10, 2025, to consider CB-049-2025, An Act Concerning Youth Advisory Inclusion. This Bill would establish a Youth Advisory Program, including the appointment requirements, process, roles, and responsibilities for appointees, which would also be created upon enactment.

Each County Board and Commission shall have at least two (2) members between the ages of sixteen (16) and twenty-four (24).

Mr. David Williams from the Policy and Fiscal Analysis staff noted that the enactment of CB-049-2025 may have a minor direct adverse impact on the County. The administrative time required for appointment and onboarding, in addition to any compensation/scholarships for members appointed under this bill, will require County expenditures. Any such impact is likely to be minimal.

Enactment of CB-049-2025 may have a positive indirect impact by enhancing agency service delivery in relation to youth policy matters.

Mr. Joel Peebles reviewed amendments to the legislation, which adjusted the number of Boards and Commissions that will have a Youth Advisory Program participant.

The Office of Law found that CB-49-2025 will have no legal impact on positions without compensation. There may be an issue for those appointments that receive compensation.

Council Chair Burroughs, the sponsor, explained that the intent of this bill is to create more opportunities for young people. We have many boards and commissions where youth can learn and provide insight. Boards that could be problematic have been eliminated. Council Vice Chair Oriadha confirmed the student members' role on the

boards.

CM Dernoga inquired about attendance and stated it could be an issue because there is now chronic absenteeism that should be addressed, and state boards should be exempt

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Mr. Peebles provided a list of amendments to refine the Boards and Commissions that would be included.

After further discussion, the Prince George's County Government Operations and Fiscal Policy Committee voted favorably 5-0 with amendments.