

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND**  
**2025 Legislative Session**

Resolution No. CR-078-2025  
Proposed by Council Member Hawkins  
Introduced by \_\_\_\_\_  
Co-Sponsors \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Introduction June 12, 2025

**RESOLUTION**

1 A RESOLUTION concerning

2 Judicial Training on Child Custody Cases Involving Child Abuse or Domestic Violence  
3 For the purpose of urging judges and magistrates who preside over child custody cases in Prince  
4 George's County courts to regularly review and ensure compliance with the latest training  
5 programs regarding child custody cases involving child abuse or domestic violence offered by  
6 the Judicial College of Maryland and relevant state initiatives, pursuant to the Annotated Code of  
7 Maryland, Family Law Article Section 9-101.3 and emphasizing the critical importance of  
8 continuing education in these matters.

9 WHEREAS, child custody cases involving child abuse or domestic violence require judicial  
10 officers to handle sensitive testimony and complex psychological dynamics effectively and  
11 compassionately; and

12 WHEREAS, specialized training and ongoing continuing education significantly enhance  
13 judicial awareness and competence in managing custody cases involving child abuse or domestic  
14 violence, ensuring fair decisions and protecting the rights and safety of children and families;  
15 and

16 WHEREAS, the Judicial College of Maryland provides critical training for judges and  
17 magistrates statewide, including in-depth curricula specifically addressing custody cases  
18 involving child abuse or domestic violence; and

19 WHEREAS, Maryland's participation in state and federal initiatives underscores the  
20 importance of continuing education and judicial excellence in handling custody cases involving  
21 child abuse or domestic violence; and

22 WHEREAS, regular updates, continuous professional development, and reviews of judicial

1 training ensure best practices are consistently followed, enhancing public trust and judicial  
2 efficacy.

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George's  
4 County, Maryland, that the County Council hereby urges all judges and magistrates who preside  
5 over child custody cases in Prince George's County courts to regularly review, attend, and ensure  
6 they are current on the latest trainings provided by the Judicial College of Maryland and other  
7 relevant state and federal initiatives regarding child custody cases involving child abuse or  
8 domestic violence, pursuant to the Annotated Code of Maryland, Family Law Article Section 9-  
9 101.3 and recognizing the essential role continuing education plays in judicial excellence.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Council shall transmit a copy of this  
11 Resolution to the Administrative Judge for Prince George's County, the Prince George's County  
12 Court Administrator, and the Family Law Division for the Courts.

Adopted this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE  
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Edward Burroughs III  
Chair

ATTEST:

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Donna J. Brown  
Clerk of the Council