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**Reference No:** CB-120-1991

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**Meeting Date:** 11/26/91

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**Requester:** CO. EXEC.

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**Item Title:** Government Reorganization to amend certain Code provisions to establish the Dept. of Family Services by combining certain other Agencies, etc.

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**Sponsors** CA M C D B F

**Date Presented**     \_\_/\_\_/\_\_                                   **Executive Action** 12/11/91 S  
**Committee Referral** (1) 11/5/91     C.O.W.   **Effective Date**     1/27/92  
**Committee Action**   (1) 11/19/91   UNFAV  
**Date Introduced**     11/5/91  
**Pub. Hearing Date**   (1) 11/26/91 2:00 PM

**Council Action**       (1) 11/26/91   Enacted  
**Council Votes**       CA: A\_, B\_: A\_, C\_: A\_, D\_: A\_, F\_: A\_, MC: A\_,  
                          M\_: A\_, P\_: A\_, WI: A\_, \_\_: \_\_, \_\_: \_\_, \_\_: \_\_

**Pass/Fail**         P

**Remarks**           (See CB-121-1991)

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**Drafter:** Barbara L. Holtz                                   **Resource** Barbara L. Holtz  
          Office of Law                                       **Personnel:** Office of Law

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**LEGISLATIVE HISTORY**

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

DATE: 11/19/91

Committee Vote: Unfavorable, 5-3 (In favor: Council Members Bell, Casula, Mills, Pemberton and Wineland; Opposed: Council Members Castaldi, Del Giudice and Fletcher).

This bill sets forth the details of the consolidation of various County agencies. As a result of the State of Maryland abdicating its responsibility to the citizens of Prince George's County thereby creating a local revenue shortfall, the County Executive has implemented measures to cut costs without drastically harming services. The consolidation of several existing agencies, similar in mission and function, provides an opportunity to cut costs while maintaining key services. This legislation will consolidate the Department of Aging,

the Commission for Women, Children and Youth, Persons with Disabilities and Families into a single Department of Family Services. Likewise, CB-120 will consolidate the Consumer Protection Commission and the Cable Television Commission into the Office of Consumer Affairs.

The merging of administrative functions of similar agencies are not merely budget-cutting expediciencies but represent long-term operational savings to the County while eliminating redundant positions. This reorganization will be accomplished by placing the incumbents of positions slated for elimination into positions vacated by employees for early retirement. No layoffs will occur as a result of eliminating these positions.

The Legislative Officer has reviewed this legislation and finds it to be in proper legislative form.

The positive fiscal impact related to the consolidation and creation of the Department of Family Services should be approximately \$201,000 for FY 91-92. This positive impact will be attained through the elimination of two (2) vacant positions and the transfer of five (5) General Fund funded positions to the Casey Foundation. The consolidation will reduce the General Fund spending between \$200,000 to \$250,000 in FY 92. Savings should exceed \$400,000 for FY 93. These changes are tentative because changes that affect grant programs will require the approval of the granting agencies.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT**

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

This bill will amend certain provisions of the County Code to implement the establishment of the Department of Family Services, combining the administration of the Advisory Committee on Aging, the Commission for Women, the Commission for Children and Youth, the Commission for Persons with Disabilities and the Commission for Families; and to implement the establishment of the Office of Consumer Affairs, combining the administration of the Consumer Protection Commission and the Cable Television Commission.