Prince George's County Council Agenda Item Summary

Meeting Date: 11/15/2011 **Reference No.:** CB-044-2011

Draft No.: 2

Proposer(s): County Executive

Sponsor(s): Turner

Item Title: An Act for the purpose of amending the Code of Ethics in order to comply with State law

Drafter: Joseph R. Hamlin, Office of Law **Resource Personnel:** Anne C. Magner, Office of Law

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

Date Presented:9/27/2011Executive Action:Committee Referral:9/27/2011 - C.O.W.Effective Date:

Committee Action: 10/18/2011 - NR(A)

Date Introduced: 10/18/2011

Public Hearing: 11/15/2011 - 10:00 AM

Council Action: Council Votes: Pass/Fail: Remarks:

AFFECTED CODE SECTIONS:

02-289, 02-290, 02-291, 02-292, 02-293, 02-293.01, 02-294, 02-295, 02-296, 02-297

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Date 10/18/2011

Motion for no recommendation as amended carried (5-2) In Favor: Council Members Turner, Franklin, Lehman, Olson and Patterson; Opposed: Council Members Harrison and Toles; Absent: Council Member Campos. (District 6 vacant)

BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT:

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

This Act amends the County's Code of Ethics to reflect required changes recently imposed by the Maryland General Assembly.

During the 2010 legislative session, the General Assembly enacted legislation designed to subject elected county and local government officials to conflict of interest standards and financial disclosure requirements that are "at least equivalent" to the State's requirements for State officials and public officials. The 2010 General Assembly legislation impacts the existing County Code of Ethics, which was adopted when the Ethics Law only required that the conflict of interest and financial disclosure requirements be "similar" to State Law.

THIS BILL WAS NOT ENACTED.

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