

**PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL  
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

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**Meeting Date:** 10/29/2002

**Reference No.:** CB-76-2002

**Proposer:** Hendershot

**Draft No.:** 2

**Sponsors:** Hendershot

**Item Title:** An Act establishing a sheltered workshop employment program to assist certified sheltered workshops in performing work for the County under certain circumstances

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**Drafter:** Ralph E. Grutzmacher  
Legislative Officer

**Resource** Carol White  
**Personnel:** Legislative Aide

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**LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:**

**Date Presented:** 7/30/2002

**Executive Action:** 11/18/2002 S

**Committee Referral:** 7/30/2002 PSFM

**Effective Date:** 1/3/2003

**Committee Action:** 10/16/2002 FAV

**Date Introduced:** 10/7/2002

**Public Hearing:** 10/29/2002 10:00 A.M.

**Council Action:** 10/29/2002 ENACTED

**Council Votes:** PS:A, DB:A, TD:A, JE:-, TH:A, TK:A; RVR:A, AS:A, MW:A

**Pass/Fail:** P

**Remarks:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT:**

Date: 10/16/2002

Committee Vote: Favorable, 6-0, (In favor: Council members Shapiro, Estepp, Hendershot, Knotts, Scott and Wilson. Absent: Bailey, Dernoga and Russell.)

**10/7/2002:** CB-76-2002 amended on the floor as follows; DR-2 introduced.

1. On page 2, line 30, insert "County" after "receiving."
2. On page 2, line 32, insert "County or" before "federal."
3. On page 3, delete lines 1 and 2. Insert the following:

“functions that are to be performed by a certified sheltered workshop  
**headquartered in Prince George’s County and employs residents  
of the County with disabilities.**

4. On page 3, delete lines 5-8. Insert the following:

(b) The Purchasing Agent **shall** prepare specifications for procurements that include contracts or subcontracting with certified sheltered workshops to perform those activities or functions.

5. On page 3, delete lines 13 – 30.

6. On page 4, delete lines 1 – 14.

7. On page 4, add the following:

(b)(d) The Purchasing Agent **shall** require that the competitive bidding of contracts be restricted to certified sheltered workshops provided **they are capable of delivering goods or services according to specifications and established fair market price.**

(c)(e) The Purchasing Agent **shall be required to work with the sheltered workshops and health and human services coalitions to establish pricing, identify new markets and sheltered workshops to bid on County contracts.**

8. Renumber line 15 from (f) to (d)

9. Renumber line 18 from (g) to (e)

## **BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT**

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

By their very nature, sheltered workshops that offer training/employment to persons with disabilities are inefficient and cannot compete with mainstream employers in competitive bidding situations. Both the Federal and State Governments encourage the use of sheltered workshops for public contracts through incentive programs. The proposed legislation is based upon the Maryland program and is limited to County functions that are substantially funded by either the Federal or State Governments. Under certain circumstances, the use of sheltered workshops by prime contractors and the use of set-aside bidding are authorized.

## **CODE INDEX TOPICS:**