

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORT

2026 Legislative Session

Reference No.: CB-002-2026
Draft No.: 2
Committee: HHSPS
Date: February 19, 2026
Action: FAV (A)

REPORT: Committee Vote: Favorable with amendments, 3-0 (Council Members Fisher, Hunter, and Oriadha). Absent: Burrough and Blegay

The Prince George's County Council's Health, Human Services, and Public Safety Committee convened on February 19, 2026 to consider CB-002-2026, an act concerning missing persons within the county, Dacara Rose's Law.

Council staff provided an overview of this legislation which would prohibit any mandatory waiting period before taking a missing person report; require prompt acceptance of missing person reports; require public-facing notice that no waiting period is imposed; provide for implementation by written policy; and generally relate to missing person reports and law enforcement practices in Prince George's County.

Adoption of CB-002-2026 may have an adverse fiscal impact on the County. A targeted public relations campaign could cost upward of \$250,000. The Health Department has been subject to federal reductions in grant funding, and as a result, targeted requests of this nature may require additional budget appropriations.

The Office of Law found the legislation to be in proper legislative form with no impediments to enactment.

Ms. Sonia Owens, County Council Liaison, Office of the Executive expressed support for the legislation.

Other speakers in support included:

Tyrone Collington
Carmen Thompson
Danika Robinson

Zora Williams
Ella Williams

The sponsor of the legislation, Council Member Fisher and Council Chair Oriadha, spoke about the importance of the legislation and the outreach requirements that will help proactively prevent people from becoming missing persons.

An amendment was made to change the agency responsible for publicity changes from the Health Department to the Prince George's County Police Department.

After a motion by Committee Chair Fisher and a second by Council Member Oriadha, the Health Human Services and Public Safety Committee voted CR-002-2026 out favorably, 3-0 as amended.