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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

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RE: Policy Analysis and Fiscal Impact Statement
CB-007-2026 Resident Kidnapping Protection Act (Emergency Act)

CB-007-2026 (*Proposed by Council Chair Oriadha and Councilmember Olson*)

Assigned to the Committee of the Whole

AN EMERGENCY ACT CONCERNING RESIDENT KIDNAPPING PROTECTION ACT for the purpose of providing that County residents may call for Prince George's County Police Department verification of the identity and authority of persons engaging in immigration enforcement activity; making certain findings and defining certain terms; requiring a certain police response; requiring public outreach about this police service; and generally relating to police and immigration enforcement.

Fiscal Summary

Direct Impact:

Expenditures: Cost of a public outreach campaign regarding verification service.
Revenues: None.

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Indirect Impact:

Raise awareness of County-owned property being protected from warrantless civil immigration enforcement.

Legislative Summary:

CB-007-2026¹, proposed by Council Chair Oriadha and Councilmember Olson, was introduced on February 17, 2026, and referred to the Committee of the Whole. CB-007-2026 would require the Prince George’s County Police Department (PGPD) to respond to calls from people observing immigration enforcement activity in the County that request assistance in verifying the identity of persons engaged in immigration enforcement activity. PGPD would then verify the identity of persons engaged in the immigration enforcement activity.

Current Law/Background:

Under Laws of Maryland, Chapter 718 of 2025 (The Maryland Values Act)²: 1) public schools, public libraries, and certain units of the executive branch of State or local government that operate at a “sensitive location” to “deny access” to any portion of the sensitive location not accessible to the public to any individual who is seeking access “for the purpose of enforcing federal immigration law” unless: (1) the individual presents a valid warrant issued by a federal; or 2) exigent circumstances exist.

The Maryland Values Act would also require the Office of the Attorney General to develop and publish guidance to inform the public and State agencies about certain topics related to immigration enforcement activities and sensitive locations³. The State placed additional limits on local law enforcement from being deputized to perform federal civil immigration duties through the enactment of SB 245/HB 444⁴. Existing laws in the State have focused on property access and non-cooperation with federal immigration enforcement efforts; there is a lack of a way to verify the identity of individuals involved in these efforts. The proposed legislation will focus on verifying individuals participating in federal immigration enforcement efforts and address concerns around the potential for kidnapping and human trafficking.

¹ [CB-007-2026 - Prince George's County Council](#)

² [Maryland General Assembly - HB1222 \(Maryland Values Act\)](#)

³ Under the Act, public schools, public libraries, and units of the executive branch of State or local government that operate at a sensitive location must implement policies consistent with the Attorney General’s guidance by October 1, 2025

⁴ [Maryland General Assembly - HB0444](#)

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Discussion/Policy Analysis:

CB-007-2026 aims to provide a method for residents to verify the identity of individuals in the County engaged in potential federal immigration enforcement. Additionally, the legislation would require a public outreach campaign be conducted to inform the public on the immigration enforcement activity service. The provisions of the legislation would require that:

- Residents observing immigration enforcement activity in the County may call 9-1-1 to request that the PGPD verify the identity of those involved.
- Responding officers must get identifying information from any person engaged in the potential immigration enforcement activity.
- Officers request a judicial warrant or other source of authority for the enforcement action.
- Responding officers document the names, badge numbers, and agencies of the individuals conducting the enforcement.
- The Chief of Police institutes a program to inform residents and business owners about this verification service.
- The Chief of Police to report quarterly to the County Council on the number of verification calls received and the outcomes of the police responses.

Actions to allow residents to verify if individuals are federal agents during potential immigration enforcement efforts have been taking place across the country. In 2025, the Los Angeles Police Chief issued new guidance⁵ to direct officers to verify the identity of federal agents at scenes of suspected immigration enforcement actions due to residents expressing concern about potential impersonators. Under the guidance of the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), officers responding to suspected immigration enforcement must 1) Request a supervisor if one is not present, 2) Verify the credentials of the lead agent or supervisor if agents are not clearly identified, and 3) Capture the verification process on a body-worn camera to ensure transparency.

In Chicago, Mayor Johnson has signed an executive order⁶ that lists out a set of required actions by the Chicago Police Department (CPD) if they observe or receive reports of violations of constitutional rights during federal immigration operations. These required actions by CPD include:

⁵ [New LAPD policy requires officers to verify identities of ICE agents during responses](#)

⁶ [Executive Order 2026-01 \(Chicago\)](#)

- Document federal enforcement activities in accordance with CPD policy;
 - Ensure that any body-camera footage captured during the incident—including footage of any use of force, detentions, injuries, or other enforcement activity—is preserved;
 - Seek to identify the federal supervisory officer on scene, attempt to verify the supervisory officer's name and badge number, and record the credential verification using body-cameras—including any refusal to comply;
 - Complete a report on any violation of state or local law by federal agents consistent with CPD policy;
 - Immediately summon emergency medical services and render aid to any injured person on the scene.
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Fiscal Impact

Direct Impact

The adoption of CB-007-2026 should have a modest adverse fiscal impact due to increased public outreach required for citizen education.

Indirect Impact

The adoption of CB-007-2026 will raise residents' awareness of proper police procedures and provide residents with a way to verify that legal immigration efforts are taking place within the County.

Appropriated in the Current Fiscal Year Budget

Yes.

Effective Date of the Proposed Legislation

This proposed resolution shall take effect on the date of adoption.

If you require additional information or have questions about this fiscal impact statement, please email or call me.