



Prince George's County Council

Agenda Item Summary

Meeting Date: 4/19/2021

Effective Date: 10/1/2021

Reference No.: CB-012-2021

Chapter Number: 6

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Public Hearing Date: 4/19/2021 @ 9:30 AM

Proposer(s): County Executive

Sponsor(s): Hawkins, Streeter, Turner, Davis, Franklin, Glaros, Dernoga and Taveras

Item Title: AN ACT CONCERNING THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION for the purpose of amending the name of the Human Relations Commission to provide clarity to citizens and other governmental agencies as to the mission and function of the agency, modifying language to increase inclusion and diversity, adding gender identity as a protected class, and clarifying roles and authority of the Human Relations Commission and the appointed Commissioners.

Drafter: Renée Battle-Brooks, Executive Director, Human Relations Commission

Resource Personnel: V'Hesspa Glenn, Human Relations Commission
Kyla Hanington, Human Relations Commission
Jose Villegas, Human Relations Commission

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

Date:	Acting Body:	Action:	Sent To:
03/02/2021	County Council	presented and referred	COW
	Action Text: This Council Bill was presented by the Chair by request of the County Executive and referred to the Sitting as the Committee of the Whole		
03/18/2021	COW	Held in Committee	
	Action Text: A motion was made by Member Turner, seconded by Member Anderson-Walker, that this Council Bill be Held in Committee. The motion carried by the following vote: Aye: 8 Hawkins, Anderson-Walker, Davis, Dernoga, Glaros, Streeter, Taveras and Turner Absent: 3 Franklin, Harrison and Ivey		
03/25/2021	COW	Favorably recommended with amendments	County Council

Action Text:

A motion was made by Member Ivey, seconded by Vice Chair Taveras, that this Council Bill be Favorably recommended with amendments to the County Council. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 11 Hawkins, Anderson-Walker, Davis, Dernoga, Franklin, Glaros, Harrison, Ivey, Streeter, Taveras and Turner

03/30/2021 County Council introduced

Action Text:

This Council Bill was introduced by Council Members Hawkins, Streeter, Turner, Davis, Franklin, Glaros, Dernoga and Taveras.

04/19/2021 County Council public hearing held

Action Text:

This public hearing was held.

04/19/2021 County Council enacted

Action Text:

A motion was made by Council Member Davis, seconded by Council Member Harrison, that this Council Bill be enacted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 11 Hawkins, Anderson-Walker, Davis, Dernoga, Franklin, Glaros, Harrison, Ivey, Streeter, Taveras and Turner

05/03/2021 County Executive signed

Action Text:

This Council Bill was signed

AFFECTED CODE SECTIONS:

14-194 13-162.00.04 13-162.00.03 10A-122 05-171.01 05-168 02-518.01 02-518 02-513
 02-294 02-130 02-185 02-186 02-187 02-189 02-190 02-191 02-192 02-193 02-194
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BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT:

The Human Relations Commission’s proposed amendments are intended to: change the name of the agency to the Office of Human Rights in order to provide clarity to citizens and other governmental agencies as to its mission and function; modify language to increase inclusion and diversity; add gender identity as a protected class; and clarify roles and authority of the Human Relations Commission and the appointed Commissioners.

The proposed Bill will have no fiscal impact.

Document(s): B2021012, CB-012-2021 AIS, CB-012-2021 Report