

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL
COMMITTEE REPORT
2026 Legislative Session

Reference No.: CB-039-2026
Draft No.: 2
Committee: Government Operations and Fiscal Policy
Date: May 28, 2026
Action: FAV (A)

REPORT:

Committee Vote: Favorable as amended 4-0 (In favor Council Members Burroughs, Adams, Blegay, and Council Chair Oriadha)

The Government Operations and Fiscal Policy Committee met on May 28, 2026, to consider CB-039-2026.

Staff provided an overview stating that CB-039-2026 amends Section 16-219 of the Prince George's County Code. The legislation would designate General Election Day as an official holiday for County government employees. Sponsored by Council Member Blegay, the bill is intended to support civic engagement and increase voter accessibility by allowing eligible employees additional opportunity to participate in the electoral process.

Council Member Blegay discussed the need for this legislation in light of the current climate surrounding voting rights and election-related concerns. She expressed that the legislation is intended to encourage and promote voter participation by reinforcing the importance of exercising the right to vote and helping to foster greater public confidence in the electoral process.

A proposed Draft 2 was presented for the Committee's consideration, and Leroy Maddox, Jr., Legislative Attorney, reviewed the proposed amendments. The title was amended from allowing General Election Day to be designated as a day off from work for voting to allowing an increase in administrative leave for County employees on General Election Day.

Under Section 16-219, Holiday Leave, lines 17 through 21 were deleted. On page 2, references to "General Election" were revised to clarify that, except for General Election Day, a liberal leave policy would remain in effect on the specified election days. The amended language

further provides that, for the General Election, administrative leave of four (4) hours shall be granted pursuant to Section 16-222(a)(3) of the County Code.

The amendments also added a new Section 16-222 relating to Administrative Leave, provides that administrative leave may be granted to full-time or part-time employees by the appointing authority for specified reasons, including voting purposes. The amendment increases the allowable administrative leave for voting from two (2) hours to four (4) hours following the opening of the polls or four (4) hours prior to the closing of the polls.

Madison Gray, Program Analyst, Office of Management and Budget, submitted a fiscal impact statement providing estimates of potential changes in County revenues and expenditures as it related to CB-036-2026 Draft 1. She subsequently provided an updated fiscal impact statement to correspond with Draft 2 and was available to provide additional information if needed.

The Office of Law finds CB-039-2026 to be in proper legislative form with no legal impediments to its enactment.

The County Executive's Office representative confirmed the Administration's support for the legislation in its amended form.

The Government Operations and Fiscal Policy Committee voted favorably 4-0, as amended on CB-039-2026 Draft 2.