

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND
2026 Legislative Session

Bill No. CB-015-2026

Chapter No. _____

Proposed and Presented by Council Member Oriadha

Introduced by _____

Co-Sponsors _____

Date of Introduction _____

BILL

1 AN ACT concerning

2 Child Care Building Blocks Act

3 For the purpose of establishing a Child Care Facilities Loan Program to preserve and increase
4 child care; providing for eligibility for and permissible uses of financial assistance from the
5 Program; providing for the funding and administration of the Program; and generally relating to
6 child care facilities.

7 BY adding:

8 SUBTITLE 5C. EARLY CHILDHOOD
9 EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE
10 Sections 5C-107, 5C-108, 5C-109, 5C-110, 5C-111,
11 The Prince George's County Code
12 (2023 Edition; 2025 Supplement).

13 BY repealing and reenacting with amendments:

14 SUBTITLE 10. FINANCE AND TAXATION
15 Section 10-284,
16 The Prince George's County Code
17 (2023 Edition; 2025 Supplement).

18 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED by the County Council of Prince George's County,
19 Maryland, that Sections 5C-107, 5C-108, 5C-109, 5C-110, and 5C-111 of the Prince George's
20 County Code be and the same are hereby added:

21 **SUBTITLE 5C. EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE.**

DIVISION 4. CHILD CARE FACILITIES LOAN PROGRAM.

Sec. 5C-107. Establishment, purpose and objectives.

(a) There is established a Child Care Facilities Loan Program.

(b) The purpose of the program is to increase the number of children who receive licensed child care services in Prince George’s County at reasonable costs.

(c) Operators of child care centers or family child care homes may receive financial assistance from the Program if the funds will:

(1) increase the number of children served;

(2) help a center or home begin operation; or

(3) keep in operation a center or home that otherwise is likely to stop operating.

Sec. 5C-108. Eligibility.

(a) Nonprofit and profit-making centers or homes are eligible for assistance under the Program.

(b) Highest priority shall be given to loans to centers or homes that serve significant percentages of low-income children or children with disabilities.

(c) The recipient of any loan must agree to provide child care services, to an extent or in an amount agreed to and set in the loan documents, for at least the term of the loan.

Sec. 5C-109. Uses of funds.

(a) All funds loaned must be used for capital improvements that are needed to:

(1) establish, or increase the capacity of, the center or home; or

(2) meet licensing, zoning, building, or other government-imposed requirements.

(b) Eligible capital improvements include:

(1) buying land or a building;

(2) building, repairing or renovating all or part of a building;

(3) buying furniture or equipment with a useful life of at least 3 years; and

(4) fees for architects, engineers, accountants, lawyers or other professional services needed to buy, build, repair or renovate a building.

Sec. 5C-110. Loan amounts and rates.

(a) The amount loaned to any single family child care home must not exceed \$10,000.

(b) The interest rate on loans from the Program is:

(1) for the first year of the loan, zero percent (0%); and

1 (2) for the remaining years of the loan, below prevailing commercial rates, and which
2 reflects the county’s current cost of borrowing funds and the cost of administering the program.

3 (c) A loan made under the Program may supplement a loan made or guaranteed under any
4 other government program.

5 **Sec. 5C-111. Funding, administration, and reporting.**

6 (a) The Program shall be administered as a part of the Economic Development Incentive
7 (EDI) Fund established under Subtitle 10, Division 16 of this Code.

8 (b) The Chief Administrative Officer, or their designee, shall adopt procedures for the
9 administration of the Program. These procedures shall include:

10 (1) lending standards and priorities;

11 (2) interest rates, terms and conditions;

12 (3) payment schedules, which may be granted;

13 (4) application procedures, and ways to document need;

14 (5) procedures for referring applicants to other sources of funds, and for cooperating
15 with other public and private sources of funds;

16 (6) procedures to ask the director to reconsider any denial of a loan or any decision
17 on interest rate, terms and conditions;

18 (7) criteria for adequate security; and

19 (8) procedures for nonpayment or default.

20 (c) Not less than \$500,000 within the EDI Fund shall be set aside and reserved for use of
21 the Program.

22 (d) The outstanding loan balance for the Program must not exceed \$500,000 at any time.

23 (e) A Program report shall be included in the quarterly report to Council required under
24 section 10-288(f), including:

25 (1) the names and locations of Program loan recipients;

26 (2) the uses of the loan funds; and

27 (3) the number of additional children served.

28 SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED by the County Council of Prince George's County,
29 Maryland, that Section 10-284 of the Prince George's County Code be and the same is hereby
30 repealed and reenacted with the following amendments:

31 **SUBTITLE 10. FINANCE AND TAXATION.**

DIVISION 16. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVE FUND.

Sec. 10-284. - Purposes and uses.

(a) In general. The purposes of the Fund are to:

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(6) encourage:

(A) Transit-Oriented Development, which shall be defined under this Division as a development or project located within one-half (1/2) of a mile in distance of a Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) transit station or a Maryland Area Regional Commuter (MARC) station, as measured from the main entrance of the building to the nearest entrance of the transit station;

(B) a balanced local economy;

(C) international resources and trade to promote job growth, business attraction, and retention for County businesses and residents; [and]

(7) assist County residents who own businesses that are located in the County in the creation, sustenance and expansion of such businesses[.]; and

(8) promote the preservation and expansion of child care in the County through the administration of the Child Care Facilities Loan Program established under Subtitle 5C, Division 4 of this Code.

(b) Financial assistance.

(1) The Fund may provide financial assistance in the form of loans, loan loss reserves, guarantees, conditional loans and grants for the benefit of existing and potential industrial and commercial businesses in Prince George's County to finance:

(A) land, buildings, machinery and equipment, and other associated costs; and

(B) working capital, including operating expenses, training expenses, relocation expenses, and permit fees, if the monies funded are reasonably necessary and used to enhance the overall health and position of the business.

(2) The Fund may provide financial assistance in the form of loans to child care centers or family child care homes under the Child Care Facilities Loan Program established under Subtitle 5C, Division 4 of this Code.

(3) The County's financial assistance under this Division may supplement other federal and State financial assistance programs.

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SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that the provisions of this Act are hereby declared to be severable; and, in the event that any section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the remaining words, phrases, clauses, sentences, subparagraphs, paragraphs, subsections, or sections of this Act, since the same would have been enacted without the incorporation in this Act of any such invalid or unconstitutional word, phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, subparagraph, subsection, or section.

SECTION 4. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that this Act shall take effect forty-five (45) calendar days after it becomes law.

Adopted this ____ day of _____, 2026.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____
Krystal Oriadha
Chair

ATTEST:

Donna J. Brown
Clerk of the Council

APPROVED:

DATE: _____ BY: _____
Aisha N. Braveboy
County Executive

KEY:

Underscoring indicates language added to existing law.

[Brackets] indicate language deleted from existing law.

Asterisks *** indicate intervening existing Code provisions that remain unchanged.

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