

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND
2025 Legislative Session

Resolution No. CR-126-2025

Proposed by Council Member Burroughs

Introduced by Council Members Burroughs, Dernoga, Oriadha, Adams-Stafford, Hawkins
Watson, Olson, Harrison and Fisher

Co-Sponsors Council Member Blegay

Date of Introduction October 21, 2025

RESOLUTION

1 A RESOLUTION concerning

2 Supporting Foster Care Youth and Children of Justice-Involved Parents

3 For the purpose of establishing a Foster Care Task Force that will develop strategies that increase
 4 the social safety net, improve outcomes for foster youth and children of justice-involved parents,
 5 examine current County processes, recommend policy, and operational and budget actions within
 6 the Department of Social Services and other County agencies.

7 WHEREAS, Prince George's County has a significant interest in improving outcomes for
 8 children, youth, and families involved in the foster care and judicial system; and

9 WHEREAS, in 2024, Prince George's County recorded one hundred and seventeen (117)
 10 new entries into foster care and had four hundred and thirty-nine (439) youth in foster care
 11 placement; and

12 WHEREAS, in 2024, eleven percent (11%) of Prince George's County foster care youth
 13 were placed in congregate care, signaling the continued need for additional support by the
 14 County; and

15 WHEREAS, in 2024, twenty-seven percent (27%) of children achieved reunification with
 16 their families after the Department of Social Services became involved; and

17 WHEREAS, Prince George's County affirms that children in foster care, children of
 18 justice-involved parents, and their families, must be fully included in the social, cultural, and
 19 economic life of the County, with equitable access to the opportunities and support that enable
 20 them to thrive; and

1 WHEREAS, the County is committed to strengthening belonging and opportunity so that
 2 children in foster care, children of justice-involved parents, and their families are engaged in, and
 3 benefit from, the social, cultural, and economic fabric of Prince George's County; and

4 WHEREAS, Section 506 of the Prince George's County Charter authorizes the County
 5 Council to appoint temporary advisory boards and commissions to assist in the consideration of
 6 county policies and programs.

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George's
 8 County, Maryland, that a Foster Care Task Force is hereby established to assist the County by
 9 examining existing County practices, recommending policy, examining operational and budget
 10 actions to improve outcomes for foster youth, and to increase the social safety net for foster
 11 youth, with special regard for those impacted by the criminal justice system such as children of
 12 justice-involved parents and for parents or guardians impacted by the criminal justice system.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Prince George's County Chair shall appoint six
 14 (6) members to serve on the Foster Care Task Force for a period of one (1) year.

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Prince George's County Council, by simple
 16 majority vote, shall appoint six (6) members to serve on the Foster Care Task Force for a period
 17 of one (1) year.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Prince George's County Executive shall appoint
 19 six (6) members to serve on the Foster Care Task Force for a period of (1) one year.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the County Executive shall appoint from its (6) six
 21 members, one representative from the Department of Family Services.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the County Executive shall appoint from its (6) six
 23 members, one representative from Prince George's County Public Schools.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the County Executive shall appoint from its (6) six
 25 members, one representative from the Prince George's County Housing Authority.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the County Executive shall appoint from its (6) six
 27 members, the deputy chief administrative officer (DCAO) for Health and Human Services.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the County Executive shall appoint from its (6) six
 29 members, one representative from the faith-based community.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Director of the Prince George's County
 31 Department of Social Services, or their designee, shall serve as a permanent member of the

Foster Care Task Force.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Prince George's County Chair shall appoint a Task Force Co-Chair from the nineteen (19) members.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the deputy chief administrative officer (DCAO) for Health and Human Services shall be a Task Force Co-Chair.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Legislative Branch shall provide staff and technical support to the Task Force.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT within ninety (90) days, the Task Force shall have its first meeting and the Task Force shall create an initial scope memo to the County Council setting forth a work plan, schedule, goals, and operating bylaws.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT within six (6) months of its first meeting, the Task Force shall provide the County Council with an interim report of its preliminary findings and recommendations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT within twelve (12) months of its first meeting, the Task Force shall submit a final report containing its recommended policies, programmatic actions, model legislation, and proposed performance measures.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Task Force shall be terminated after the submission of its final report to the County Council unless subsequently extended by County resolution.

Adopted this 4th day of November, 2025.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____
Edward P. Burroughs III
Chair

ATTEST:

Donna J. Brown
Clerk of the Council