

# Prince George's County Council

## Agenda Item Summary

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**Meeting Date:** 4/15/2008  
**Reference No.:** CB-007-2008  
**Draft No.:** 1  
**Proposer(s):** Bland  
**Sponsor(s):** Bland, Dernoga, Olson  
**Item Title:** An Act amending provisions of the Code relating to the Youth Commission established by CB-19-2006, transferring certain administrative and staff support responsibilities.

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**Drafter:** Carmen Jackson-Brown, Legislative Officer  
**Resource Personnel:** Dr. David J. Billings III, Chief of Staff (District Nine)

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### LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

<b>Date Presented:</b>	2/26/2008	<b>Executive Action:</b>	4/22/2008 S
<b>Committee Referral:</b>	2/26/2008 - HEHS	<b>Effective Date:</b>	6/9/2008

**Committee Action:** 3/13/2008 - FAV

**Date Introduced:** 3/25/2008  
**Public Hearing:** 4/15/2008 - 10:00 AM

**Council Action (1)** 4/15/2008 - ENACTED  
**Council Votes:** MB:A, WC:A, SHD:A, TD:A, CE:A, TK:A, EO:A, IT:A  
**Pass/Fail:** P  
**Remarks:**

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### AFFECTED CODE SECTIONS:

02-498

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### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

#### HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

**Date 3/13/2008**

Committee Vote: Favorable, 3-0-1 (In favor: Council Members Turner, Bland and Dean. Abstain: Council Member Campos)

CB-7-2008 amends provisions of the Code relating to the Youth Commission. The Bill transfers certain administrative and staff support responsibilities from the Office of Human Resources Management to the Council Administrator. The Council Administrator will assign appropriate technical and administrative support personnel, as needed, to assist the Commission in its work.

The sponsor of the legislation explained the need to have Council staff involvement to provide an opportunity to carry out the roles and responsibilities of the Commission. The involvement of Council staff would allow for the youth to become engaged and involved in county government; i.e., mirroring the Council worksessions.

The Office of Law expressed concern that the transfer of staffing authority was contrary to Charter Sections 501 and 1017, subjecting commissions to the direction, supervision, and control of the County Executive.

The Office of Audits & Investigations indicates that existing Council staff members will be assigned to provide the necessary technical and administrative support. The Council Administrator anticipates that the provision of services in support of the Youth Commission will be incidental in nature and will not have a material or adverse fiscal impact on the County.

After detailed discussion, that included proposed amendments, the Health, Education and Human Services Committee moved the legislation favorable as presented.

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**BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT:**

(Includes reason for proposal, as well as any unique statutory requirements)

The Youth Commission was established by CB-19-2006 to encourage the high school youth in the County to learn about and participate in the local government process and advise the County Executive and County Council on matters pertaining to the youth. This amendment will encourage and make more visible the Youth Commission's participation and access the governing process by providing administrative support and facilities at the direction of the Council Administrator.

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**CODE INDEX TOPICS:**

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**INCLUSION FILES:**

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