

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

Resolution No. CR-055-2025
Proposed by Council Member Fisher
Introduced by Council Members Fisher, Burroughs, Watson and Blegay
Co-Sponsors _____
Date of Introduction May 13, 2025

RESOLUTION

1 A RESOLUTION concerning

2 **Strengthening Privacy Protections**

3 For the purpose of encouraging the Prince George’s County House and Senate Delegations of the
4 Maryland General Assembly to strengthen and support local legislation privacy protections in
5 Prince George’s County for all residents, including but not limited to, teachers, principals, school
6 board members and administration officials.

7 WHEREAS, the Prince George’s County Government is committed to fostering an
8 inclusive, safe, and equitable environment for all residents, regardless of immigration status or
9 perceived immigration status; and

10 WHEREAS, officials of the Prince George’s County Government are required to protect
11 immigrants from the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) in schools, courthouses and
12 hospitals; and

13 WHEREAS, the Maryland Trust Act would limit the ability of law enforcement to work
14 with ICE to protect immigrants and improve community relations with law enforcement; and

15 WHEREAS, no person in their official capacity employed by the Prince George’s County
16 Government is allowed to inquire about any students or their families’ immigration status or
17 perceived immigration status; and

18 WHEREAS, all children regardless of their status can enroll in and attend school without
19 fear of deportation; and

20 WHEREAS, the Prince George’s County Government is designated as a protected zone
21 under federal policy, meaning immigration enforcement actions in such locations should be
22 strictly limited to protect student access to education; and

1 WHEREAS, the Prince George’s County Government seeks to reinforce the values of
2 diversity, inclusion, and non-discrimination by ensuring that county employees, particularly
3 those in educational institutions, uphold these principles; and

4 WHEREAS, no individual, regardless of their immigration status or perceived immigration
5 status, in Prince George’s County should feel frightened or intimidated from matriculation at any
6 school in the County; and

7 WHEREAS, all Prince George’s County Government employees are prohibited from
8 engaging with ICE on any social media platform during office hours and prohibited from using
9 county resources to engage with ICE concerning any individual’s immigration status or
10 perceived immigration status especially in a threatening manner; and

11 WHEREAS the Maryland Trust Act establishes clear limitations on cooperation between
12 local government entities and federal immigration authorities to ensure due process and equal
13 protection under the law; and

14 WHEREAS county agents and agencies are prohibited from requesting information or
15 investigating or assisting in the investigation of any person’s citizenship or immigration, unless
16 the inquiry or investigation is required by law or court order; and

17 WHEREAS, county agents and agencies are prohibited from coercing, intimidating, or
18 threatening any person based on that person’s actual or perceived citizenship or immigration
19 status; and

20 WHEREAS, county agents and agencies are prohibited from using County resources to
21 investigate, enforce or assist in the investigation or enforcement of any federal program requiring
22 registration of individuals on the basis of race, gender, sexual orientation, religious or national or
23 ethnic origin; and

24 WHEREAS, pursuant to the Annotated Code of Maryland, Criminal Procedure Article,
25 Section 2-104.2 (2) a public school, a public library or a unit of the executive branch of state or
26 local government that operates at a school, or library shall deny access that is not accessible to
27 the general public to any individual who is seeking access for the purpose of enforcing federal
28 immigration law unless the individual presents a valid warrant issued by a federal court; and

29 WHEREAS the Maryland General Assembly established the Integrity and Compliance
30 Office in 2024 to halt waste, fraud and abuse.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Prince George's County Council

1 encourages the Prince’s George’s House and Senate Delegations of the Maryland General
2 Assembly to pass legislation in which no County employee, including but not limited to teachers,
3 principals, school board members, and administrators, shall report, disclose or communicate any
4 information regarding a student’s or employee’s immigration status or perceived immigration
5 status to (ICE) or any other federal immigration authority.

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Prince George’s County Council encourages the
7 Prince George’s County House and Senate Delegations of the Maryland General Assembly to
8 prohibit all interactions with ICE on all social media platforms concerning a student’s
9 immigration status or perceived immigration status.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that encourages the Prince George’s County Council
11 encourages the House and Senate Delegations of the Maryland General Assembly to expand the
12 scope of duties for the Office of Integrity and Compliance to have the ability to investigate any
13 school official who violates the Immigration laws of the Maryland Trust Act.

Adopted this ____ day of _____, 2025.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____
Edward P. Burroughs III
Chair

ATTEST:

Donna J. Brown
Clerk of the Council