Prince George's County Council Agenda Item Summary

Meeting Date: 5/30/2006 **Reference No.:** CB-019-2006

Draft No.: 2
Proposer(s): Bland

Sponsor(s): Bland, Dean, Dernoga, Exum, Harrington, Hendershot, Knotts, Peters, Campos

Item Title: An Act establishing a Youth Commission and setting forth its duties and responsibilities.

Drafter: Colette R. Gresham, Assistant Legislative Officer

Resource Personnel: Anthony Pressley, Legislative Aide

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

 Date Presented:
 4/25/2006
 Executive Action:
 6/29/2006
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 Committee Referral:
 4/25/2006 - HEHS
 Effective Date:
 8/14/2006

Committee Action: 5/9/2006 - FAV

Date Introduced: 5/30/2006

Public Hearing: 6/20/2006 - 10:00 AM

Council Action (1) 6/20/2006 - ENACTED

Council Votes: MB:A, WC:A, SHD:A, TD:A, CE:A, DCH:A, TH:A, TK:A, DP:A

Pass/Fail: P

Remarks:

AFFECTED CODE SECTIONS:

02-495, 02-496, 02-497, 02-498, 02-499, 02-500, 02-501

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

Date 5/9/2006

Committee Vote: Favorable, 5-0 (In favor: Council Members Knotts, Harrington, Campos, Hendershot and Peters).

CB-19-2006 establishes a Youth Commission to provide high school youth in the County with a vehicle to learn about government, participate in the public policy process, represent and articulate the needs of youth in the County, and advise the County Executive and County Council on matters pertaining to youth. The Bill establishes an Executive Director for the Commission, and such staff support and facilities, as may be authorized and provided in the Office of Human Resources Management.

The sponsor indicated that they will be working with the PGSA's from the participating schools in seeking nominees for the Commission.

The Office of Audits and Investigations determined that the administrative and facility support required of the Office of Human Resources Management is likely to be incidental, and the potential cost with establishing an Executive Director, is contingent on a number of variables, including the proposed salary level for the position, and whether the position is established on a full-time basis, or whether the position is absorbed as an added responsibility for an

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existing position.

The Assistant Legislative Officer finds it to be in proper legislative form. The Office of Law representative expressed concern with the establishment of the Commission; stating that the Charter allows for the Council to establish temporary or long-term Commissions. CB-19-2006 establishes a permanent Commission.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT:

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

The proposed legislation would establish a Youth Commission to provide high school youth in the County a vehicle to learn about government, participate in the process, represent and articulate the needs of youth in the County, and advise the County Executive and County Council on matters pertaining to the youth.

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