

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL
COMMITTEE REPORT
2022 Legislative Session

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Committee: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Date: 06/06/2022

Action: FAV

REPORT: Favorable 11-0: Council Members Hawkins, Burroughs Dernoga, Franklin, Glaros, Harrison Ivey, Medlock, Streeter, Taveras, and Turner.

The Prince George's County Council convened as the Committee of the Whole on June 6, 2022, and was presented with CB-023-2022, an Act Repealing the Prince George's County Police Department Use of Force statute. This legislation repeals the County code section pertaining to the use of force by the County's Police Department, i.e., County Code Section 18-156. The State of Maryland has passed a Use of Force Statute that will govern the use of force by police officers.

CB-023-2022 was proposed by the Council Chair at the request of the County Executive, was presented to the Council on April 5, 2022, and referred to the Committee of the Whole (COW) held on April 26, 2022, May 9th, and again on May 31st. CB-023-2022 repeals Subtitle 18. Police, Section 18-156, Use of Force, from the County code. The new Maryland Police Accountability Act of 2021 – Body-Worn Cameras, Employee Programs, and Use of Force established §3-524 of the Public Safety Article of the Maryland Code, known as the Maryland Use of Force Statute. This law takes effect July 1, 2022, and supersedes the existing County Code provision. The State of Maryland has passed a Use of Force Statute that will govern the use of force by police officers.

The Budget and Policy Analysis Group does not anticipate a fiscal impact.

After discussion, the Prince George's County Council, sitting as the Committee of the Whole, voted CB-023-2022 out favorably, 11-0.