

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL
COMMITTEE REPORT
2023 Legislative Session

Reference No.:	CR-013-2023
Draft No.:	2
Committee:	Health, Human Services, and Public Safety
Date:	04/06/2023
Action:	FAV (A)

REPORT: Favorable as amended 4-0: Council Members, Oriadha, Blegay, Burroughs, Dernoga, Absent: Franklin.

The Prince George's County Health, Human Services, and Public Safety Committee convened on Thursday, April 6, 2023, to discuss CR-013-2023. A Resolution Concerning Nurse Patient Ratios for the purpose of encouraging the State of Maryland to take action to create a standard for Nurse Patient Ratios to ensure the optimum level of care for patients in hospitals. In addition, the Prince George's County Council serving as the Board of Health would collect data pertaining to the nurse-to-patient ratio and the corresponding effect on the level of care for patients within Prince George's County.

Vice Chair Blegay, the Bill sponsor, noted that there is great concern about wait times at hospitals and the correlation to staffing. The amendment adds additional individuals to the support staff which is critical to the efficiency of the hospital system.

Leroy Maddox, Legislative Officer, Prince George's County Council, described the amendments.

Ashley Sharp, Consultant, Office of the County Executive, stated that the Administration had taken no position.

Dinora Hernandez, Deputy County Attorney, explained that the Office of Law found CB-013-2023 in proper legislative form with no legal impediments to its enactment.

Prince George's County citizens Susan Flashman, Lorraine Leon, Lauren Reichert, and Jabron Eubanks, testified in person in support of CR-013-2023.

After further discussion, the motion was made by Vice Chair Blegay, and Council Member Burroughs offered the second on the motion to favorably recommend CR-013-2023 out of committee. The Health Human Services and Public Safety Committee voted CR-013-2023 out favorably as amended, 4-0.