

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND**  
**2023 Legislative Session**

Resolution No. CR-013-2023

Proposed by Council Members Blegay, Oriadha, and Burroughs

Introduced by Council Members Blegay, Oriadha, Burroughs, Dernoga, Ivey, Watson,  
Hawkins, Olson, Fisher and Franklin

Co-Sponsors \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Introduction March 7, 2023

**RESOLUTION**

1 A RESOLUTION concerning

2 Nurse Patient Ratios

3 For the purpose of encouraging the State of Maryland to take action to create a standard for  
 4 Nurse and Support Staff Patient Ratios to ensure the optimum level of care for patients in  
 5 hospitals.

6 WHEREAS, the Prince George's County Council, in its role as the County Board of Health,  
 7 has substantial interests and investment in assuring that acute care general hospitals, emergency  
 8 rooms, urgent care facilities, and psychiatric hospitals retain sufficient staff to promote optimal  
 9 and safe health outcomes; and

10 WHEREAS, health care services within the County are becoming more complicated,  
 11 making it increasingly difficult for patients to access integrated services; and

12 WHEREAS, this is partly due to the inadequate staffing of healthcare professionals,  
 13 including registered nurses, specialists, and medical technicians, nursing assistants,  
 14 environmental services, and dietary aides; and

15 WHEREAS, with the growth and new demands for health services in the County, many  
 16 healthcare providers need additional assistance to provide quality services and meet the  
 17 expectations of patients and county stakeholders; and

18 WHEREAS, the Board of Health can collect data pertaining to nurse patient ratio and the  
 19 corresponding effect on the level of care for patients within Prince George's County through  
 20 briefings and other information gathering methods; and

21 WHEREAS, once this information has been collected, the County Council shall submit

1 these findings accompanied by a formal request urging state action using Prince George's  
2 County as the example by the data collected; and

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George's  
4 County, Maryland, that the County Council, sitting as the Board of Health, shall collect empirical  
5 data pertaining to nurse and support staff patient ratio and the corresponding effect on the level  
6 of care for patients within Prince George's County through briefings and other information  
7 gathering methods.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Council shall submit these findings  
9 accompanied by a formal request urging state action.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the County Council provides a copy of  
11 this Resolution to Westley W.O. Moore, Governor, State of Maryland, Senate President William  
12 C. Ferguson IV, House Speaker Adrienne A. Jones, Michael A. Jackson, Chair of the Prince  
13 George's County Senate Delegation and Nick Charles, Chair of the Prince George's County  
14 House Delegation.

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16 Adopted this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of May, 2023.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE  
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Thomas E. Dernoga  
Chair

ATTEST:

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Donna J. Brown  
Clerk of the Council