Prince George's County Council

Agenda Item Summary

Meeting Date: 11/17/2025
Effective Date: 1/23/2026
Reference No.: CB-068-2025
Chapter Number: 55
Draft No.: 2
Public Hearing Date: 11/17/2025 @ 10:00 AM
Proposer(s): Watson
Sponsor(s): Watson, Fisher and Harrison
Item Title: AN ACT CONCERNING CODE OF ETHICS for the purpose of amending the Prince George's County Code of Ethics to prohibit a former Council Member's compensated representation in certain matters in which they participated as a Council Member; and generally relating to the Prince George's County Code of Ethics.

Drafter: Reese Espy-Glassman
Resource Personnel:

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

Date:	Acting Body:	Action:	Sent To:
09/09/2025	County Council	presented and referred	GOFP

Action Text:
This Council Bill was presented by Council Member Fisher and referred to the Government Operations and Fiscal Policy Committee.

09/25/2025	GOFP	Held in Committee	

Action Text:
A motion was made by Vice Chair Blegay, seconded by Council Member Dernoga, that this Council Bill be Held in Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 Watson, Dernoga and Blegay

Absent: 2 Oriadha and Burroughs

10/09/2025	GOFP	amended (1)	

Action Text:
A motion was made by Vice Chair Blegay, seconded by Council Member Oriadha, that this Council Bill be amended (1). The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 Watson, Dernoga, Oriadha, Burroughs and Blegay

10/09/2025	GOFP	Favorably recommended with amendments	County Council

Action Text:
A motion was made by Chair Watson, seconded by Council Member Oriadha, that this Council Bill be Favorably recommended with amendments. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 Watson, Dernoga, Oriadha, Burroughs and Blegay

10/21/2025 County Council introduced

Action Text:
This Council Bill was introduced by Council Member Watson.

11/17/2025 County Council public hearing held

Action Text:
The public hearing for this Council Bill was held.

11/17/2025 County Council enacted

Action Text:
A motion was made by Council Member Fisher, seconded by Council Member Harrison, that this Council Bill be enacted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 10 Blegay, Dernoga, Fisher, Harrison, Olson, Watson, Ivey, Burroughs, Oriadha and Adams-Stafford

Absent: 1 Hawkins

12/08/2025 County Executive signed

Action Text:
This Council Bill was signed

AFFECTED CODE SECTIONS:
02-293

BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT:
This proposed legislation would change the Prince George's County Code of Ethics by requiring current and former County Council members to abstain from participation in any lawsuits against The Prince George's County Government. Council Members, former Council Members who have ended their term may not sue or participate in lawsuits in Prince George's County after a period of three years after leaving a Council seat to represent clients or litigants in matters that come before the County Council. In addition, if a County Council law maker took a vote during their tenure in the Prince George's County Council, they are prohibited from working on that project, assisting or representing another party for compensation for the life of the project.

Document(s): B2025068, CB-068-2025 Report, CB-068-2025 PAFI, CB-068-2025 OMB Comments