PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORT

2026 Legislative Session

Reference No.:	CB-082-2026
Draft No.:	1
Committee:	PLANNING, HOUSING, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
Date:	9/17/2026
Action:	FAVORABLE

REPORT: Committee Vote: Favorable with Amendments, 5-0 (In favor: Committee Chair Blegay, Vice Chair Oriadha, Council Members Adams-Stafford, Dernoga and Olson)

The Planning, Housing and Economic Development (PHED) Committee met on Thursday, September 17, 2026, to consider CB-082-2026. As presented on Tuesday, September 1, 2026, the County Council presented and referred Draft-1 of the bill to the PHED Committee. The bill is for the purpose of making the use regulations for Cannabis dispensaries and Cannabis micro-dispensaries consistent with provisions of State law; and generally regarding Cannabis uses in Prince George's County.

The PHED Committee Director, Rana Hightower, provided a summary of the proposed legislation and shared public comments and feedback from various agencies within Prince George's County.

The bill sponsor, PHED Committee Vice Chair Oriadha stated the bill is clerical in nature to align with the State.

The Planning Board voted to support the legislation.

Ms. Cree Ganu, Legislative Liaison for the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, prepared a Policy Analysis and Fiscal Impact Statement noting that the bill updates the County's protected-use list to better match State law. The key change adds a 500-foot buffer from pre-existing places of worship, clarifying when protected uses affect dispensary site eligibility.

The amendment prevents new schools, childcare uses, parks, or places of worship from creating separation conflicts for existing dispensaries, though adding places of worship to the buffer may reduce potential sites for new dispensaries or micro-dispensaries.

The bill creates no positions or funding obligations, though agencies may face minor one-time costs to update materials and systems.

On motion of Vice Chair Oriadha, seconded by Council Member Dernoga the PHED Committee voted 5-0 favorably on CB-082-2026.