

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL
COMMITTEE REPORT
2019 Legislative Session

Reference No.: CR-49-2019

Draft No.: 2

Committee: HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND PUBLIC SAFETY

Date: 7/18/19

Action: FAV/A

REPORT: Favorable as amended 4-0: Council Members Hawkins, Ivey, Harrison and Taveras
Absent: Franklin

CR-49-2019 proposes to establish the Prince George's County Re-Entry Advisory Board to determine, evaluate, access and assist County agencies in implementing a comprehensive Re-Entry Program and re-entry services in the County. The Board consist of 19 members with representatives from the Administration, Public Safety and Human Services agencies in the County, as well as from the Prince George's County Public Schools, the Prince George's Community College and our work-force services.

The Committee received testimony from Mary Lou McDonough, Director, Department of Corrections, Dr. Jacquelyn Duval-Harvey, PhD, Deputy Health Officer, Health Department, Nicholas Alexander, Director, Bridge Center at Adam's House, and Jason Abbott, Principal Deputy State's Attorney, and LaKeecia Allen, Director of Policy, Intergovernmental and Legislative Affairs, State's Attorney's Office. There was overwhelming support for the establishment of this Board expressed by all.

During the Committee discussion it was suggested that a representative from the County Executive's Office and the Juvenile Justice System be added to the Board, which would increase the composition to 21 members. It was also suggested that the first date for a preliminary report be moved from October 15, 2019 to February 18, 2020. These amendments are included in Draft 2 of CR-49-2019.

The Office of Law reports CR-49-2019 to be proper legislative form with no legal impediments to its adoption.

The Office of Audits and Investigations reports CR-49-2019 will have no adverse impact on the County.

There could be minimal fiscal impact due to the services of the technical and administrative staff assigned to work with the Board.

After a very robust discussion, the Health Human Services and Public Safety Committee voted CR-49-2019 out favorably as amended, 4-0.