

COUNTY COUNCIL FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

APPROVED

Monday, February 7, 2022

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland convened via video conference at 12:32 P.M. on Monday, February 7, 2022.

PRESENT

Councilmember Gabe Albornoz, President

Councilmember Evan Glass, Vice President

Councilmember Andrew Friedson Councilmember Tom Hucker Councilmember Will Jawando Councilmember Sidney Katz Councilmember Nancy Navarro Councilmember Craig Rice

Councilmember Hans Riemer

The President in the Chair.

GENERAL BUSINESS

A. **DISCUSSION** - State Legislative Program

Participating in the discussion were Mrs. McCartney-Green, Legislative Attorney, and Ms. Wegner, Federal Relations Coordinator and Legislative Analyst, Office of Intergovernmental Relations (OIR).

Discussed State legislative matters and local bonds.

Supported without objection all staff recommendations regarding the Council's position on bills discussed as follows:

• HB 425 / SB 387 - Public Safety - Untraceable Firearms

Approved staff recommendation to support this bill without objection among those present. Mr. Hucker was temporarily absent.

 HB 517 / SB 460 - Consumer Health Access Program for Mental Health, and Addiction Care - Establishment

Approved staff recommendation to support this bill without objection

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among those present. Mr. Hucker was temporarily absent.

• <u>HB 533 / SB 523 - Occupations and Professions - Licenses,</u> Certificates, and Registration - Immigrants

Approved staff recommendation to support this bill without objection. Ms. Navarro suggested that Council should advocate in support of this Bill at the State level and share County data in support of this State legislation.

 HB 685 / SB 448 - Education - Regional Resource Centers and Libraries - Funding

Approved staff recommendation to support this bill without objection.

As Lead for Libraries, Mr. Jawando shared his support for this Bill to provide funding for libraries, stating that our library system continues to grow, and this will help to ensure that they are updated and have all that is needed for continued success.

Ms. Navarro also shared her support for this Bill that strengthens the Regional Services Centers and may help establish reimagined types of and how services are delivered.

 HB 24 / SB 4 - Cybersecurity Scholarship Program - Alterations and Maryland Cybersecurity Loan Assistance Repayment Program -Establishment

Approved staff recommendation to support this bill, without objection.

Ms. Wegner provided a brief overview of the local bond initiatives that have been introduced thus far at the State General Assembly. She noted that the Senate bill filing deadline is February 7 and the House deadline is on February 11, so expects the list to grow from what has been presented at today's meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 12:46 P.M.

This is a correct copy of Council action.

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Clerk of the Council