



COUNTY COUNCIL FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

APPROVED

Monday, February 28, 2022

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland convened via video conference at 12:31 P.M. on Monday, February 28, 2022.

PRESENT

Councilmember Gabe Alborno, President
Councilmember Andrew Friedson
Councilmember Will Jawando
Councilmember Nancy Navarro

Councilmember Evan Glass, Vice President
Councilmember Sidney Katz
Councilmember Craig Rice
Councilmember Hans Riemer

ABSENT

Councilmember Tom Hucker

The President in the Chair.

1. **DISCUSSION** - State Legislative Program

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

Discussed State legislative matters and general progress of State legislation.

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

- House Bill 983 - Housing and Community Development - Expansion of Affordable Housing - County Grants

Approved staff recommendation to support this bill without objection. Mr. Hucker was absent.

- House Bill 993 / Senate Bill 919 - Child Care Capital Support Revolving Loan Fund - Established

Approved staff recommendation to support this bill without objection.

Mr. Hucker was absent. Ms. Frey confirmed that this Bill would apply to all childcare providers, including centers and home providers.

- House Bill 995 / Senate Bill 920 - Early Childhood Development - Child Care Scholarship Program - Alterations

Approved staff recommendation to support this bill without objection. Mr. Hucker was absent.

- House Bill 1100 / Senate Bill 806 - Child Care Providers and Employees - Bonuses

Approved staff recommendation to support this bill without objection. Mr. Hucker was absent.

- House Bill 1290 - Education - Public School Construction - Funding and Administration

Approved staff recommendation to support this bill without objection. Mr. Hucker was absent.

Mr. Rice, Chair of the Education and Culture (E&C) Committee, stated that he will share proposed amendments from Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) with the Council, Ms. Wegner, and representatives of the National Association of Counties (NACo) once received. Mr. Albornoz noted that Council will review the proposed amendments from MCPS once received to ensure that Council continues to support this Bill.

- House Bill 1080 / Senate Bill 778 - Maryland Medical Assistance Program - Children and Pregnant Women (Healthy Babies Equity Act)

Approved staff recommendation to support this bill without objection. Mr. Hucker was absent.

- House Bill 1013 / Senate Bill 893 Public Safety - Safer Communities Fund and Task Force Establishment

Approved staff recommendation to support this bill without objection. Mr. Hucker was absent.

Ms. Wegner noted that the State legislature was approximately half-way through its legislative session and that several bills are progressing through the legislative process. She also noted that several local bond initiatives for non-profit organizations have listed Montgomery County as a source of income for part of their financing.

Mr. Albornoz requested Council staff review and include for discussion local bond initiatives as staff prepares Capital Improvements Program (CIP) recommendations for Committee worksessions.

The meeting adjourned at 12:47 P.M.

This is a correct copy of Council action.



Selena Mendy Singleton, Esq.
Clerk of the Council