

AGENDA ITEM #22
March 17, 2015
Public Hearing

MEMORANDUM

March 13, 2015

TO: County Council

FROM: Amanda Mihill, Legislative Attorney *A. Mihill*

SUBJECT: **Public Hearing:** Bill 11-15, Child Care Expansion and Quality Enhancement Initiative

Bill 11-15, Child Care Expansion and Quality Enhancement Initiative, sponsored by Councilmembers Navarro and Floreen, was introduced on March 3, 2015. A joint Health and Human Services/Education Committee worksession is tentatively scheduled for April 17 at 2 p.m.

Bill 11-15 would create a Child Care Expansion and Quality Enhancement Initiative in the Department of Health and Human Services. The Bill would also specify the duties to implement the Initiative.

This packet contains:

Bill 11-15

Legislative Request Report

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Bill No. 11-15
Concerning: Child Care Expansion and Quality Enhancement Initiative
Revised: 9/19/2014 Draft No. 3
Introduced: March 3, 2015
Expires: September 3, 2016
Enacted: _____
Executive: _____
Effective: _____
Sunset Date: None
Ch. _____, Laws of Mont. Co. _____

**COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND**

By: Councilmembers Navarro and Floreen

AN ACT to:

- (1) create a Child Care Expansion and Quality Enhancement Initiative in the Department of Health and Human Services;
- (2) specify the duties to implement the Initiative; and
- (3) generally amend County law regarding child care, human rights, and administration.

By renaming and adding

Montgomery County Code
Chapter 10A, Child Care
Section 10A-1, 10A-2, 10A-3, 10A-4, 10A-5, 10A-6, 10A-7, 10A-8, 10A-9

By renumbering

Chapter 10A, Child Care
Sections 10A-1, 10A-2, 10A-3, 10A-4, 10A-5

Chapter 27, Human Rights and Civil Liberties
Sections 27-62 and 27-62A

Boldface	<i>Heading or defined term.</i>
<u>Underlining</u>	<i>Added to existing law by original bill.</i>
[Single boldface brackets]	<i>Deleted from existing law by original bill.</i>
<u>Double underlining</u>	<i>Added by amendment.</i>
[[Double boldface brackets]]	<i>Deleted from existing law or the bill by amendment.</i>
* * *	<i>Existing law unaffected by bill.</i>

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland approves the following Act:

1 **Sec. 1. Chapter 10A is renamed and Article 1 (Section 10A-1) of Chapter**
 2 **10A is added as follows:**

3 **Chapter 10A. [Child Day Care Facilities Loan Program] Child Care.**

4 **Article 1. Child Care Expansion and Quality Enhancement.**

5 **10A-1. Child Care Expansion and Quality Enhancement Initiative.**

6 (a) Definitions. In this Article, the following words have the meanings
 7 indicated:

8 Department means the Department of Health and Human Services.

9 Director means the Director of the Department or the Director's
 10 designee.

11 Family child care provider has the same meaning as in Section 5-550 of
 12 the Family Law Article of the Maryland Code or any successor
 13 provision.

14 (b) Initiative. The Department must:

15 (1) at least quarterly, hold an information session:

16 (A) for prospective family child care providers, on the steps
 17 necessary to become licensed by the State; and

18 (B) for licensed family child care providers, on the steps
 19 necessary to achieve State, regional, or national
 20 accreditation;

21 (2) provide technical assistance and business training to family child
 22 care providers;

23 (3) if requested, conduct a site-visit for potential family child care
 24 providers to provide feedback and assistance to obtain state
 25 licensing;

26 (4) provide services in Spanish, and other languages as requested, in
 27 a culturally competent manner;

- 28 (5) conduct an annual assessment of child care needs in the County;
- 29 and
- 30 (6) prepare an annual report, as required in subsection (c).
- 31 (c) Regulations. The Executive may adopt regulations under Method (2) to
- 32 administer the Initiative.
- 33 (d) Annual report. By February 1 each year, the Department must submit to
- 34 the County Council an annual report on:
- 35 (1) its activities, accomplishments, plans, and objectives;
- 36 (2) the results of the annual child care needs assessment; and
- 37 (3) the number of family child care providers serviced and types of
- 38 services provided.

39 **Sec. 2. Article 2 of Chapter 10A is added and Sections 10A-1, 10A-2,**
 40 **10A-3, 10A-4, 10A-5, and 10A-6 are renumbered as follows:**

41 **Article 2. Child Day Care Facilities Loan Program.**

42 **[10A-1] 10A-2. Purpose and objectives.**

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44 **[10A-2] 10A-3. Eligibility.**

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46 **[10A-3] 10A-4. Uses of funds.**

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48 **[10A-4] 10A-5. Loan amounts and rates.**

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50 **[10A-5] 10A-6. Loan procedures.**

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52 **[10A-6] 10A-7. Revolving loan fund.**

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54 **Sec. 3. Article VIII of Chapter 27 (Sections 27-62 and 27-62A) is**
 55 **renumbered as follows:**

56 **Article VIII. [Commission on Child Care.] Reserved.**

57 **Article 3. Commission on Child Care.**

58 **[27-62] 10A-8. Commission on child care.**

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60 **Article 4. Child Care Facilities Impact Statements.**

61 **[27-62A] 10A-9. Child Care facilities impact statements.**

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George Leventhal, President, County Council

Date

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Isiah Leggett, County Executive

Date

67 *This is a correct copy of Council action.*

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Linda M. Lauer, Clerk of the Council

Date

LEGISLATIVE REQUEST REPORT

Bill 11-15

Child Care Expansion and Quality Enhancement Initiative

DESCRIPTION: Bill 11-15 would create a Child Care Expansion and Quality Enhancement Initiative in the Department of Health and Human Services, specify the duties to implement the Initiative, and generally amend County law regarding child care, human rights, and administration.

PROBLEM: The demand for quality child care exceeds supply in the County.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES: To assist potential providers in navigating the procedures to become licensed child care providers.

COORDINATION: Health and Human Services

FISCAL IMPACT: To be requested.

ECONOMIC IMPACT: To be requested.

EVALUATION: To be requested.

EXPERIENCE ELSEWHERE: To be researched.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION: Amanda Mihill, Legislative Attorney, 240-777-7815

APPLICATION WITHIN MUNICIPALITIES: To be researched.

PENALTIES: N/A