

Bill No. 8-17
Concerning: Executive Branch -
Business [[Services Center]]
Solutions Group - Established
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COUNTY COUNCIL FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

Lead Sponsors: Council President Berliner and Councilmember Riemer
Co-Sponsors: Councilmembers Elrich, Navarro, Katz and Rice

AN ACT to:

- (1) establish a Business [[Services Center]] Solutions Group in the Office of the County Executive;
- (2) define the duties of the [[Center]] Group; and
- (3) generally amend the laws governing the organization of the Executive Branch.

By amending

Montgomery County Code
Chapter 2, Administration
Section 2-25B

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:

Sec. 1. Section 2-25B is amended as follows:

2-25B. [Small Business Navigator] Business ~~[[Services Center]]~~ Solutions Group.

(a) *Definitions.* As used in this Section:

~~[[Center]]~~ Group means the Business ~~[[Services Center]]~~ Solutions Group.

Navigator means the Small Business Navigator designated by the Executive under subsection (c).

Small business means a privately owned business that meets the requirements of Section 11B-65(a).

(b) *Establishment of*~~[Program]~~ ~~[[Center]]~~ Group. The Executive must create and administer a [Small Business Assistance Program] Business ~~[[Services Center]]~~ Solutions Group [with] that includes a Small Business Navigator. [to help small businesses comply with County policies and regulations] The ~~[[Center]]~~ Group must be part of the Office of the County Executive.

(c) *Small Business Navigator.* The Executive must designate an employee as the Small Business Navigator. Among other duties, the Navigator must:

(1) advise the Executive, the Council, the Chief Administrative Officer, County Department heads, the Planning Board, and any other appropriate government agency, of any action needed to assist small businesses to comply with County requirements and regulations;

(2) promote communications between a small business and each County department or agency that the small business must interact with;


- (3) develop and maintain a database of information necessary for a small business to comply with County requirements and regulations;
- (4) advise small businesses on how to comply with County requirements and regulations; and
- (5) identify changes to regulations and requirements that would improve turnaround, eliminate duplication, resolve conflicts in authority, and eliminate unnecessary regulations and requirements.

(d) Additional duties for the [[Office]] Group. In addition to the duties of the Small Business Navigator described in subsection (c), the [[Office]] Group must:

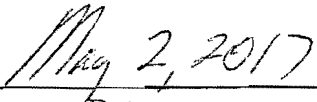
- (1) provide constituent services for businesses operating in the County or planning to operate in the County, including:
 - (A) communicating about new and revised County laws and regulations affecting County businesses;
 - (B) [[public]] outreach;
 - (C) providing [[technical]] publications on County policies;
 - (D) operating workshops and conferences; and
 - (E) convening targeted business [[development]] events; and
- (2) serve as a point of contact for County businesses seeking to[:
 - (A) obtain a County contract; or
 - (B)] comply with County requirements and regulations; and
- (3) [[advocate for]] assist County businesses to interact with other State, County, and local government agencies.

(e) Reports. On or before September 15 of each year, the Executive must report to the Council on the activities and recommendations of the [Navigator] [[Center]] Group.

Approved:



Roger Berliner, President, County Council



Date

Approved:

Isiah Leggett, County Executive

Date

This is a correct copy of Council action.

Linda M. Lauer, Clerk of the Council

Date