

Climate Assessment

Office of Legislative Oversight

BILL 33-25: POLICE – COMMUNITY POLICING – ANNUAL REPORT DEADLINE

SUMMARY

The Office of Legislative Oversight (OLO) anticipates Bill 33-25 will have no impact as it is proposing a change to the deadline for a data report which has no impact on the County's contribution to addressing climate change.

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE OF BILL 33-25

County law requires the Montgomery County Police Department (MCPD) to regularly publish information related to police-community interactions. This includes:

- 19 data points and two narratives that are published in the Annual Police Statistical Data Report (full list in Figure A, Appendix);¹
- 18 datasets that are published in dataMontgomery (full list in Figure B, Appendix);² and
- One annual survey on police-community relations that, at a minimum, measures levels of trust communities have in the police.³

Currently, MCPD is required to publish information for the Annual Police Statistical Data Report by February 1 each year. If enacted, Bill 33-25 would change this deadline to April 1 of each year. According to the introduction staff report, the change is intended to provide MCPD "adequate time to compile, verify, and standardize data for the Annual Police Statistical Data Report, ensuring greater accuracy, consistency, and alignment between initial and finalized publication."⁴

The Council introduced Bill 33-25 on October 21, 2025.

ANTICIPATED IMPACTS

OLO anticipates Bill 33-25 will have no impact as the bill proposes a change to the deadline for a data report which would have no impact on the County's contribution to addressing climate change, including the reduction and/or sequestration of greenhouse gas emissions, community resilience, and adaptive capacity.

RECOMMENDED AMENDMENTS

The Climate Assessment Act requires OLO to offer recommendations, such as amendments or other measures to mitigate any anticipated negative climate impacts.⁵ OLO does not offer recommendations or amendments as Bill 33-25 is likely to have no impact on the County's contribution to addressing climate change, including the reduction and/or sequestration of greenhouse gas emissions, community resilience, and adaptative capacity.

CAVEATS

OLO notes two caveats to this climate assessment. First, predicting the impacts of legislation upon climate change is a challenging analytical endeavor due to data limitations, uncertainty, and the broad, global nature of climate change. Second, the analysis performed here is intended to inform the legislative process, not determine whether the Council should enact legislation. Thus, any conclusion made in this statement does not represent OLO's endorsement of, or objection to, the bill under consideration.

PURPOSE OF CLIMATE ASSESSMENTS

The purpose of the Climate Assessments is to evaluate the anticipated impact of legislation on the County's contribution to addressing climate change. These climate assessments will provide the Council with a more thorough understanding of the potential climate impacts and implications of proposed legislation, at the County level. The scope of the Climate Assessments is limited to the County's contribution to addressing climate change, specifically upon the County's contribution to greenhouse gas emissions and how actions suggested by legislation could help improve the County's adaptative capacity to climate change, and therefore, increase community resilience.

While co-benefits such as health and cost savings may be discussed, the focus is on how proposed County bills may impact GHG emissions and community resilience.

CONTRIBUTIONS

OLO staffer Kaitlyn Simmons drafted this assessment.

APPENDIX

Figure A. List of MCPD Data Points and Narratives Required in Annual Police Statistical Data Report

Data Points

1. Demographics of MCPD officers (number overall and by race, ethnicity, gender, County residency, other voluntary info)
2. Number of MCPD recruiting events in County
3. Number of use of force instances that resulted in injury
4. Number of civilian complaints related to use of force by MCPD officer
5. Number of civilian complaints regarding discrimination and harassment
6. Number of MCPD officers suspended with pay
7. Number of MCPD officers suspended without pay
8. Percentage of patrol officers assigned to neighborhood patrols
9. Number of youth under 18 years referred to intervention programs by MCPD officers
10. Number of calls for service involving substance use, and responses and outcomes for those calls
11. Number of calls for service involving mental health, and responses and outcomes for those calls
12. Demographics of individuals stopped, searched, cited, arrested, or subject to use of force by MCPD (number by race, ethnicity, gender, age, other voluntary info)
13. Demographics of individuals subject to a field interview (number by race, ethnicity, gender, location, age, other voluntary info)
14. Number of MCPD officers subject to each type of officer discipline
15. Number of violations of use of force policy and number of MCPD officers violating policy
16. Number of investigations by MCPD Internal Affairs Division
17. Number of civilian complaints per police district, number of officers with complaints, and outcomes of complaints
18. Number of overtime hours worked per police district
19. Number of calls for service involving individuals experiencing homelessness, and responses and outcomes for those calls

Narratives

1. Description of MCPD's training standards and practices
2. Description of MCPD's community policing efforts

Figure B. List of MCPD Datasets Required in dataMontgomery

To the extent allowed by state and federal law, County law requires the following datasets to include race, ethnicity, gender, age, police district, division, and bureau. Datasets marked with an asterisk () are missing or incomplete based on a review by OLO.*

1. Use of force incidents
2. Field interview reports
3. Juvenile citations
4. Criminal citations, including trespassing citations
5. Alcohol beverage violations
6. Marijuana possession violations less than 10 grams
7. Smoking marijuana in public places
8. Pointing of a service weapon, taser, or pepper spray at an individual
9. Issuance of stay-away order for trespass enforcement and property location
10. Activation, deployment, and results of SWAT team*
11. Search warrants*
12. Arrests, including arrests on or adjacent to school property
13. Searches, including searches that result in arrest or discovery of contraband
14. Stops, including stop and frisks that do not result in citations or arrests*
15. Service calls related to mental health
16. Service calls related to substance use
17. Service calls related to individuals experiencing homelessness
18. Service calls determined to be unfounded

¹ For previous reports, refer to [“Annual Statistical Data Reports for County Officials,” Montgomery County Department of Police.](#)

² Datasets can be found by searching [dataMontgomery](#) website.

³ Of note, MCPD issued a [press release](#) inviting community members to participate in the 2025 MCPD Annual Community Trust Survey on October 1, 2025. OLO could not find information on community trust surveys previously administered by MCPD. According to the Advisory Commission on Policing, MCPD has not received funding for the survey for fiscal years 2024 through 2026. Refer to [Introduction Staff Report for Bill 33-25, Montgomery County Council, Introduced October 21, 2025, pg. \(5\).](#)

⁴ Introduction Staff Report for Bill 33-25, pg. 1.

⁵ Bill 3-22, Legislative Branch – Climate Assessments – Required, Montgomery County Council, Effective date October 24, 2022