

Economic Impact Statement

Office of Legislative Oversight

Expedited Bill 22-20

Administration – Position Creation and Position Alteration – Director of Strategic Partnerships and Director of Criminal Justice Coordinating Commission

SUMMARY

The Office of Legislative Oversight (OLO) expects Expedited Bill 22-20 to have an insignificant impact on the Montgomery County economy.

BACKGROUND

As described in the Legislative Request Report, Expedited Bill 22-20 would “replace the non-merit appointed position of the Director of the Criminal Justice Coordinating Commission with a non-merit appointed position of Director of Strategic Partnerships.”¹ The Chief Administrative Officer would designate an individual to fulfill the duties of the Director of the Criminal Justice Coordinating Commission. The County Executive believes that creating the position of Director of Strategic Partnerships would improve the relationship between the Executive Branch, County Council, and community partners.²

INFORMATION, ASSUMPTIONS and METHODOLOGIES

No methodologies were used in this statement. The assumptions underlying the claims made in the subsequent sections are based on the judgment of OLO staff.

VARIABLES

Not applicable.

IMPACTS

Businesses, Non-Profits, Other Private Organizations

Workforce, operating costs, property values, capital investment, taxation policy, economic development, competitiveness, etc.

OLO believes that Expedited Bill 22-20 would have little to no impact on private organizations in the County in terms of the Council’s priority indicators, namely workforce, operating costs, capital investments, property values, taxation policy, economic development and competitiveness.

¹ Montgomery County Council, Expedited Bill No. 22-20 Administration – Position Creation and Position Alteration – Director of Strategic Partnerships and Director of Criminal Justice Coordinating Commission, Montgomery County, Maryland, 3.

² Marc Elrich, Memorandum, Montgomery County, Maryland, March 18, 2020.

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Residents

Employment, property values, taxes paid, etc.

OLO believes that Expedited Bill 22-20 would have little to no impact on County residents in terms of the Council's priority indicators, namely employment, property values, and taxes paid.

WORKS CITED

Elrich, Marc. Memorandum. March 18, 2020. Montgomery County, Maryland.

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CAVEATS

Two caveats to the economic analysis performed here should be noted. First, predicting the economic impacts of legislation is a challenging analytical endeavor due to data limitations, the multitude of causes of economic outcomes, economic shocks, uncertainty, and other factors. 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.

CONTRIBUTIONS

This economic impact statement was drafted by Stephen Roblin (OLO).