

# Economic Impact Statement

Office of Legislative Oversight

## Bill 24-20

## Administration – Police – Assistant Chiefs of Police

### SUMMARY

The Office of Legislative Oversight (OLO) expects Bill 24-20 to have an insignificant impact on the Montgomery County economy.

### BACKGROUND

Bill 24-20 would revise §2-43 of the Montgomery County Code to “create a non-merit civilian assistant chief of police position” and “rename the existing non-merit assistant chief of police positions.” The new Assistant Chief of Police position would “focus on community relations and evidenced-based policing.”<sup>1</sup>

### 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 Bill 24-20 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.

#### Residents

Employment, property values, taxes paid, etc.

OLO believes that Bill 24-20 would have little to no impact on County residents in terms of the Council’s priority indicators, namely employment, property values, and taxes paid.

<sup>1</sup> Montgomery County Council, Bill No. 24-20 Administration – Police – Assistant Chiefs of Police, Montgomery County, Maryland, 1-3.

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## WORKS CITED

Montgomery County Council. Bill No. 24-20 Administration – Police – Assistant Chiefs of Police. 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.

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## CONTRIBUTIONS

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