

Economic Impact Statement

Office of Legislative Oversight

Bill 18-21

Police – Internal Affairs Procedures and Reporting Requirements

SUMMARY

The Office of Legislative Oversight (OLO) believes that enacting Bill 18-21 would have insignificant impacts on economic conditions in the County.

BACKGROUND

The purpose of Bill 18-21 is to improve “accountability and oversight regarding body-worn camera recordings and Internal Affairs Division (IAD) investigations.” The bill would attempt to do so by requiring the following: “the issuance of body-worn cameras under certain circumstances; ... the internal random review of certain body-worn camera recordings; ... review by the Internal Affairs Division of certain body-worn camera recordings; ... the internal reporting of certain investigations to the Chief of Police; ... the reporting of certain investigations, investigative files, and body-worn camera recordings to the County Executive, the County Council, and the State’s Attorney; and ... maintenance of a log of each time a body-worn camera recording is accessed or redacted.”¹

METHODOLOGIES, ASSUMPTIONS, AND UNCERTAINTIES

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

VARIABLES

Not applicable

¹ Montgomery County Council, Bill 18-21, Police – Internal Affairs Procedures and Reporting Requirements, introduced on May 18, 2021. See Introduction Staff Report, https://apps.montgomerycountymd.gov/ccllms/DownloadFilePage?FileName=2709_1_14442_Bill_18-21_Introduction_20210518.pdf.

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IMPACTS

WORKFORCE ▪ TAXATION POLICY ▪ PROPERTY VALUES ▪ INCOMES ▪ OPERATING COSTS ▪ PRIVATE SECTOR CAPITAL INVESTMENT ▪ ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ▪ COMPETITIVENESS

Businesses, Non-Profits, Other Private Organization

OLO believes that Bill 18-21 would have no economic impacts on private organizations in the County in terms of the Council's priority indicators, namely business income, workforce, operating costs, capital investments, property values, taxation policy, economic development, and competitiveness.²

Residents

OLO does not believe that Bill 18-21 would significantly affect County residents in terms of the Council's priority indicators.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Not applicable

WORKS CITED

Montgomery County Code. Sec. 2-81B. Economic Impact Statements.

Montgomery County Council. Bill 18-21, Police – Internal Affairs Procedures and Reporting Requirements. Introduced on May 18, 2021.

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

Stephen Roblin (OLO) prepared this report.

² For the Council's priority indicators, see Montgomery County Code, Sec. 2-81B. Economic Impact Statements, https://codelibrary.amlegal.com/codes/montgomerycounty/latest/montgomeryco_md/0-0-0-80894.