

Economic Impact Statement

Office of Legislative Oversight

Bill 6-22

Recreation – Montgomery County Sports Commission – Established

SUMMARY

The Office of Legislative Oversight (OLO) anticipates that enacting Bill 6-22 would have no direct impacts on economic conditions in the County in terms of the Council's priority indicators.

BACKGROUND

Bill Description

The goal of Bill 6-22 is to increase participation and diversity in County sports.¹ The Bill would attempt to achieve this goal by establishing a Montgomery County Sports Commission (hereinafter "Commission") consisting of 23 members appointed by the County Executive and confirmed by the County Council.² As stated in the Bill, the Commission's duties would be to:

- (a) prepare and submit to the County Executive and the County Council an annual report regarding sports participation in the County and
- (b) together with the County Executive and County Council, formally recognize teams and athletes in the County who win state or national championships, or who represent the United States in international competition.³

INFORMATION SOURCES, METHODOLOGIES, AND ASSUMPTIONS

Per Section 2-81B of the Montgomery County Code, the purpose of this Economic Impact Statement is to assess Bill 6-22's impacts on County-based private organizations and residents in terms of the Council's priority economic indicators.⁴ OLO concludes that establishing the Commission would have no significant, direct impacts on local economic conditions. However, OLO notes that the Commission could have indirect economic impacts by proposing recommendations that public/private sports organizations or facilities implement in the future. Identifying and estimating these potential indirect impacts is beyond the scope of this analysis.

¹ Legislative Request Report, Bill 6-22.

² Bill 6-22.

³ Ibid.

⁴ Montgomery County Code, Sec. 2-81B.

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VARIABLES

Not applicable

IMPACTS

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

Businesses, Non-Profits, Other Private Organizations

Not applicable

Residents

Not applicable

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Not applicable

WORKS CITED

Montgomery County Code. [Sec. 2-81B, Economic Impact Statements](#).

Montgomery County Council. [Bill 6-22, Recreation – Montgomery County Sports Commission – Established](#). Introduced on March 15, 2022.

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.