

Economic Impact Statement

Office of Legislative Oversight

Expedited 32-22

Department of Health and Human Services – Structure and Positions

SUMMARY

The Office of Legislative Oversight (OLO) anticipates that Expedited Bill 32-22 would have an insignificant impact on economic conditions in the County in terms of the Council's priority indicators.

BACKGROUND

Bill 32-22 would make the following changes to County law:

- (1) add the Chief of Public Health Services as a non-merit position in the Department of Health and Human Services;
- (2) eliminate the Chief Operating Officer as a non-merit position in the Department of Health and Human Services;
- and
- (3) delete the requirement that the County Health Officer also serve as the Chief of the Direct Service Division for Public Health Services in the Department of Health and Human Services.¹

INFORMATION SOURCES, METHODOLOGIES, AND ASSUMPTIONS

Per Section 2-81B of the Montgomery County Code, the purpose of this Economic Impact Statement is to assess the impacts of Bill 32-22 on County-based private organizations and residents in terms of the Council's priority economic indicators and whether the bill would likely result in a net positive or negative impact on overall economic conditions in the County.² Because the bill would create only one more County position, it would have an insignificant impacts on private organizations, residents, and overall economic conditions in the County in terms of the Council's priority indicators.

VARIABLES

Not applicable

¹ [Bill 32-22](#).

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

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IMPACTS

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

Not applicable

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Not applicable

WORKS CITED

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

Montgomery County Council. [Expedited Bill 32-22, Department of Health and Human Services – Structure and Positions](#).

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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

Stephen Roblin (OLO) prepared this report.