

Economic Impact Statement

Montgomery County, Maryland

Bill 10-23

Health – Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Commission – Established

SUMMARY

The Office of Legislative Oversight (OLO) anticipates that enacting Bill 10-23 would have an insignificant impact on economic conditions in the County in terms of the Council's priority indicators.

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE OF BILL 10-23

The National Institute of Child Health and Human Development describes IDD as “differences that are usually present at birth and that uniquely affect the trajectory of the individual’s physical, intellectual, and/or emotional development.” IDDs can affect multiple body parts or systems, such as the nervous system, sensory system, and metabolism. Examples of IDDs include cerebral palsy, Down syndrome, and autism spectrum disorders (ASD).¹

If enacted, Bill 10-23 would establish an Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Commission in the County. The intent of establishing the IDD Commission is “to advise the County Council and County Executive, and to better coordinate the provision of services to individuals with IDDs and their families.”² If established, the IDD Commission would join the broader group of over 80 Boards, Committees, and Commissions (BCCs) in the County.³

The IDD Commission established by the Bill would be comprised of 19 voting members and 6 non-voting members and receive staff support from the Department of Health and Human Services. The Commission would be required to report to the County Council and County Executive annually. Prescribed responsibilities for the Commission range from instituting and conducting educational programs, to reviewing and reporting on current gaps in services. A more detailed list of responsibilities is available within the introduction staff report.⁴

Bill 10-23, Health – Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Commission - Established, was introduced by the Council on February 14, 2023.

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 10-23 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.⁵ While establishing the Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Commission could have indirect economic

¹ [nichd.nih.gov](https://www.nichd.nih.gov/about/idds), “[About Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities \(IDDs\)](#).”

² [Introduction Staff Report for Bill 10-23](#).

³ [Montgomerycountymd.gov](https://montgomerycountymd.gov/Board,Committees,andCommissions), [Board, Committees, and Commissions](#).

⁴ [Introduction Staff Report for Bill 10-23](#).

⁵ Montgomery County Code, [Sec. 2-81B](#).

impacts, OLO is unable to predict the commission's performance. Therefore, OLO anticipates that Bill 10-23 would have insignificant impacts on private organizations, residents, and overall economic conditions in the County in terms of the economic indicators prioritized by the Council.

VARIABLES

Not applicable

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. [Introduction Staff Report for Bill 10-23](#). Introduced February 14, 2023.

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Nichd.nih.gov. "[About Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities \(IDDs\)](#)." National Institute of Child Health and Human Development. National Institutes of Health.

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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