

Economic Impact Statement

Montgomery County, Maryland

Expedited Bill 27-23

Police – Policing Advisory Committee – Repeal

SUMMARY

The Office of Legislative Oversight (OLO) anticipates that enacting Expedited Bill 27-23 would have an insignificant impact on economic conditions in the County in terms of the Council's priority indicators.

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE OF EXPEDITED BILL 27-23

In recent years, the County has launched a variety of initiatives aimed at advancing best practices for racial equity and social justice in policing. These efforts have included the Reimagining Public Safety Initiative and Reimagining Public Safety Task Force, and enacting legislation for enhanced data collection by the Montgomery County Police Department (MCPD), community-informed police training, reports on settlements, reporting requirements for internal affairs, and the formation of the civilian-led Policing Advisory Commission to advise the Council on policing matters.

The purpose of Bill 27-23 is to repeal the Policing Advisory Commission (PAC). According to the Bill's sponsors, they endorse the repeal of the Commission because it duplicates the functions of the Police Accountability Board (PAB). If enacted, Bill 27-23 would repeal the PAC effective August 1, 2023, allowing the Commission time to submit its annual report to the Council by July 31, 2023, as required.¹

The County Council introduced Expedited Bill 27-23, Police - Policing Advisory Commission – Repeal, on May 25, 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 Expedited Bill 27-23 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.² OLO sees no connection between repealing the PAC and the Council's priority indicators. Therefore, OLO anticipates the Bill would have insignificant impacts on private organizations, residents, and overall economic conditions in the County.

VARIABLES

Not applicable

¹ [Introduction Staff Report for Expedited Bill 27-23](#).

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

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 Expedited Bill 27-23, Police – Policing Advisory Commission – Repeal](#). Introduced on May 25, 2023.

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.