

Racial Equity and Social Justice (RESJ) Impact Statement

EXPEDITED BILL 8-21: ADMINISTRATION- DEPARTMENT OF TECHNOLOGY SERVICES-RENAMED

SUMMARY

The Office of Legislative Oversight (OLO) expects that Expedited Bill 8-21 will have no impact on racial equity and social justice among Montgomery County residents.

BACKGROUND

On February 23, 2021, the County Council introduced Expedited Bill 8-21 to change the name of a department in the County with amendments to:

- Rename the existing Department of Technology Services to the Department of Technology and Enterprise Business Solutions; and
- Generally amend the law concerning the Department of Technology and Enterprise Business Solutions.¹

ANTICIPATED RESJ IMPACTS

OLO anticipates that Expedited Bill 8-21 will have little to no impact on racial equity or social justice in the County. Since the bill seeks to rename a department without changing its underlying goals or functions, no changes in RESJ for residents in the County are anticipated under Expedited Bill 8-21.

CAVEATS

Two caveats to this racial equity and social justice impact statement should be noted. First, predicting the impact of legislation on racial equity and social justice is a challenging, analytical endeavor due to data limitations, uncertainty, and other factors. Second, this RESJ statement is intended to inform the legislative process rather than 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

OLO staffer Dr. Theo Holt drafted this racial equity and social justice impact statement.

¹ Montgomery County Council, Expedited Bill 8-21, Administration-Department of Technology Services- Renamed, February 23, 2021, Montgomery County Council.