

Racial Equity and Social Justice (RESJ) Impact Statement

Office of Legislative Oversight

EXPEDITED TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS BILL 9-25:

SUMMARY

The Office of Legislative Oversight (OLO) anticipates Bill 9-25 will have a minimal impact on racial equity and social justice (RESJ) in the County. The proposed technical corrections to County law are not likely to benefit or burden community members by race or ethnicity. They are also not likely to impact racial inequities and disparities in the County.

PURPOSE OF RESJ IMPACT STATEMENTS

RESJ impact statements (RESJIS) evaluate the anticipated impact of legislation on racial equity and social justice in the County. RESJ is a **process** that focuses on centering the needs, leadership, and power of Black, Indigenous, and other people of color (BIPOC) and communities with low incomes. RESJ is also a **goal** of eliminating racial and social inequities. Applying a RESJ lens is important to achieve RESJ.¹ This involves seeing, thinking, and working differently to address the racial and social inequities that cause racial and social disparities.²

PURPOSE OF EXPEDITED BILL 9-25

Every few years, the Council enacts bills that correct for errors in legislative drafting or codification. Expedited Bill 9-25 would correct technical, typographical, and other errors. It would also make stylistic, clarifying, and conforming amendments to various provisions of County law.³

The Council introduced Expedited Bill 9-25, Technical Corrections, on March 18, 2025.

ANTICIPATED RESJ IMPACTS

To consider the anticipated impact of Bill 9-25 on RESJ in the County, OLO recommends the consideration of two related questions:

- Who would primarily benefit or be burdened by this bill?
- What racial and social inequities could passage of this bill weaken or strengthen?

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RECOMMENDED AMENDMENTS

The Racial Equity and Social Justice Act requires OLO to consider whether recommended amendments to bills aimed at narrowing racial and social inequities are warranted in developing RESJ impact statements.⁴ OLO anticipates Expedited Bill 9-25 will have a minimal impact on RESJ in the County. As such, OLO does not offer recommended amendments.

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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 impact 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.

¹ Definition of racial equity and social justice adopted from Marlysa Gamblin et al., "[Applying Racial Equity to U.S. Federal Nutrition Programs](#)," Bread for the World and [Racial Equity Tools](#).

² Ibid.

³ [Introduction Staff Report for Expedited Bill 9-25](#), Montgomery County Council, Introduced March 18, 2025.

⁴ Bill 27-19, Administration – Human Rights – Office of Racial Equity and Social Justice – Racial Equity and Social Justice Advisory Committee – Established, Montgomery County Council