

Bill No. 27-17
Concerning: Human Rights and Civil Liberties - Human Trafficking Prevention Committee - Established
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COUNTY COUNCIL FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

Lead Sponsor: Council President at the Request of the County Executive

AN ACT to:

- (1) establish the Human Trafficking Prevention Committee;
- (2) define the membership of the Committee;
- (3) define the duties and responsibilities of the Committee; and
- (4) generally amend the laws governing the prevention of human trafficking.

By amending

Montgomery County Code
Chapter 27, Human Rights and Civil Liberties
Article VIII, Section 27-62

Boldface

Heading or defined term.

Underlining

Added to existing law by original bill.

[Single boldface brackets]

Deleted from existing law by original bill.

Double underlining

Added by amendment.

[[Double boldface brackets]]

Deleted from existing law or the bill by amendment.

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Existing law unaffected by bill.

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland approves the following Act:

1 Sec 1. Section 27-62 is amended as follows:

2 Article VIII [RESERVED] HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION
3 COMMITTEE.

4 Sec. 27-62. [Reserved.] Human Trafficking Prevention Committee.

5 (a) Members. The Executive must appoint, subject to confirmation by the
6 Council, a Human Trafficking Prevention Committee. The Committee
7 must have 15 voting members and up to 10 ex-officio nonvoting
8 members. Each voting member must, when appointed, reside in the
9 County.

10 (1) Voting members. The voting members must broadly reflect the
11 geographic, economic, and social diversity of the County. Each
12 voting member should be associated with an organization involved
13 in addressing some aspect of human trafficking or have a direct
14 interest in an issue related to human trafficking.

15 (A) One voting member should be an employee of the
16 Montgomery County Public Schools.

17 (B) One voting member should be an employee of the County
18 State's Attorney's Office.

19 (C) One voting member should be a member of the
20 Montgomery County Judiciary.

21 (D) One voting member should be an employee of the County
22 Sheriff's Office.

23 (E) One voting member should be a [[member]] designee of the
24 County Council.

25 (F) One voting member should be an employee of the County
26 Police Department.

- 27 (G) One voting member should be an employee of the County
28 Department of Health and Human Services.
- 29 (H) One voting member should be an employee of the County
30 Office of Intergovernmental Relations.
- 31 (I) One voting member should be an employee of the County
32 Department of Correction and Rehabilitation.
- 33 (J) One voting member should be a member of the County's
34 Commission for Women.
- 35 (K) One voting member should be a member of the Criminal
36 Justice Coordinating Commission.
- 37 (L) Two voting members should be from two different
38 advocacy organizations.
- 39 (M) One voting member should be an owner or employee of a
40 non-profit service provider.
- 41 (N) One voting member should be an academic advisor.
- 42 (2) Nonvoting members.
- 43 (A) The Committee must also include the following *ex officio*
44 nonvoting members:
- 45 (i) the Council President or the President's designee;
46 (ii) the County Executive or the Executive's designee;
47 (iii) the Director of the Department of Permitting Services
48 or the Director's designee;
49 (iv) the Director of the Commission on Human Rights or
50 the Director's designee; and
51 (v) the Director of the Office of Community Partnerships
52 or the Director's designee.

53 (B) The Committee may also include the following *ex officio*
 54 nonvoting members;

55 (i) One Senator or the Senator's designee from the
 56 Montgomery County Delegation selected by the
 57 Chair of the County's Senate Delegation;

58 (ii) One Delegate or the Delegate's designee from the
 59 Montgomery County Delegation selected by the
 60 Chair of the County's House Delegation; and

61 (iii) the President or the President's designee of an
 62 appropriate health care agency located in the County
 63 that serves victims of human trafficking.

64 (3) Term. Each voting member serves a 3-year term. A voting member
 65 must not serve more than 2 consecutive full terms. A member
 66 appointed to fill a vacancy serves the rest of the unexpired term.
 67 Members continue in office until their successors are appointed
 68 and qualified.

69 (4) Compensation. Voting and nonvoting members must receive no
 70 compensation for their services.

71 (5) Removal. The Executive, with the consent of the Council, may
 72 remove a member for neglect or inability to perform the duties of
 73 the office, misconduct in office, or a serious violation of law.
 74 Before the Executive removes a member, the Executive must give
 75 the member notice of the reason for removal and a reasonable
 76 opportunity to reply.

77 (b) Chair and Vice Chair. The Committee must annually elect one voting
 78 member as chair and another as vice chair, and may elect other officers.

19 (c) Meetings. The Committee may meet at the call of the chair as often as
 80 required to perform its duties, but at least six times each year. The
 81 Committee must also meet if a majority of the voting members submit a
 82 written request for a meeting to the chair at least 7 days before the
 83 proposed meeting. A majority of the voting members are a quorum for
 84 the transaction of business, and a majority of voting members present at
 85 any meeting with a quorum may take an action.

86 (d) Staff. The Commission for Women must provide the Committee with
 87 staff, offices, and supplies as are appropriate for it.

88 (e) Duties. The Committee must:

- 89 (1) adopt rules and procedures as necessary to perform its functions;
- 90 (2) keep a record of its activities and minutes of all meetings, which
 91 must be kept on file and open to the public during business hours
 92 upon request;
- 93 (3) develop and distribute information about human trafficking in the
 94 County;
- 95 (4) promote educational activities that increase the understanding of
 96 human trafficking in the County;
- 97 (5) develop and recommend interagency coordinated strategies for
 98 reducing human trafficking in the County;
- 99 (6) advise the Council, the Executive, County agencies, and State
 100 elected officials about human trafficking in the County, and
 101 recommend policies, programs, legislation, or regulations
 102 necessary to reduce human trafficking;
- 103 (7) submit an annual report by October 1 of each year to the Executive
 104 and Council on the activities of the Committee, including the

105 source and amount of any contributions received to support the
 106 activities of the Committee; and

107 (8) establish three subcommittees: the Legislative Subcommittee; the
 108 Victim Services Subcommittee; and the Education and Outreach
 109 Subcommittee.

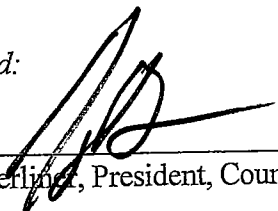
110 (f) [[Contributions. Notwithstanding the Ethics restrictions in Chapter 19A,
 111 the Committee may solicit and accept contributions from public and
 112 private sources to support the activities of the Committee. Committee
 113 staff must not solicit or accept contributions for the Committee, but may
 114 be assigned administrative tasks related to Committee fundraising.

115 (g) Advocacy. The Committee must not engage in any advocacy activity at
 116 the State or federal levels unless that activity is approved by the Office of
 117 Intergovernmental Relations.

118 **Sec 2. Transition - Staggered Terms.**

119 The individual terms of the voting members must be staggered. Of the voting
 120 members first appointed, five must be appointed for a 1-year term, five must be
 121 appointed for a 2-year term, and five must be appointed for a 3-year term.

Approved:



Roger Berling, President, County Council

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Date

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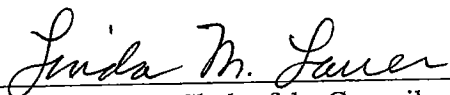


Isiah Leggett, County Executive

Oct 19, 2017

Date

This is a correct copy of Council action.



Linda M. Lauer, Clerk of the Council

10/23/17

Date