

Bill No. 10 -19
Concerning: Legislative Branch -
Economic Impact Statements -
Amendments
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Executive: _____
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Ch. _____, Laws of Mont. Co. _____

COUNTY COUNCIL FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

Lead Sponsor: Councilmember Friedson
Co-Sponsors: Councilmember Alborno, Council President Navarro, Council Vice President Katz,
Councilmembers Rice, Glass, Hucker, Riemer and Jawando

AN ACT to:

- (1) require the Director of the Office of Legislative Oversight to prepare an economic impact statement for each bill;
- (2) amend the required contents of an economic impact statement;
- (3) require an economic impact statement for each bill before it is enacted; and
- (4) generally amend the law governing the enactment of legislation.

By amending

Montgomery County Code
Chapter 2, Administration
Article IV, Legislative Branch
Section 2-81B

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Heading or defined term.

Added to existing law by original bill.

Deleted from existing law by original bill.

Added by amendment.

Deleted from existing law or the bill by amendment.

Existing law unaffected by bill.

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

Sec. 1. Section 2-81B is amended as follows:

2-81B. Economic Impact Statements.

(a) *Definitions.* In this Section, the following words and phrases have the following meanings:

Director means the Director of the [Department of Finance] Office of Legislative Oversight.

Economic impact means an estimate of the costs [and] and/or benefits to private organizations and individuals in the County attributable to a change in the law.

(b) *Economic impact statements.* The Director must submit a statement to the Council describing the economic impact, if any, of each bill under consideration by the Council. The Director must submit a separate statement for each bill.

(c) *Time for submission.* An economic impact statement should be submitted to the Council[:

(1) no later than 7 days before the public hearing on each bill introduced by the Council President at the request of the County Executive; and

(2)] no more than 21 days after a bill [sponsored by a Councilmember] is introduced.

If the Director is unable to submit the statement within the time required by paragraph (2), the Director must notify the Council President in writing of the delay, the reason for the delay, and the revised delivery date. If the Council President finds that the revised delivery date is unreasonable, the Council President may set a different delivery deadline.

(d) *Content of economic impact statement.*

(1) Each economic impact statement must include:

28 ~~[(1)]~~ (A) the sources of information, assumptions, and
 29 methodologies [uses] used;

30 ~~[(2)]~~ (B) a description of ~~[[any variable]]~~ variables that could
 31 affect economic impact estimates;

32 ~~[(3)]~~ the bill's potential positive or negative [effect] effects, if
 33 any, on [employment, spending, saving, investment,
 34 incomes, and property values in the County] the County's
 35 workforce, taxation policy, property values, incomes,
 36 operating costs to businesses and non-profits operating in
 37 the County, capital investment from the private sector,
 38 economic development, and the County's
 39 competitiveness;]] and

40 ~~[(4)]~~ (C) if a bill is likely to have no economic impact, why
 41 that is the case.

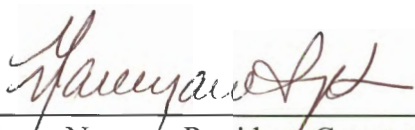
42 (2) Each economic impact statement should include the bill's potential
 43 positive or negative effects, if any, on the County's workforce,
 44 taxation policy, property values, incomes, operating costs to
 45 businesses and non-profits operating in the County, capital
 46 investment from the private sector, economic development, and
 47 the County's competitiveness.

48 (e) *Compliance.* Council action on [a] an expedited bill that is otherwise
 49 valid is not invalid because of any failure to follow the requirements of
 50 this Section.

51 **Sec. 2. Effective date.**

52 This Act must take effect on ~~[[January]]~~ March 1, 2020 and apply to each Bill
 53 that is introduced after this Act takes effect.

Approved:



Nancy Navarro, President, County Council

7/30/19

Date

Approved:

Marc Elrich, County Executive

Date

This is a correct copy of Council action.

Megan Davey Limarzi, Esq., Clerk of the Council

Date