

Resolution No.: 17-177
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**COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND**

By: County Council

SUBJECT: Amendment to the FY 2011 Work Program of the Office of Legislative Oversight

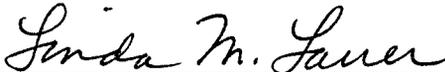
Background

1. Chapter 29A, Montgomery County Code, establishes the Office of Legislative Oversight to serve as the principal means through which the Council exercises its legislative oversight functions. This includes providing the Council with information and recommendations concerning the operations of public and private agencies, programs, and functions for which funds are appropriated or approved by the Council.
2. The law establishing the Office of Legislative Oversight (Chapter 29A, Montgomery County Code) specifically authorizes the Office to conduct special program or budget analyses at the request of the Council.
3. The Council requires additional data and analysis to provide the basis for an informed dialog about the funds appropriated to Category 12, Fixed Charges of the Montgomery County Public Schools' budget, and other funds related to employee benefits.
4. On July 13, 2010, the Council adopted Resolution 16-1419, to establish the FY 2011 Work Program of the Office of Legislative Oversight (OLO). On February 15, 2011, the Council adopted Resolution 17-63 to amend the FY11 OLO Work Program.

Action

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland, amends Council Resolution 16-1419 to add the following project to the Office of Legislative Oversight's FY 2011 Work Program.

This is a correct copy of Council action.


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Linda M. Lauer, Clerk of the Council

**PROJECT #12
REVIEW OF CATEGORY 12 OF THE MCPS BUDGET**

Principal agency: Montgomery County Public Schools

Origin of project: County Council

For the Council and the public, full and transparent budget information from every County agency is essential to the integrity of our fiscal decision-making process. The purpose of this OLO project is to provide critical information about a key part of the MCPS budget and lay a strong foundation for the Council's review of that budget in the coming year.

To improve the Council's fiscal oversight of the MCPS budget, the Office of Legislative Oversight must review and analyze Category 12 of the MCPS budget, Fixed Charges. Specifically, OLO must:

- Examine the components of Category 12 and all related funds, including those for employee pension and group insurance benefits;
- Track the budget, appropriation, and expenditure trends of these components; and
- Review the underlying assumptions behind MCPS' budget requests in Category 12 and related funds.

OLO should complete its initial report to the Council by October 15, 2011. In addition, OLO must continue to track MCPS' Category 12 expenditures and provide periodic reports to the Council throughout FY12.

OLO is assigned this review with the understanding that it will be assisted, as needed, by central Council staff and the Council's actuarial adviser, Bolton Partners. In addition, OLO's work will be coordinated with any related initiatives conducted by the Office of the Inspector General.