

# Climate Assessment

## Office of Legislative Oversight

### BILL 11-25: CHILD CARE COORDINATION - AMENDMENTS

#### SUMMARY

The Office of Legislative Oversight (OLO) anticipates Bill 11-25 will have no impact on the County's contribution to addressing climate change as it proposes changes to reduce redundancies in the County's early childhood care and education system.

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#### BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE OF BILL 11-25

The purpose of Bill 11-25 is to update County laws related to early childhood care and education. If enacted, Bill 11-25 would:<sup>1</sup>

- **Eliminate the Child Care and Early Education Officer position.** The County Council created the Child Care and Early Education Officer (CCEEO) position within the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) with the passage of Bill 13-15 in 2015. The officer was responsible for leading efforts "to expand and enhance childcare services in the County."<sup>2</sup> According to the County Executive, this position has not been filled since 2021.<sup>3</sup> Further, the Office of Management and Budget notes the position was reallocated to another program within DHHS several years ago.<sup>4</sup>
- **Eliminate the Early Childhood Coordinating Council.** The County Council also created the Early Childhood Coordinating Council (ECCC) with the passage of Bill 13-15 in 2015. The ECCC was responsible for studying and developing policy recommendations on the availability and quality of childcare in the County.<sup>5</sup>

In 2022, the County Council passed Bill 42-21, which created the Early Care and Education Coordination Entity. This non-profit entity (currently the Montgomery County Children's Opportunity Alliance<sup>6</sup>) is responsible for developing recommendations to increase "availability of and access to high quality early care and education programs with particular attention to underrepresented and special populations."<sup>7</sup> While the Council was considering Bill 42-21, there were concerns that the duties of the Early Care and Education Coordination Entity overlapped with those of the ECCC.<sup>8</sup> Nonetheless, the ECCC remained intact, and the group continued to meet following the passage of Bill 42-21. The Office of Management and Budget notes the ECCC has not convened in several years.<sup>9</sup> Meeting minutes for the ECCC were last posted in May 2023.<sup>10</sup>

The County Executive argues these changes would reduce redundancies within the County's Early Care and Education system, "creating a more efficient, coordinated system."

The Council introduced Bill 11-25, Child Care Coordination – Amendments, on April 8, 2025.

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## ANTICIPATED IMPACTS

As the Bill proposes changes to reduce redundancies in the County's early childhood care and education system, OLO anticipates Bill 11-25 will have no impact on the County's contribution to addressing climate change, including the reduction and/or sequestration of greenhouse gas emissions, community resilience, and adaptative capacity.

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## RECOMMENDED AMENDMENTS

The Climate Assessment Act requires OLO to offer recommendations, such as amendments or other measures to mitigate any anticipated negative climate impacts.<sup>11</sup> OLO does not offer recommendations or amendments as Bill 11-25 is likely to have no impact on the County's contribution to addressing climate change, including the reduction and/or sequestration of greenhouse gas emissions, community resilience, and adaptative capacity.

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## CAVEATS

OLO notes two caveats to this climate assessment. First, predicting the impacts of legislation upon climate change is a challenging analytical endeavor due to data limitations, uncertainty, and the broad, global nature of climate change. Second, the analysis performed here is intended to inform the legislative process, not 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.

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## PURPOSE OF CLIMATE ASSESSMENTS

The purpose of the Climate Assessments is to evaluate the anticipated impact of legislation on the County's contribution to addressing climate change. These climate assessments will provide the Council with a more thorough understanding of the potential climate impacts and implications of proposed legislation, at the County level. The scope of the Climate Assessments is limited to the County's contribution to addressing climate change, specifically upon the County's contribution to greenhouse gas emissions and how actions suggested by legislation could help improve the County's adaptative capacity to climate change, and therefore, increase community resilience.

While co-benefits such as health and cost savings may be discussed, the focus is on how proposed County bills may impact GHG emissions and community resilience.

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# CONTRIBUTIONS

OLO staffer Kaitlyn Simmons drafted this assessment.

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<sup>1</sup> [Introduction Staff Report for Bill 11-25](#), Montgomery County Council, Introduced April 8, 2025.

<sup>2</sup> Memorandum from the County Executive to the Council President, Introduction Staff Report for Bill 11-25, PDF pg. 11.

<sup>3</sup> Ibid.

<sup>4</sup> Fiscal Impact Statement, Office of Management and Budget, Introduction Staff Report for Bill 11-25, PDF pg. 22.

<sup>5</sup> [Action Staff Report for Bill 13-15](#), Montgomery County Council, Action May 12, 2015, PDF pg. 23.

<sup>6</sup> [Montgomery County Children's Opportunity Alliance](#).

<sup>7</sup> [Action Staff Report for Bill 42-21](#), Montgomery County Council, Action February 14, 2022, PDF pg. 3.

<sup>8</sup> Ibid, PDF pg. 7 and 81.

<sup>9</sup> Fiscal Impact Statement, Office of Management and Budget, Introduction Staff Report for Bill 11-25, PDF pg. 22.

<sup>10</sup> [Early Childhood Coordinating Council: Meeting Minutes](#), Department of Health and Human Services.

<sup>11</sup> Bill 3-22, Legislative Branch – Climate Assessments – Required, Montgomery County Council, Effective date October 24, 2022