

Economic Impact Statement

Office of Legislative Oversight

Expedited Bill 49-21

Police – Police Accountability Board – Administrative Charging Committee – Established

SUMMARY

The Office of Legislative Oversight (OLO) anticipates that enacting Expedited Bill 49-21 would have an insignificant impact on economic conditions in the County.

BACKGROUND

The purpose of Expedited Bill 49-21 is to improve police accountability and discipline. If enacted, the Bill would establish a Police Accountability Board (PAB) and an Administrative Charging Committee (ACC) for the County and define the membership and duties of these Committees. In the case of the ACC, the Bill would also define the compensation for members of the Committee. The Chair of the ACC would receive an annual salary of \$22,000 and the other four members would receive an annual salary of \$16,000. Salaries would be adjusted for changes in the consumer price index.¹

INFORMATION SOURCES, METHODOLOGIES, AND ASSUMPTIONS

By establishing the ACC, Expedited Bill 49-21 could result in a net increase in household earnings for members of the Committee totaling \$86,000 across all members. This net increase in earnings, however, would have insignificant impacts on other residents and private organizations in the County in terms of the Council's priority economic indicators. Moreover, while establishing the PAB and ACC may influence policing practices and policies in ways that economically impact certain residents and private organizations in the future, estimating these potential, secondary impacts of the Bill is beyond the scope of this analysis. For these reasons, OLO concludes that enacting the Bill would have no significant impacts on local economic conditions.

VARIABLES

Not applicable

¹ Montgomery County Council, Expedited Bill 49-21, Police – Police Accountability Board – Administrative Charging Committee – Established, Introduced on December 14, 2021.

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IMPACTS

WORKFORCE ▪ TAXATION POLICY ▪ PROPERTY VALUES ▪ INCOMES ▪ OPERATING COSTS ▪ PRIVATE SECTOR CAPITAL INVESTMENT ▪ ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ▪ COMPETITIVENESS

Businesses, Non-Profits, Other Private Organizations

Not applicable

Residents

Not applicable

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Not applicable

WORKS CITED

Montgomery County Code. [Sec. 2-81B, Economic Impact Statements](#).

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CAVEATS

Two caveats to the economic analysis performed here should be noted. First, predicting the economic impacts of legislation is a challenging analytical endeavor due to data limitations, the multitude of causes of economic outcomes, economic shocks, uncertainty, and other factors. 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

CONTRIBUTIONS

Stephen Roblin (OLO) prepared this report.