

Economic Impact Statement

Montgomery County, Maryland

Bill 21-24 General Provisions – Naming of County Facilities

SUMMARY

The Office of Legislative Oversight (OLO) anticipates that Bill 21-24 would have an insignificant impact on economic conditions in the County in terms of the Council's priority indicators.

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE OF BILL 21-24

Under Administrative Procedure (AP) 5-19, adopted in 2008, the County Executive follows a set process for naming County-owned facilities. To name a facility after an individual via Executive Order, the person must have been inactive in their field for at least five years and made a significant contribution to the community or County, or be a notable historical figure in Montgomery County, the state, or the nation.¹

The process involves three steps:

1. the County Executive forms an ad hoc committee to consider naming the facility;
2. the committee, chaired by the Chief Administrative Officer, makes a recommendation; and
3. the Executive reviews the recommendation and finalizes the naming through an Executive Order.²

The purpose of Bill 21-24 is to establish a process for the County Council, like the County Executive, to name County facilities after individuals based on specific criteria. Similar to AP 5-19, the Bill would permit the Council to pass a resolution to name a County facility after an individual who has been inactive in their field for at least five years and made a significant contribution to the program represented by the County facility or the community, or who is a historically significant person in the County, the state, or the nation.³

Before adopting a resolution, the Council must consult the County Executive and hold a public hearing. The resolution requires the approval of at least seven Councilmembers.⁴

The Council introduced Bill 21-24, General Provisions – Naming of County Facilities, on October 15, 2024.

INFORMATION SOURCES, METHODOLOGIES, AND ASSUMPTIONS

Per Section 2-81B of the Montgomery County Code, the purpose of this Economic Impact Statement is to assess the impacts of Bill 21-24 on County-based private organizations and residents in terms of the Council's priority economic

¹ See Administrative Procedure 5-19 in the [Introduction Staff Report for Bill 21-24](#).

² Ibid.

³ [Introduction Staff Report for Bill 21-24](#).

⁴ Ibid.

indicators and whether the Bill would likely result in a net positive or negative impact on overall economic conditions in the County.⁵

By establishing a process for the County Council to name County facilities after individuals, Bill 21-24 is unlikely to influence local economic conditions. For this reason, OLO anticipates that the Bill would have insignificant impacts on private organizations, residents, and overall economic conditions in the County in terms of the indicators prioritized by the Council.

VARIABLES

Not applicable

IMPACTS

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

Not applicable

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Not applicable

WORKS CITED

Montgomery County Council. [Introduction Staff Report for Bill 21-24, General Provisions – Naming of County Facilities](#). October 15, 2024.

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.

⁵ Montgomery County Code, Sec. 2-81B.