

Economic Impact Statement

Montgomery County, Maryland

Bill 33-25, Police – Community Policing - Annual Report Deadline

Summary

The Office of Legislative Oversight (OLO) anticipates that Bill 33-25 would have an insignificant impact on economic conditions in the County, as measured by the Council's priority economic indicators. The Bill would change the deadline for the Annual Police Statistical Data Report from February 1 each year to April 1. Adjusting the deadline would not affect economic indicators prioritized by the Council.

Background and Purpose of Bill 33-25

County law requires the Montgomery County Police Department (MCPD) to regularly publish information related to police-community interactions. This includes:

- 19 data points and two narratives that are published in the Annual Police Statistical Data Report;¹
- 18 datasets that are published in dataMontgomery;² and
- One annual survey on police-community relations that, at a minimum, measures levels of trust communities have in the police.³

Currently, MCPD is required to publish information for the Annual Police Statistical Data Report by February 1 each year. If enacted, Bill 33-25 would change this deadline to April 1 of each year. According to the introduction staff report, the change is intended to provide MCPD "adequate time to compile, verify, and standardize data for the Annual Police Statistical Data Report, ensuring greater accuracy, consistency, and alignment between initial and finalized publication."⁴

The Council introduced Bill 33-25 on October 21, 2025.

Information Sources, Methodologies, and Assumptions

As required by 2-81B of the Montgomery County Code, this Economic Impact Statement evaluates the impacts of Bill 33-25 on residents and private organizations, using the Council's priority economic indicators as the

¹ For previous reports, refer to "[Annual Statistical Data Reports for County Officials](#)," Montgomery County Department of Police.

² Datasets can be found by searching [dataMontgomery](#) website.

³ Of note, MCPD issued a [press release](#) inviting community members to participate in the 2025 MCPD Annual Community Trust Survey on October 1, 2025. OLO could not find information on community trust surveys previously administered by MCPD. According to the Advisory Commission on Policing, MCPD has not received funding for the survey for fiscal years 2024 through 2026. Refer to [Introduction Staff Report for Bill 33-25, Montgomery County Council, Introduced October 21, 2025, pg. \(5\)](#).

⁴ Introduction Staff Report for Bill 33-25, pg. 1.

measure. In doing so, it examines whether the Bill would have a net positive or negative impact on overall economic conditions in the County.⁵

The Bill would change the deadline for the Annual Police Statistical Data Report from February 1 each year to April 1. Adjusting the deadline would not affect economic indicators prioritized by the Council. Therefore, OLO concludes that the Bill would have an insignificant economic impact.

Variables

Not applicable

Impacts

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

Residents

Not applicable

Businesses, Non-Profits, Other Private Organizations

Not applicable

Net Impact

Not applicable

Discussion Items

Not applicable

Caveats

Two caveats to the economic impact analysis conducted 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, PhD (OLO) prepared this report.

⁵ Montgomery County Code, "[Sec. 2-81B, Economic Impact Statements](#)."