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Staff: Ludeen McCartney-Green, Legislative Attorney
Purpose: To receive testimony/final action - vote expected
Keywords: #TechnicalCorrections

AGENDA ITEMS 3&10A
July 11, 2023
Public Hearing/Action

SUBJECT

Expedited Bill 31-23, Technical Corrections
Lead Sponsor: County Council

EXPECTED ATTENDEES

Members of the Public

COUNCIL DECISION POINTS & COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

- To hear public testimony on Bill 31-23
- Action – roll call vote required

DESCRIPTION/ISSUE

- Expedited Bill 31-23 would correct technical, typographical, grammatical, reference, and codification errors in, and make stylistic, clarifying, and conforming amendments to, various provisions of County law.

SUMMARY OF KEY DISCUSSION POINTS

- The County Council periodically enacts a technical corrections bill to fix typographical and stylistic errors in the County laws.
- The most recent technical corrections bill was in 2021, Expedited Bill 28-21.
- Council staff have worked with staff of the County Attorney's Office to prepare Expedited Bill 31-23. The bill makes non-substantive, technical corrections to multiple laws, including the following sections of the Code: 1A-203, 2-43, 2-81D, 5-105, 8-14D, 10A-12, 16-26, 18A-33, 18A-34, 18A-35, 18A-38A, 18A-43, 20-2, 20-76E, 27-11B, 29-55, 30A-2, 30A-3, 30A-6, 35-6A, 35-9, 48-63, 49-17, 49-20, and 52-103A and Articles VI and VIII of Chapter 48.

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MEMORANDUM

July 6, 2023

TO: County Council
FROM: Ludeen McCartney-Green, Legislative Attorney
SUBJECT: Expedited Bill 31-23; Technical Corrections
PURPOSE: Public Hearing/Action – roll call vote required

Expedited Bill 31-23, Technical Corrections, sponsored by the County Council, was introduced on June 20, 2023. A public hearing on the bill will be held on July 11, 2023, which will immediately be followed by a roll call vote for final action.

Expedited Bill 31-23 would correct technical, typographical, grammatical, reference, and codification errors in, and make stylistic, clarifying, and conforming amendments to, various provisions of County law. Specifically, the bill would make non-substantive, technical corrections to the following sections of code: 1A-203, 2-43, 2-81D, 5-105, 8-14D, 10A-12, 16-26, 18A-33, 18A-34, 18A-35, 18A-38A, 18A-43, 20-2, 20-76E, 27-11B, 29-55, 30A-2, 30A-3, 30A-6, 35-6A, 35-9, 48-63, 49-17, 49-20, and 52-103A and Articles VI and VIII of Chapter 48.

These sections relate to Chapters of the Code regarding the Structure of County Government, Administration, Animal Control, Buildings, Childcare, Elections, Environmental Sustainability, Finance, Human Rights and Civil Liberties, Landlord-Tenant Relations, Municipal Revenue Program, Police, Solid Waste, Streets and Roads, and Taxation.

Next Step: Roll call vote to enact Expedited Bill 31-23.

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Expedited Bill No. 31-23
Concerning: Technical Corrections
Revised: 7/6/2023 Draft No. 4
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Ch. _____, Laws of Mont. Co. _____

COUNTY COUNCIL FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

Lead Sponsor: County Council

AN EXPEDITED ACT to correct technical, typographical, grammatical, reference, and codification errors in, and make stylistic, clarifying, and conforming amendments to, various provisions of County law.

By amending

Montgomery County Code
Chapter 1A, Structure of County Government
Section 1A-203

Chapter 2, Administration
Sections 2-43 and 2-81D

Chapter 5, Animal Control
Section 5-105

Chapter 8, Buildings
Section 8-14D

Chapter 10A, Childcare
Section 10A-12

Chapter 16, Elections
Section 16-26

Chapter 18A, Environmental Sustainability
Sections 18A-33, 18A-34, 18A-35, 18A-38A, and 18A-43

Chapter 20, Finance

Sections 20-2 and 20-76E

Chapter 27, Human Rights and Civil Liberties
Section 27-11B

Chapter 29, Landlord-Tenant Relations
Section 29-55

Chapter 30A, Montgomery County Municipal Revenue Program
Sections 30A-2, 30A-3, and 30A-6

Chapter 35, Police
Sections 35-6A and 35-9

Chapter 48, Solid Waste
Section 48-63
Article VI and Article VIII

Chapter 49, Streets and Roads
Sections 49-17 and 49-20

Chapter 52, Taxation
Section 52-103A

Boldface	<i>Heading or defined term.</i>
<u>Underlining</u>	<i>Added to existing law by original bill.</i>
[Single boldface brackets]	<i>Deleted from existing law by original bill.</i>
<u>Double underlining</u>	<i>Added by amendment.</i>
[[Double boldface brackets]]	<i>Deleted from existing law or the bill by amendment.</i>
* * *	<i>Existing law unaffected by bill.</i>

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland approves the following Act:

24 [(c)] (c) Any reference in this Code or in regulation or other document
25 to “superintendent of police” or “superintendent” means “Executive Director
26 of Police,” or “Chief of Police,” or “Executive Director”.

27 * * *

28 [DIVISON] DIVISION 23. OFFICE OF FOOD SYSTEMS RESILIENCE.

29 * * *

30 **2-81D. Climate Assessments.**

31 * * *

32 (d) *Contents of climate assessment.*

33 * * *

34 (2) Each climate assessment must include:

35 * * *

36 (C) quantitative or qualitative evaluations [of the] of the
37 identified effects upon community resilience and
38 adaptative capacity.

39 * * *

40 **5-105. Animal Services Advisory Committee.**

41 (a) *Definitions.* In this Section the [follow] following words have the
42 meanings indicated:

43 * * *

44 **8-14D. Comprehensive Building Decarbonization.**

45 * * *

46 Sec. 3. All-Electric Transition. Section 8-14[C(b)] D(b) of this Act must not apply
47 to building permit applications submitted before December 31, 2027, for: (1)
48 housing development projects where 50 percent or more of the dwelling units are
49 moderately priced dwelling units as defined by Chapter 25A, or a similar

50 instrument with a federal, state, or local government for the creation or
51 preservation of income-restricted or market-rate affordable housing; (2) public or
52 private schools; or (3) residential buildings with four or more stories.

53 **10A-12. Early Care and Education Coordinating Entity.**

54 * * *

55 (i) Duties. In developing an equitable system of high quality, accessible,
56 sustainable early care and education and eliminating systemic racism
57 and structures that created access barriers for vulnerable, racially and
58 ethnically diverse populations, the Early Care and Education
59 Coordinating Entity must:

60 * * *

61 [(4)] (5) research and facilitate innovative service models and
62 strategies to improve the early care and education system and
63 identify community needs through periodic mapping of early
64 care and education services and resources and County-wide
65 needs assessments;

66 [(5)] (6) secure and administer private-sector funding to support
67 the early care and education system and manage and administer
68 public funding that is directly appropriated to the Entity;

69 [(6)] (7) measure and report on the efforts to improve and expand
70 the early care and education system with a focus on achieving
71 tangible results that improve access to high-quality ECE across
72 the County;

73 [(7)] (8) address current inequities imposing barriers to accessible
74 high quality, affordable care for all communities; and

75 [(8)] (9) create, as a neutral convener, a common early childhood
76 education agenda based on community consensus that all major

77 stakeholders commit to and maintain a 360 degree view of all
78 aspects of the County’s early childhood education sector.

79 **16-26. Applicant and participating candidate restrictions.**

80 * * *

81 (h) *Limitations on In-Kind Contributions.*

82 (1) An applicant candidate or a participating candidate may accept
83 in-kind contributions from a State central committee of a
84 political party if:

85 (A) the total amount of in-kind contributions from the central
86 committee per election cycle are equal to or less than
87 \$10,000; and

88 (B) the funds used by the central committee to make an in-
89 kind contribution derive from individual contributions
90 that do not exceed the public contribution limits
91 established under Section 16-23.

92 (2) An applicant candidate or a participating candidate may accept
93 in-kind contributions from a Montgomery County central
94 committee of a political party if:

95 (A) the total amount of in-kind contributions from the central
96 committee per election cycle are equal to or less than
97 \$10,000; and

98 (B) the funds used by the central committee to make an in-
99 kind contribution derive from individual contributions
100 that do not exceed the public contribution limits
101 established under Section 16-23.

102 **18A-33. Definitions.**

103 *Definitions.* In this [Section] Article, the following words have the meanings
104 indicated:

105 * * *

106 *Energy efficiency* means any equipment, device, or material that is intended
107 to decrease energy consumption or use less energy to perform the same task.

108 * * *

109 **18A-34. Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy Program – established**
110 **[Established].**

111 * * *

112 **Sec. 18A-35. Eligibility.**

113 * * *

114 (b) *Property assessed clean energy surcharge.*

115 (1) The property owner of qualified property must agree to repay the
116 amount financed through a Surcharge levied on the County’s real
117 property tax bill for the qualified property.

118 (2) A Surcharge must be imposed under a written agreement between
119 the [lender] private lender and the County. The Surcharge will be
120 recorded in land records of the County, at the expense of the
121 owner, within 30 days of the execution of a clean energy loan
122 financing agreement.

123 * * *

124 **18A-38A. Definitions.**

125 * * *

126 *Building* means:

127 (1) any single structure utilized or intended for supporting or
128 sheltering any occupancy, except if a single structure contains
129 two or more individually metered units operating independently

130 that have stand-alone heating, cooling, hot water, and other
131 mechanical systems, and no shared interior common areas, or;

132 * * *

133 *Covered building* means a County-owned, Group 1, Group 2, Group 3,
134 Group 4, or Group 5 covered building.

135 * * *

136 *Group 3 covered building* means:

137 (1) a privately owned nonresidential covered building whose gross
138 floor area equals or exceeds 25,000 square feet but is less than
139 50,000 square feet, or

140 (2) a privately owned nonresidential covered building whose gross
141 floor area equals or exceeds 50,000 square feet and whose use
142 type was previously exempted under this Article.

143 * * *

144 **18A-43. Annual report; disclosure of benchmarking and energy performance**
145 **information.**

146 (a) *Annual report required.* By October 1 of each year, the Director must
147 submit a benchmarking and building performance report to the
148 County Executive and County Council. The report must review and
149 evaluate energy efficiency in covered buildings, including:

150 * * *

151 (3) for County-owned covered buildings:
152 (A) the scores of County-owned covered buildings
153 benchmarked; and

154 (B) whether the Director recommends any energy efficiency
155 improvements for specific buildings[.]; and

156 * * *

157 (c) *Exceptions to disclosure.* To the extent allowable under state law, the
158 Director must not make the following readily available to the public:

159 (1) any individually attributable reported benchmarking
160 information from the first calendar year that a covered building
161 is required to benchmark;

162 (2) any individually attributable reported benchmarking or building
163 energy performance standards information relating to a covered
164 building if the disclosure of the covered building’s energy use
165 would be harmful to the public interest and national security[.];
166 and

167 * * *

168 **20-2. Settlement of claims by County Attorney; annual reports required.**

169 * * *

170 (g) *Non-disclosure clause in settlement agreements – prohibited.* The
171 County must not agree to a non-disclosure in a settlement agreement
172 that would prevent public disclosure of the settlement agreement. This
173 subsection does not apply to information that is prohibited from
174 disclosure under federal or state law.

175 * * *

176 **20-76E. Small Business Innovation Research and Small Business Technology**
177 **Transfer Matching Grant Program.**

178 * * *

179 (f) *Sunset.* This Section is not effective after July 1, 2025.[.]

180 **27-11B. Gender-Inclusive Single-User Restrooms.**

181 * * *

182 (c) *Enforcement and Penalties.*

183 (1) *Who may enforce.* The following have the authority to enforce
184 this Section:

185 (A) The Department of Permitting Services;

186 (B) The Department of Health and Human Services; and

187 (C) any other agency designated by the Chief Administrative
188 Officer.

189 (2) A person authorized to enforce this Section must not issue a
190 citation unless the violation still exists 30 days after an initial
191 notice of violation.

192 (3) A violation of this Section is a Class A violation.

193 **29-55. Rent increases and late fees following the COVID-19 state of**
194 **emergency – prohibited.**

195 * * *

196 Application of Late Fee Restrictions. Section [22-55(d)] 29-55(d), added under
197 section 1 of this Act: (1) applies to any uncollected late fee for rent that became
198 due on or after the date of the emergency, including rent that became due on or
199 after the date of the emergency and before the effective date of this Act; but (2)
200 does not require a landlord to refund to a tenant any payment received by the
201 landlord prior to the effective date of this Act.

202 * * *

203 **30A-2. Qualification of municipal public services for [county] County**
204 **reimbursement.**

205 Municipal public services shall qualify for [county] County reimbursement
206 if the following conditions are met:

207 * * *

208 **30A-3. Determination of amount of reimbursement.**

* * *

(e) *Crossing guards.* For [Crossing Guards] crossing guards, reimbursements must be based on the costs the County would incur to provide crossing guard services in the municipality as determined by a quadrennial utilization assessment performed by the County.

30A-6. County tax rate in certain municipalities.

[30A-6. County tax rate in certain municipalities.]

(a) *Reduced tax rate.* Pursuant to Section 6-305 of the Tax-Property Article of the Maryland Code, before June 30 the County Council may set for the coming taxable year a general County property tax rate on assessments of properties in any municipality at a rate that is less than the general County tax rate on assessments of properties in parts of the County outside of the municipality if the municipality:

- (1) lies partly in Montgomery County and partly in another county;
- (2) performs fire and rescue services in whole or in part in lieu of the [county] County performing those services; and

* * *

(e) *Allocation of funds.* Taxes received from the municipality must be allocated by the County as follows:

- (1) taxes on assessments of properties in the Montgomery County section of the municipality will be placed in the General Fund[.]; and
- (2) taxes on assessments of properties in the other county's section of the municipality will be placed in the Fire Tax District Fund.

35-6A. Community Policing.

* * *

236 (c) *Reporting requirements.*

237 * * *

238 (6)[(2)] The Department must also provide the information
239 reported under paragraph (1) to the Policing Advisory
240 Commission established under Section 35-6.

241 **35-9. Internal Affairs Procedures and Reporting Requirements.**

242 * * *

243 (e) *Monthly internal affairs reports to the Chief.* At least once a month,
244 the Internal Affairs Division must report to the Chief regarding the
245 status of each pending investigation. For each investigation, the report
246 must include, at a minimum:

- 247 (1) the nature of the allegation;
- 248 (2) the date of the complaint[,];
- 249 (3) the name [or] of each employee involved;
- 250 [(3)](4) the name of the investigating officer; and
- 251 [(4)] (5) the source of the investigation, including whether the
252 investigation arose from a random review under subsection (c).

253 * * *

254 **CHAPTER 48. SOLID WASTE (TRASH)**

255 * * *

256 **ARTICLE VI. DISPOSABLE FOOD SERVICE PRODUCTS AND**
257 **PACKAGING MATERIALS.**

258 * * *

259 **ARTICLE [VII] VIII. WASTE REDUCTION/SOURCE REDUCTION**
260 **48-63. [Definition] Definitions.**

261 * * *

262 **49-17. Accumulation of snow and ice on property prohibited.**

* * *

(b) [(1)](1) *Definitions.* In this Section:

* * *

49-20. Franchises for use of street; procedure for granting; notice and hearing.

* * *

(d) *Recommendations of County Executive.* The County Executive must, after any hearings required by this Article, forward to the Council written recommendations concerning the proposed franchise, including [the] any [Executive’s] Executive findings as to the value of the proposed franchise, any response to objections which have been raised, and any other relevant issues.

* * *

52-103A. Property tax credit — energy conservation devices for existing energy-efficient buildings.

* * *

(e) *Energy Reduction Tax Credit authorized under Section 9-203 of the Tax-Property Article of the Maryland Code.*

* * *

(3) Baseline and Improved ENERGY STAR Score 12-month time periods must not:

- (A) overlap;
- (B) include the energy conservation device installation period; or
- (C) [must not] be more than 6 calendar years apart.

* * *

Sec. 2. Expedited Effective Date. The Council declares that this legislation

290 is necessary for the immediate protection of the public interest. This Act takes
291 effect on the date on which it becomes law.



Fiscal Impact Statement

Office of Management and Budget

Bill 31-23

Technical Corrections

Bill Summary

Bill 31-23 corrects technical, typographical, grammatical, reference, and codification errors in various provisions of law. The bill also makes stylistic, clarifying, and conforming amendments to various provisions of County law.

Fiscal Impact Summary

The bill makes no substantive policy changes and has no fiscal impact.

Fiscal Impact Analysis

The bill has no impact on County revenues or expenditures.

Staff Impact

The bill is not expected to impact staff time or duties.

Actuarial Analysis

The bill is not expected to impact retiree pension or group insurance costs.

Information Technology Impact

The bill is not expected to impact the County Information Technology (IT) or Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) systems.

Other Information

Later actions that may impact revenue or expenditures if future spending is projected

The bill does not authorize future spending.

Contributors

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Climate Assessment

Office of Legislative Oversight

Expedited Bill 31-23: Technical Corrections

SUMMARY

The Office of Legislative Oversight (OLO) anticipates Expedited Bill 31-23 will have no impact on the County's contribution to addressing climate change as the proposed changes would correct typographical and stylistic errors in the County laws.

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE OF EXPEDITED BILL 31-23

The County Council periodically enacts a technical corrections bill that fixes typographical and stylistic errors in the County Code. Expedited Bill 31-23 would correct various "technical, typographical, grammatical, reference, and codification errors in, and make stylistic, clarifying, and conforming amendments to various provisions of County law." The changes are all non-substantive in nature.

The Council introduced Expedited Bill 31-23, Technical Corrections, on June 20, 2023.¹

ANTICIPATED IMPACTS

As Expedited Bill 31-23 proposes typographical and stylistic corrections to the County laws, OLO anticipates the bill 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.

RECOMMENDED AMENDMENTS

The Climate Assessment Act requires OLO to offer recommendations, such as amendments or other measures to mitigate any anticipated negative climate impacts.² OLO does not offer recommendations or amendments as Expedited Bill 31-23 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.

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.

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 adaptive 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.

CONTRIBUTIONS

OLO staffer Kaitlyn Simmons drafted this assessment.

¹ [Introduction Staff Report for Bill 31-23, Montgomery County Council, June 20, 2023.](#)

² Bill 3-22, Legislative Branch – Climate Assessments – Required, Montgomery County Council, Effective date October 24, 2022

MEMORANDUM

July 7, 2023

TO: County Council

FROM: Ludeen McCartney-Green, Legislative Attorney
Khandikile Mvunga Sokoni, Legislative Attorney

SUBJECT: Expedited Bill 31-23, Technical Corrections

PURPOSE: Public Hearing/Final Action - **Addendum**

We received the attached Economic Impact Statement and Racial Equity & Social Justice (RESJ) Impact Statement for Expedited Bill 25-33 following the publication of this staff report on July 6, 2023. The Economic Impact Statement is attached at © A1 and the RESJ Impact Statement is attached at ©A3.

This packet contains:
Economic Impact Statement
Racial Equity and Social Justice Impact Statement

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Economic Impact Statement

Montgomery County, Maryland

Expedited Technical Corrections Bill 31-23

SUMMARY

The Office of Legislative Oversight (OLO) anticipates that enacting Expedited Bill 31-23 would have an insignificant impact on economic conditions in the County in terms of the Council’s priority indicators.

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE OF EXPEDITED BILL 31-23

The County Council periodically enacts a technical corrections bill that fixes typographical and stylistic errors in the County Code. Expedited Bill 31-23 would correct various “technical, typographical, grammatical, reference, and codification errors in, and make stylistic, clarifying, and conforming amendments to, various provisions of County law.” The changes are all non-substantive in nature.¹

The Council introduced Expedited Bill 31-23, Technical Corrections, on June 20, 2023.

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 Expedited Bill 31-23 on County-based private organizations and residents in terms of the Council’s priority economic indicators and whether the Bill would likely result in a net positive or negative impact on overall economic conditions in the County. Making non-substantive changes to the County Code would have no economic impact. 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

¹ Introduction Staff Report for [Expedited Bill 31-23](#).

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Not applicable

WORKS CITED

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

Montgomery County Council. [Introductory Staff Report for Expedited Bill 31-23, Technical Corrections](#). Introduced on June 20, 2023.

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.

Racial Equity and Social Justice (RESJ) Impact Statement

Office of Legislative Oversight

EXPEDITED BILL 31-23: TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS

SUMMARY

The Office of Legislative Oversight (OLO) anticipates Expedited Bill 31-23 will have little to no impact on racial equity and social justice (RESJ) in the County.

PURPOSE OF RESJ IMPACT STATEMENTS

The purpose of RESJ impact statements (RESJIS) is to evaluate the anticipated impact of legislation on racial equity and social justice in the County. Racial equity and social justice refer to a process that focuses on centering the needs, leadership, and power of communities of color and low-income communities with a goal of eliminating racial and social inequities.¹ Achieving racial equity and social justice usually requires seeing, thinking, and working differently to address the racial and social harms that have caused racial and social inequities.²

PURPOSE OF EXPEDITED BILL 31-23

The purpose of Expedited Bill 31-23 is to correct various “technical, typographical, grammatical, reference, and codification errors in, and make stylistic, clarifying, and conforming amendments to various provisions of County law.”³ The County Council periodically enacts a technical corrections bill to fix typographical and stylistic errors in County laws.⁴

The Council introduced Expedited Bill 31-23, Technical Corrections, on June 20, 2023.

ANTICIPATED RESJ IMPACTS

OLO does not anticipate a racial equity and social justice impact for Expedited Bill 31-23 because the proposed typographical and stylistic corrections to County laws is unlikely to have a significant impact on RESJ in the County.

RECOMMENDED AMENDMENTS

The Racial Equity and Social Justice Act requires OLO to consider whether recommended amendments to bills aimed at narrowing racial and social inequities are warranted in developing RESJ impact statements.⁵ OLO anticipates that Expedited Bill 31-23 will have little to no impact on RESJ in the County. As such, OLO does not offer recommended amendments.

CAVEATS

Two caveats to this racial equity and social justice impact statement should be noted. First, predicting the impact of legislation on racial equity and social justice is a challenging analytical endeavor due to data limitations, uncertainty, and

RESJ Impact Statement

Expedited Bill 31-23

other factors. Second, this RESJ impact statement is intended to inform the legislative process rather than 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

OLO staffer Elsabett Tesfaye, Performance Management and Data Analyst, drafted this RESJ impact statement.

¹ Definition of racial equity and social justice adopted from “Applying a Racial Equity Lens into Federal Nutrition Programs” by Marlysa Gamblin, et.al. Bread for the World, and from Racial Equity Tools. <https://www.racialequitytools.org/glossary>

² Ibid

³ Memorandum from Ludeen McCartney-Green, Legislative Attorney introducing Agenda Item. Bill-31-23 Technical Corrections. Introduced June 20, 2023

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2023/20230620/20230620_1D.pdf

⁴ Ibid.

⁵ Bill 27-19, Administration – Human Rights – Office of Racial Equity and Social Justice – Racial Equity and Social Justice Advisory Committee – Established, Montgomery County Council