


MEMORANDUM

June 8, 2018

TO: County Council

FROM: Robert H. Drummer, Senior Legislative Attorney 

SUBJECT: Expedited Bill 18-18, Human Rights and Civil Liberties -- Human Trafficking Prevention Committee - Amendments

PURPOSE: Public Hearing -- No Council votes required

Expedited Bill 18-18, Human Rights and Civil Liberties -- Human Trafficking Prevention Committee - Amendments, sponsored by Lead Sponsor Councilmember Hucker and Co-Sponsors Councilmembers Rice, Katz, Council Vice President Navarro, Councilmember Berliner, Council President Riemer and Councilmember Elrich, was introduced on May 15. Action is tentatively scheduled for June 19.

Bill 18-18 would modify the membership of the Human Trafficking Prevention Committee by removing the requirement that each voting member be a resident of the County and adding two voting members from the community.

Background

Bill 27-17, enacted by the Council on October 10, 2017 and signed into law on October 19, 2017, established the Human Trafficking Prevention Committee with 15 voting members. The Committee is a permanent part of the County government charged with recommending best strategies to combat human trafficking to the Executive and the Council. Expedited Bill 18-18 would add 2 voting members. Each of the new voting members should be a public member with a direct interest in the prevention of human trafficking. The current law requires each voting member to be a County resident. The Bill would modify this requirement by requiring that 9 of the 17 voting members be either a resident of the County or a County employee.

This packet contains:

Expedited Bill 18-18
Legislative Request Report

Circle #

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Expedited Bill No. 18-18
Concerning: Human Rights and Civil
Liberties - Human Trafficking Prevention
Committee - Amendments
Revised: April 26, 2018 Draft No. 4
Introduced: May 15, 2018
Expires: November 15, 2019
Enacted: _____
Executive: _____
Effective: _____
Sunset Date: None
Ch. _____, Laws of Mont. Co. _____

COUNTY COUNCIL FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

Lead Sponsor: Councilmember Hucker
Co-Sponsor: Councilmembers Rice, Katz, Council Vice President Navarro, Councilmember
Berliner, Council President Riemer and Councilmember Elrich

AN EXPEDITED ACT to:

- (1) modify the membership of the Human Trafficking Prevention Committee;
- (2) remove the requirement that each voting member be a resident of the County;
- (3) add two voting members from the community; and
- (4) generally amend the laws governing the prevention of human trafficking.

By amending

Montgomery County Code
Chapter 27, Human Rights and Civil Liberties
Article VIII, Section 27-62

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:

1 **Sec 1. Section 27-62 is amended as follows:**

2 **27-62. Human Trafficking Prevention Committee.**

3 (a) *Members.* The Executive must appoint, subject to confirmation by the
4 Council, a Human Trafficking Prevention Committee. The Committee
5 must have [15] 17 voting members and up to 10 *ex-officio* nonvoting
6 members. [Each] At least 9 of the voting [member] members must, when
7 appointed, either reside in or be an employee of the County.

8 (1) *Voting members.* The voting members must broadly reflect the
9 geographic, economic, and social diversity of the County. Each
10 voting member should be associated with an organization involved
11 in addressing some aspect of human trafficking or have a direct
12 interest in an issue related to human trafficking.

13 (A) One voting member should be an employee of the
14 Montgomery County Public Schools.

15 (B) One voting member should be an employee of the County
16 State's Attorney's Office.

17 (C) One voting member should be a member of the
18 Montgomery County Judiciary.

19 (D) One voting member should be an employee of the County
20 Sheriff's Office.

21 (E) One voting member should be a designee of the County
22 Council.

23 (F) One voting member should be an employee of the County
24 Police Department.

25 (G) One voting member should be an employee of the County
26 Department of Health and Human Services.

- (H) One voting member should be an employee of the County Office of Intergovernmental Relations.
- (I) One voting member should be an employee of the County Department of Correction and Rehabilitation.
- (J) One voting member should be a member of the County's Commission for Women.
- (K) One voting member should be a member of the Criminal Justice Coordinating Commission.
- (L) Two voting members should be from two different advocacy organizations.
- (M) One voting member should be an owner or employee of a non-profit service provider.
- (N) One voting member should be an academic advisor.
- (O) Two voting members should be a public member with a direct interest in the prevention of human trafficking.

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Sec. 2. Expedited Effective Date.

The Council declares that this legislation is necessary for the immediate protection of the public interest. This Act takes effect on the date on which it becomes law.

Approved:

Hans D. Riemer, President, County Council

Date

Approved:

Isiah Leggett, County Executive

Date

LEGISLATIVE REQUEST REPORT

Expedited Bill 18-18

Human Rights and Civil Liberties - Human Trafficking Prevention Committee -- Amendments

DESCRIPTION: Expedited Bill 18-18 would modify the membership of the Human Trafficking Prevention Committee by removing the requirement that each voting member be a resident of the County and adding two voting members from the community.

PROBLEM: Some of the experts in this area may not be a County resident. Also, the addition of 2 new public members would add to the Committee's ability to work with the community.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES: Modify the membership of the Committee to help it function more effectively.

COORDINATION: Office of Human Rights

FISCAL IMPACT: To be requested.

ECONOMIC IMPACT: To be requested.

EVALUATION: To be requested.

EXPERIENCE ELSEWHERE: To be researched.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION: Robert H. Drummer, Senior Legislative Attorney

APPLICATION WITHIN MUNICIPALITIES: N/A

PENALTIES: N/A