

Bill No. 9-23  
Concerning: Alcohol and Other Drug  
Abuse Advisory Council - Rename  
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## COUNTY COUNCIL FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

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By: Council President at the Request of the County Executive

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**AN ACT** to:

- (1) rename the Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Advisory Council to reduce the stigma associated with the word abuse;
- (2) replace the word abuse with addiction to better reflect the need to provide access and support for persons afflicted with addictions; and
- (3) generally amend the laws regarding alcohol and other drugs.

By amending

Montgomery County Code  
Chapter 2, Administration  
Section 2-42A

Montgomery County Code  
Chapter 13, Detention Centers and Rehabilitation Facilities  
Section 13-15

Montgomery County Code  
Chapter 24, Health and Sanitation  
Articles V and VII, Sections 24-41, 24-43 and 24-59

<b>Boldface</b>	<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:*

**Sec. 1. Sections 2-42A, 13-15, 24-41, 24-43 and 24-59 are amended as follows:**

**Sec. 2-42A. Functions, powers, and duties.**

(a) *Generally.* The Department is responsible for providing a single integrated system for the provision of health and human services with other public and private agencies that provide health and human services in the County. Department services are supportive services that provide the basic necessities, such as food, clothing, and shelter to people, and those services that directly serve and protect the health, mental health, economic well-being, and social functioning of individuals and families. The Department administers programs and provides services in the areas of:

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(d) *Duties of the Department.*

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(3) The Department provides staff support to:

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(F) the Alcohol and Other Drug [Abuse]Addiction Advisory Council;

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**Sec. 13-15. Selection and assignment procedure.**

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(d) The Program Administrator must develop a standardized method of screening individuals for the Program. The Program Administrator may consider the following factors:

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(vii) the inmate's history of alcohol or drug [abuse]addiction;

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**ARTICLE V. ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG [ABUSE]ADDICTION**  
**ADVISORY COUNCIL.**

**Sec. 24-41. Members; appointment.**

(a) *Members.* The County Executive must appoint, subject to confirmation by the County Council, an Alcohol and Other Drug [Abuse]Addiction Advisory Council. The Council consists of 16 voting members and 9 nonvoting members.

(b) *Voting members.* The County Executive should appoint the voting members so that they include:

- (1) 4 members of the general public that reflect the geographic diversity of the County;
- (2) an individual who is recovering from alcoholism or other drug [abuse]addiction;
- (3) a professional who treats alcoholism or other drug [abuse]addiction;
- (4) a professional who provides care to prevent alcoholism or other drug [abuse]addiction;
- (5) a person of high school age or younger;
- (6) a person who represents the multi-cultural diversity of the County;
- (7) a practicing physician;
- (8) a pharmacist;
- (9) a relative of an individual who is receiving care for alcoholism or other drug [abuse]addiction; and
- (10) a member of:
  - (A) the clergy;
  - (B) the legal profession;

(C) the County parent-teachers associations; and

(D) the business community.

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**Sec. 24-43. Duties of the Council.**

The Council must:

- (a) identify local alcohol and other drug [abuse]addiction program needs, after receiving the advice of the Director of the Department of Health and Human Services by June 1 of each year;
- (b) review the state alcohol and other drug [abuse]addiction plan;
- (c) assist in the development of an annual County alcohol and other drug [abuse]addiction plan;
- (d) recommend appropriate allocation of funds to support alcohol and other drug [abuse]addiction programs after considering other available funding sources;
- (e) promote alcohol and other drug [abuse]addiction programs;
- (f) conduct or participate in one or more public forums each year concerning alcoholism and other drug [abuse]addiction; and
- (g) issue an annual report to the County Executive, County Council, and Director of the Department of Health and Human Services by October 1 of each year. The report must:
  - (1) evaluate the progress of local alcohol and other drug [abuse]addiction programs;
  - (2) identify actions needed to improve local alcohol and other drug [abuse]addiction programs; and
  - (3) outline goals of the Council for the following year.

**ARTICLE VII. VICTIM SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD.**

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82 **Sec. 24-59. Duties of the Board.**

83 (a) With the advice and assistance of the Department of Health and Human  
84 Services, the Board must:

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86 (8) Facilitate communication with the Alcohol and Other Drug  
87 [Abuse]Addiction Advisory Council and the Mental Health  
88 Advisory Committee by sharing minutes with those committees.

*Approved:*

	3/29/2023
Evan Glass, President, County Council	Date

*Approved:*

Marc Elrich, County Executive	Date
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*This is a correct copy of Council action.*

Judy Rupp, Clerk of the Council	Date
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