

Bill No. 8-17
Concerning: Executive Branch -
Business ~~[[Services Center]]~~
Solutions Group - Established
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COUNTY COUNCIL FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

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

AN ACT to:

- (1) establish a Business ~~[[Services Center]]~~ Solutions Group in the Office of the County Executive;
- (2) define the duties of the ~~[[Center]]~~ Group; and
- (3) generally amend the laws governing the organization of the Executive Branch.

By amending

Montgomery County Code
Chapter 2, Administration
Section 2-25B

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<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>
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* * *	<i>Existing law unaffected by bill.</i>

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

1 **Sec. 1. Section 2-25B is amended as follows:**

2 **2-25B. [Small Business Navigator] Business ~~[[Services Center]]~~ Solutions Group.**

3 (a) *Definitions.* As used in this Section:

4 ~~[[Center]]~~ Group means the Business ~~[[Services Center]]~~ Solutions
5 Group.

6 *Navigator* means the Small Business Navigator designated by the
7 Executive under subsection (c).

8 *Small business* means a privately owned business that meets the
9 requirements of Section 11B-65(a).

10 (b) *Establishment of*~~[Program]~~ ~~[[Center]]~~ Group. The Executive must create
11 and administer a [Small Business Assistance Program] Business
12 ~~[[Services Center]]~~ Solutions Group [with] that includes a Small Business
13 Navigator. [to help small businesses comply with County policies and
14 regulations] The ~~[[Center]]~~ Group must be part of the Office of the
15 County Executive.


16 (c) *Small Business Navigator.* The Executive must designate an employee as
17 the Small Business Navigator. Among other duties, the Navigator must:

18 (1) advise the Executive, the Council, the Chief Administrative
19 Officer, County Department heads, the Planning Board, and any
20 other appropriate government agency, of any action needed to
21 assist small businesses to comply with County requirements and
22 regulations;

23 (2) promote communications between a small business and each
24 County department or agency that the small business must interact
25 with;

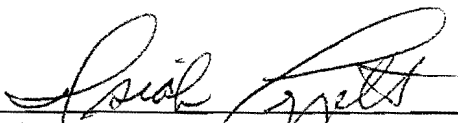
- 26 (3) develop and maintain a database of information necessary for a
 27 small business to comply with County requirements and
 28 regulations;
- 29 (4) advise small businesses on how to comply with County
 30 requirements and regulations; and
- 31 (5) identify changes to regulations and requirements that would
 32 improve turnaround, eliminate duplication, resolve conflicts in
 33 authority, and eliminate unnecessary regulations and requirements.
- 34 (d) Additional duties for the [[Office]] Group. In addition to the duties of the
 35 Small Business Navigator described in subsection (c), the [[Office]]
 36 Group must:
- 37 (1) provide constituent services for businesses operating in the County
 38 or planning to operate in the County, including:
- 39 (A) communicating about new and revised County laws and
 40 regulations affecting County businesses;
- 41 (B) [[public]] outreach;
- 42 (C) providing [[technical]] publications on County policies;
- 43 (D) operating workshops and conferences; and
- 44 (E) convening targeted business [[development]] events; and
- 45 (2) serve as a point of contact for County businesses seeking to[:
 46 (A) obtain a County contract; or
- 47 (B)] comply with County requirements and regulations; and
- 48 (3) [[advocate for]] assist County businesses to interact with other
 49 State, County, and local government agencies.
- 50 (e) Reports. On or before September 15 of each year, the Executive must
 51 report to the Council on the activities and recommendations of the
 52 [Navigator] [[Center]] Group.

Approved:



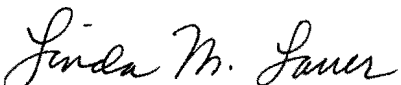
Roger Berliner, President, County Council
Date May 2, 2017

Approved:



Isiah Leggett, County Executive
Date May 12, 2017

This is a correct copy of Council action.



Linda M. Lauer, Clerk of the Council
Date May 15, 2017