

Expedited Bill No. 20-20
Concerning: Administration – Office of the
County Executive – Business
Advancement Team - Established
Revised: 5-14-2020 Draft No. 4
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Ch. _____, Laws of Mont. Co. _____

COUNTY COUNCIL FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

Lead Sponsor: Council President at the Request of the County Executive

AN EXPEDITED ACT to:

- (1) rename the existing Business Solutions Group as the Business Advancement Team;
- (2) assign additional duties to the Business Advancement Team from the Department of Finance and the [[Office of the County Executive]] Community Engagement Cluster;
and
- (3) generally amend the law governing the Office of the County Executive.

By amending

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

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 2-25B is amended as follows:**

2 **Sec. 2-25B. [Business Solutions Group] Business Advancement Team.**

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

4 [*Group*] Team means the [Business Solutions Group] Business
5 Advancement Team.

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 [Group] Team*. The Executive must create and
11 administer a Business [Solutions Group] Advancement Team that
12 includes a Small Business Navigator. The [Group] Team must be part of
13 the Office of the County Executive.

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

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

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

24 (3) develop and maintain a database of information necessary for a
25 small business to comply with County requirements and
26 regulations;

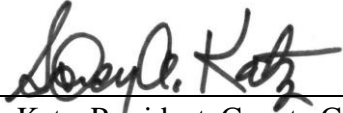
- 27 (4) advise small businesses on how to comply with County
 28 requirements and regulations; and
- 29 (5) identify changes to regulations and requirements that would
 30 improve turnaround, eliminate duplication, resolve conflicts in
 31 authority, and eliminate unnecessary regulations and requirements.
- 32 (d) *Additional duties for the [Group] Team.* In addition to the duties of the
 33 Small Business Navigator described in subsection (c), the [Group] Team
 34 must:
- 35 (1) provide constituent services for businesses operating in the County
 36 or planning to operate in the County, including:
- 37 (A) communicating about new and revised County laws and
 38 regulations affecting County businesses;
- 39 (B) outreach;
- 40 (C) providing publications on County policies;
- 41 (D) operating workshops and conferences; [and]
- 42 (E) convening targeted business events; [and]
- 43 (F) providing oversight and leadership on business programs
 44 including:
- 45 (i) incubator management;
- 46 (ii) economic development incentives and financing
 47 programs;
- 48 (iii) business development projects; and
- 49 (iv) other business-related special initiatives;
- 50 (2) serve as a point of contact for County businesses seeking to comply
 51 with County requirements and regulations; and
- 52 (3) assist County businesses to interact with other State, County, and
 53 local government agencies.

54 (e) *Reports.* On or before September 15 of each year, the Executive must
55 report to the Council on the activities and recommendations of the
56 [Group] Team.

57 **Sec. 2. Expedited Effective Date.**

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

Approved:



Sidney Katz, President, County Council

5/19/20

Date

Approved:

Marc Elrich, County Executive

Date

This is a correct copy of Council action.

Selena Mendy Singleton, Esq., Clerk of the Council

Date