

Expedited Bill No. 47-10  
Concerning: Administration – Legislative  
Branch – County Council – Economic  
Impact Statements  
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## COUNTY COUNCIL FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

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By: Councilmember Knapp, Council President Floreen, Council Vice President Ervin, and  
Councilmembers Navarro and Berliner

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**AN EXPEDITED ACT to:**

- (1) require the Executive to submit a statement to the Council describing the economic impact of a bill before Council action; and
- (2) generally amend the law governing the consideration of bills by the Council.

By adding

Montgomery County Code  
Chapter 2, Administration  
Article IV, Legislative Branch  
Section ~~[[2-81A]]~~ 2-81B

<b>Boldface</b>	<i>Heading or defined term.</i>
<u>Underlining</u>	<i>Added to existing law by original bill.</i>
<b>[Single boldface brackets]</b>	<i>Deleted from existing law by original bill.</i>
<u>Double underlining</u>	<i>Added by amendment.</i>
<b>[[Double boldface brackets]]</b>	<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 ~~[[2-81A]] 2-81B~~ is added as follows:**

2           ~~[[2-81A]]~~ **2-81B. Economic Impact Statements.**

3           (a)   Definitions. In this Section, the following words and phrases have the  
4                   following meanings:

5                   Director means the Director of the ~~[[Office of Management and~~  
6                   Budget]] Department of Finance.

7                   Economic impact means an estimate of the costs and benefits to private  
8                   organizations and individuals in the County attributable to a change in  
9                   the law.

10           (b)   Economic impact statements. The Director must submit a statement to  
11                   the Council describing the economic impact, if any, of each bill under  
12                   consideration by the Council. The Director must submit a separate  
13                   statement for each bill.

14           (c)   Time for submission. An economic impact statement should be  
15                   submitted to the Council:

16                   (1)   no later than 7 days before the public hearing on each bill  
17                   introduced by the Council President at the request of the County  
18                   Executive; and

19                   (2)   no more than 21 days after a bill sponsored by a Councilmember  
20                   is introduced.

21                   If the Director is unable to submit the statement within the time required  
22                   by paragraph (2), the Director must notify the Council President in  
23                   writing of the delay, the reason for the delay, and the revised delivery  
24                   date. If the Council President finds that the revised delivery date is  
25                   unreasonable, the Council President may set a different delivery  
26                   deadline.

27           (d) Content of economic impact statement. Each economic impact  
28           statement must include:

29           (1) the sources of information, assumptions, and methodologies  
30           used;

31           (2) a description of any variable that could affect economic impact  
32           estimates;

33           (3) the bill's positive or negative effect, if any, on employment,  
34           spending, saving, investment, incomes, and property values in the  
35           County; and

36           (4) if a bill is likely to have no economic impact, why that is the case.

37           (e) Compliance. Council action on a bill that is otherwise valid is not  
38           invalid because of any failure to follow the requirements of this Section.

39           **Sec. 2.       Expedited Effective Date.**

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

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45 *Approved:*

46 *Nancy Floreen* 10/6/10  
 Nancy Floreen, President, County Council Date

47 *Approved:*

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 Isiah Leggett, County Executive Date

49 *This is a correct copy of Council action.*

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 Linda M. Lauer, Clerk of the Council Date