

**Introduction**

**MEMORANDUM**

March 2, 2012

TO: County Council

FROM: Amanda Mihill, Legislative Attorney *A. Mihill*

SUBJECT: **Introduction:** Bill 9-12, Commission on Juvenile Justice - Membership

Bill 9-12, Commission on Juvenile Justice - Membership, sponsored by the Council President at the request of the County Executive is scheduled to be introduced on March 6, 2012. A public hearing is tentatively scheduled for March 27, 2012 at 1:30 p.m.

Bill 9-12 would add a representative of the Montgomery County Collaboration Council for Children, Youth and Families, a quasi-public, nonprofit organization, designated as the County's Local Management Board, as a voting member of the Commission on Juvenile Justice.

This packet contains:

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Bill No. 9-12  
Concerning: Commission on Juvenile  
Justice – Membership  
Revised: 3/1/2012 Draft No. 1  
Introduced: March 6, 2012  
Expires: September 6, 2013  
Enacted: \_\_\_\_\_  
Executive: \_\_\_\_\_  
Effective: \_\_\_\_\_  
Sunset Date: None  
Ch. \_\_\_\_\_, Laws of Mont. Co. \_\_\_\_\_

## 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) alter the membership of the Commission on Juvenile Justice; and
- (2) generally amend the law regarding the Commission on Juvenile Justice.

By amending

Montgomery County Code  
Chapter 12, Courts  
Section 12-36

<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. Section 12-36 is amended as follows:**

**12-36. Commission on juvenile justice; composition; appointment; terms; vacancy.**

(a) The Commission on Juvenile Justice consists of the following [4] 3 classes of members:

(1) [23] 22 voting members appointed by the County Executive, subject to confirmation by the County Council;

(2) [11] 12 voting members, representing each of the following: the Council, the Executive, the State’s Attorney, the Family Division of the Circuit Court, the Police Department, the state Department of Juvenile Justice, the County Office of the Public Defender, the Court Appointed Special Advocate, the Department of Health and Human Services (2 members, one representing child welfare services and one representing community-based services for at-risk youth), [and] the Board of Education, and the Montgomery County Collaboration Council for Children, Youth and Families, in each case appointed by the Executive, subject to confirmation by the Council, after receiving a recommendation from the person or office to be represented; and

(3) nonvoting members emeritus, who are past members who have given outstanding service and possess special expertise in juvenile matters. Members emeritus may be appointed by the Executive, subject to confirmation by the Council

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## LEGISLATIVE REQUEST REPORT

Bill 9-12

### *Commission on Juvenile Justice - Membership*

<b>DESCRIPTION:</b>	Adds a voting member to the Commission on Juvenile Justice from the Montgomery County Collaboration Council for Children, Youth and Families.
<b>PROBLEM:</b>	<p>The Commission currently relies on input from the Montgomery County Collaboration Council for Children, Youth, and Families on an informal basis in the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• information and statistics for the Commission's work/research;</li><li>• routine updates on the success of the Detention Risk Assessment Instrument;</li><li>• information helpful in writing the Commission's budget; and</li><li>• sharing research regarding needed services for Montgomery County.</li></ul>
<b>GOALS AND OBJECTIVES:</b>	Establish a more formal working relationship between the Commission on Juvenile Justice and the Montgomery County Collaboration Council for Children, Youth, and Families. The presence of a voting member from the Collaboration Council on the Commission will ensure the Council's ongoing participation in the Commission's work.
<b>COORDINATION:</b>	Commission on Juvenile Justice and the Montgomery County Collaboration Council for Children, Youth and Families.
<b>FISCAL IMPACT:</b>	To be requested.
<b>ECONOMIC IMPACT:</b>	To be requested.
<b>EVALUATION:</b>	To be requested.
<b>EXPERIENCE ELSEWHERE:</b>	To be researched.
<b>SOURCE OF INFORMATION:</b>	Beth Gochrach, Office of the County Executive Mary Poulin, Chair, Commission on Juvenile Justice Carol Walsh, Montgomery County Collaboration Council for Children, Youth and Families
<b>APPLICATION WITHIN MUNICIPALITIES:</b>	To be researched.
<b>PENALTIES:</b>	Not applicable.



OFFICES OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE


Isiah Leggett  
County Executive

Timothy L. Firestine  
Chief Administrative Officer

MEMORANDUM

January 31, 2012

TO: Roger Berliner, President  
County Council

FROM: Isiah Leggett, County Executive 

SUBJECT: Legislation regarding the Commission on Juvenile Justice

I am submitting for the Council's consideration a bill to add a representative from the Collaboration Council for Children, Youth and Families to the Commission on Juvenile Justice. The bill offsets this additional member by reducing the number of general voting members from 23 to 22. As a result, the total number of voting members on the Commission remains unchanged

Since the creation of the Collaboration Council, the Commission has relied informally on Collaboration Council staff for research and statistical data, routine updates on the Detention Risk Assessment Instrument, expertise in policy matters, and support in preparing the Commission's budget. Given the Collaboration Council's ongoing support to the Commission and the key role the Council plays in both policy development and service delivery to the youth of Montgomery County, it is appropriate that the Collaboration Council have a voting member on the Commission on Juvenile Justice.

Thank you for your consideration of this legislation.

Attachments

c: Uma S. Ahluwalia, Director, Department of Health and Human Services  
Connie Latham, Special Assistant to County Executive  
Diane Lininger, Program Manager, Commission on Juvenile Justice  
Mary Poulin, Chair, Commission on Juvenile Justice  
Carol Walsh, Collaboration Council for Children, Youth, and Families

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