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County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2026 Legislative Session

Legislative Day No. 6

Bill No. 31 -2026

Introduced by: Christiana Rigby

SHORT TITLE: S.M.A.R.T. (Strategic Moratorium for Assessing Responsible Technology) Siting Act

TITLE: AN ACT temporarily prohibiting issuance of certain approvals of development plans for data processing centers; creating a task force to consider defining "Data Centers" in the Zoning Regulations, study the potential impacts of data centers on the public health, safety, and welfare, and to report and make recommendations on best practices for data center development, including but not limited to siting and location, setbacks and screening, water and energy consumption, noise mitigation, and removal of the data center tax credit; and generally relating to data center development in Howard County.

Introduced and read first time May 4, 2026. Ordered posted and hearing scheduled.
By order Michelle Harrod
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

Having been posted and notice of time & place of hearing & title of Bill having been published according to Charter, the Bill was read for a second time at a public hearing on May 18, 2026.
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By order Michelle Harrod
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

Sealed with the County Seal and presented to the County Executive for approval this 2 day of June, 2026 at 5⁰⁰ a.m. (p.m.)
By order Michelle Harrod
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

Approved by the County Executive June 4, 2026
Calvin Ball
Calvin Ball, County Executive

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2 infrastructure used to process, store, and transmit vast amounts of digital information, and their
3 rapid expansion has been driven by increased demand for cloud computing, artificial
4 intelligence, and online services; and

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6 **WHEREAS**, when Howard County’s Zoning Regulations were updated in 1993 to
7 include uses related to data processing and similar technology functions, those uses reflected a
8 smaller-scale, lower-intensity form of development that differs significantly from modern data
9 centers, which now operate across a spectrum including larger, energy-intensive facilities in
10 many cases, supporting global digital infrastructure, and therefore the County’s existing zoning
11 framework does not fully account for the scale, impacts, and operational characteristics of
12 contemporary data center development; and

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15 evolving land use in many jurisdictions, including Howard County, and local governments are
16 working to understand their long-term impacts on land use, infrastructure, and surrounding
17 communities; and

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19 **WHEREAS**, data centers require substantial amounts of electricity, water, and land, and
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22 residential areas; and

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24 **WHEREAS**, without clear regulatory frameworks, zoning standards, and infrastructure
25 planning, the approval of data center projects may outpace a jurisdiction’s ability to ensure that
26 such development aligns with community goals, environmental sustainability, and long-term
27 fiscal responsibility; and

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29 **WHEREAS**, a strategic and temporary moratorium on new data center development
30 would provide the County with the necessary time to conduct comprehensive studies, engage

1 with residents and stakeholders, and develop appropriate policies, zoning regulations, and
2 performance standard recommendations to guide future data center development; and
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5 data center development, including Baltimore County, which enacted a temporary moratorium to
6 allow for planning and analysis of impacts, as well as Prince George’s County and Frederick
7 County, which have similarly implemented or considered pauses or limitations on such
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11 ensure that future data center development in Howard County is carefully planned, equitably
12 sited, and aligned with the County’s environmental, economic, and community priorities; and
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14 **WHEREAS**, this moratorium is intended not to prohibit data center development
15 permanently, but to ensure that when and if such development occurs, it does so in a manner that
16 is safe, sustainable, and in the best interest of Howard County residents.
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18 **NOW THEREFORE,**
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20 ***Section 1. Be It Enacted*** by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland, that the
21 *Department of Planning and Zoning shall not accept plan submissions for any proposed*
22 *development of a data processing and telecommunications center (“Data Center”) during the*
23 *Effective Period, unless otherwise exempted in Section 6.E of this Act; provided, however, that*
24 *this Act shall not prohibit redlines to a previously approved development plan or administrative*
25 *approvals associated with an existing building and previously approved development plan.* *Data*
26 *centers shall not be considered under any other approved use during this Effective Period.*
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28 ***Section 2. And Be It Further Enacted*** by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland
29 *that, subject to the exception for emergency legislation as provided in the County Charter or any*
30 *zoning regulation text amendment introduced after receipt of the recommendations of the task*

1 force commission by this Act, the County Council shall not pass any zoning regulation text
2 amendment for any proposed Data Center development during the Effective Period.

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4 **Section 3. And Be It Further Enacted** by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland,
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6 plans or piecemeal map amendments for a proposed Data Center development during the
7 Effective Period.

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9 **Section 4. And Be It Further Enacted** by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland that
10 the Hearing Authority shall not hear or take final action on any application or petition related to
11 the development of a proposed Data Center development during the Effective Period.

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13 **Section 5. And Be It Further Enacted** by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland,
14 that, ~~in accordance with Section 902 of the County Charter,~~ a temporary task force be formed
15 during the Effective Period to develop a definition of “Data Center” for the Zoning Regulations,
16 and ~~consider~~ recommend best practices for data center siting and location, setbacks and
17 screening, water consumption and impact, power and energy infrastructure, noise and acoustic
18 mitigation, impact fees or excise tax application, decommissioning plans, and removing the data
19 center tax credit. The task force shall also assess the impact of data centers on the Howard
20 County Climate Forward: Climate Action and Resiliency Plan. The task force members shall
21 have substantial experience in the following areas of expertise:

22 1. Utilities infrastructure;

23 2. Water resource management;

24 3. Climate resilience and environmental science;

25 4. Acoustic mitigation;

26 5. Economic development;

27 6. Data center development;

28 7. Data center operation; and

1 8. Two members shall be representatives from Building trades unions.

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3 ~~The County Executive shall establish, by separate Executive Order, the members of the task force~~
4 ~~who shall be chosen from a selection of names solicited through a public process.”.~~

5 Each Councilmember shall nominate one member each to the task force. The County Executive
6 shall nominate no more than six members to the task force. Task force members shall be
7 appointed by individual Council Resolutions.

8 *This temporary task force, with technical assistance and support from the Department of*
9 *Planning & Zoning, along with other appropriate units of County Government, shall hold a*
10 *public hearing to receive public comments and report its findings and recommendations to the*
11 *County Council and County Executive within 12 months following the Effective Date of this Act.*

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13 **Section 6. And Be It Further Enacted** by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland that:

14 A. *Short Title. This Act shall be known as the “S.M.A.R.T. (Strategic Moratorium for*
15 *Assessing Responsible Technology) Siting Act”.*

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17 B. *Purpose. The purpose of this Act is to:*

18 1. *Provide the Department of Planning and Zoning, with help from other*
19 *appropriate units of County government, time to evaluate the most appropriate*
20 *criteria and zones for data center siting and development and develop suitable*
21 *recommendations; and*

22 2. *To provide the County Council time to study and act on any recommendations.*

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24 C. *Definitions. For the purposes of this Act:*

25 1. *“Development Review Process” means the process of review and decision on an*
26 *application submitted to the Department of Planning and Zoning or any other*
27 *applicable authorized County agency for a proposed subdivision or development*
28 *or redevelopment plan.*

1 2. “Data center” means a facility primarily used to house, operate, and maintain
2 computer servers, networking equipment, and associated infrastructure for the
3 storage, processing, transmission, or management of digital data.
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5 D. *Development Review Process.* Site development plan applications made to the
6 Department of Planning and Zoning under the development review process as
7 outlined in the Subdivision and Land Development Regulations (Title 16, Subtitle 1),
8 filed after the Effective Date of this Act may not proceed and shall not be considered
9 for plan approval by the Department of Planning and Zoning.
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11 E. *Exemption.* This Act shall not apply to any State or local government entity or allied
12 agencies, including Howard County Public School System (HCPSS), Howard
13 Community College (HCC), and the Howard County Library System (HCLS).
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15 F. *Notice.* During the Effective Period, the Department of Planning and Zoning shall
16 notify any current or future applicant in the development review process, any current
17 or future petitioner to the Zoning Board, or any current or future applicant to the
18 Hearing Authority of this Act.
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20 G. *Severability.* Should any part of this Act be declared unconstitutional or invalid by a
21 court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the
22 remaining parts of this Act.
23

24 H. *Conflict with Existing Law.* In case of a conflict between this Act and other applicable
25 law, this Act shall prevail.
26

27 I. *Effective Date & Effective Period.* This Act is adopted as an interim measure and
28 shall sunset either

29 1. Once the task force issues a recommendation and a Zoning Regulation text
30 amendment has been passed into law; or

31 2. Once the Comprehensive Rezoning process has concluded; or

1 3. *No later than 18 months after the ~~Effective Date of this Act~~ November 2, 2027.*

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3 ***Section 7. And Be It Further Enacted*** *by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland, that*
4 *this Act shall become effective 61 days after its enactment.*

Amendment 1 to Council Bill No. 31- 2026

BY: Christiana Rigby

Legislative Day 8

Date: June 1, 2026

Amendment No. 1

(This Amendment addresses the issue of redlines to certain previously approved plans.)

- 1 On page 2 of the bill, in line 23, before the second period, insert the following:
- 2 “; provided, however, that this Act shall not prohibit redlines to a previously approved
- 3 development plan or administrative approvals associated with an existing building and
- 4 previously approved development plan”.

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Am 1 to CB31-2026

passed on June 1, 2026

Michelle Dorr

Council Administrator

1 Each Councilmember shall nominate one member each to the task force. The County Executive
2 shall nominate no more than six members to the task force. Task force members shall be
3 appointed by individual Council Resolutions.”.

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5 On page 3 of the bill, in line 17, after “shall” insert “hold a public hearing to receive public
6 comments and”.

7

8 On page 5, in line 6, strike “18 months after the Effective Date of this Act” and substitute
9 “November 2, 2027”.

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Michelle Hoerred
Council Administrator

Amendment 2 to Council Bill No. 31- 2026

BY: Christiana Rigby

**Legislative Day 8
Date: June 1, 2026**

Amendment No. 2

(This Amendment defines the number of task force members and qualifications for task force membership)

1 On page 3, in line 11, strike “, in accordance with Section 902 of the County Charter.”.

2

3 On page 3, in line 13, strike “consider” and substitute “recommend”.

4

5 On page 3 of the bill, in line 15, after the period, insert the following:

6 “The task force shall also assess the impact of data centers on the Howard County Climate
7 Forward: Climate Action and Resiliency Plan. The task force members shall have substantial
8 experience in the following areas of expertise:

9 1. Utilities infrastructure;

10 2. Water resource management;

11 3. Climate resilience and environmental science;

12 4. Acoustic mitigation;

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16 8. Two members shall be representatives from Building trades unions.

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18 ~~The County Executive shall establish, by separate Executive Order, the members of the task force~~
19 ~~who shall be chosen from a selection of names solicited through a public process.”.~~

Amendment 1 to Amendment 2 to Council Bill No. 31-2026

BY: Christiana Rigby

Legislative Day 8

Date: June 1, 2026

Amendment No. 1 to Amendment No. 2

(This Amendment to Amendment adds an additional instruction to Amendment 2 and adds language concerning the responsibilities of the task force.)

1 On page 1, immediately before line 1, insert the following:

2 “On page 3, in line 13, strike “consider” and substitute “recommend”.

3

4 On page 1, in line 2, immediately before “The task force members” insert the following:

5 “The task force shall also assess the impact of data centers on the Howard County Climate
6 Forward: Climate Action and Resiliency Plan.”.

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Michelle Anderson

Council Administrator

Amendment 2 to Amendment 2 to Council Bill No. 31-2026

BY: Liz Walsh

Legislative Day 8

Date: June 1, 2026

Amendment No. 2 to Amendment No. 2

(This Amendment to Amendment strikes the “Data center development” and “Data center operation” experience requirements from the task force and adds a requirement that each Councilmember shall nominate one member each to the task force.)

1 On page 1, immediately before line 1, insert the following:

2 “On page 3, in line 11, strike “, in accordance with Section 902 of the County Charter.”.”

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4 On page 1, in line 7, after the semicolon, insert “; and”.

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6 One page 1, strike lines 8 and 9, in their entirety and renumber accordingly.

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8 On page 1, strike line 12 and 13, in their entirety, and substitute the following:

9 “Each Councilmember shall nominate one member each to the task force. The County Executive
10 shall nominate two members to the task force. Task force members shall be appointed by
11 individual Council Resolutions.”.

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Am 2 to Am 2 to CB31-2026

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Michele Harrison

Council Administrator

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Amendment 3 to Amendment 2 to Council Bill No. 31-2026

BY: Liz Walsh

Legislative Day 8

Date: June 1, 2026

Amendment No. 3 to Amendment No. 2

(This Amendment to Amendment adds requirements that each Councilmember shall nominate one member each and the County Executive shall nominate no more than six members to the task force.)

1 On page 1, immediately before line 1, insert the following:

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Michelle Dorr
Council Administrator

Amendment 4 to Amendment 2 to Council Bill No. 31-2026

BY: David Yungmann

Legislative Day 8

Date: June 1, 2026

Amendment No. 4 to Amendment No. 2

(This Amendment to Amendment amends the sunset date of the bill to November 2, 2027.)

1 On page 1, in line 17, insert the following:

2 “On page 5, in line 6, strike “*18 months after the Effective Date of this Act*” and substitute:

3 “*November 2, 2027*.”

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Am 4 to Am 2 to CB 31-2026

passed on June 1, 2026

Michelle Cherry

Council Administrator

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Calvin Ball, County Executive

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27 appropriate units of County government, time to evaluate the most appropriate
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14 *for plan approval by the Department of Planning and Zoning.*

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23 *Hearing Authority of this Act.*

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25 G. *Severability. Should any part of this Act be declared unconstitutional or invalid by a*
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30 *law, this Act shall prevail.*

31

1 I. *Effective Date & Effective Period. This Act is adopted as an interim measure and*
2 *shall sunset either*

3 1. *Once the task force issues a recommendation and a Zoning Regulation text*
4 *amendment has been passed into law; or*

5 2. *Once the Comprehensive Rezoning process has concluded; or*

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7
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9 *this Act shall become effective 61 days after its enactment.*

Amendment 2 to Council Bill No. 21- 2026

BY: Christiana Rigby

Legislative Day 8

Date: June 1, 2026

Amendment No. 2

(This Amendment defines the number of task force members and qualifications for task force membership)

1 On page 3 of the bill, in line 15, after the period, insert the following:

2 *“The task force members shall have substantial experience in the following areas of expertise:*

3 *1. Utilities infrastructure;*

4 *2. Water resource management;*

5 *3. Climate resilience and environmental science;*

6 *4. Acoustic mitigation;*

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12 *The County Executive shall establish, by separate Executive Order, the members of the task force*
13 *who shall be chosen from a selection of names solicited through a public process.”.*

14

15 On page 3 of the bill, in line 17, after “shall” insert *“hold a public hearing to receive public*
16 *comments and”*

17

I certify that this a true copy of

passed on _____

Council Administrator

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, having been approved by the Executive and returned to the Council, stands enacted on June 4, 2026.

Michelle R. Harrod
Michelle R. Harrod, Administrator to the County Council

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, having been passed by the yeas and nays of two-thirds of the members of the Council notwithstanding the objections of the Executive, stands enacted on _____, 2026.

Michelle R. Harrod, Administrator to the County Council

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, having received neither the approval nor the disapproval of the Executive within ten days of its presentation, stands enacted on _____, 2026.

Michelle R. Harrod, Administrator to the County Council

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, not having been considered on final reading within the time required by Charter, stands failed for want of consideration on _____, 2026.

Michelle R. Harrod, Administrator to the County Council

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, having been disapproved by the Executive and having failed on passage upon consideration by the Council stands failed on _____, 2026.

Michelle R. Harrod, Administrator to the County Council

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, the withdrawal of which received a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the Council, is withdrawn from further consideration on _____, 2026.

Michelle R. Harrod, Administrator to the County Council