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## County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2018 Legislative Session

Legislative Day No. **2**

### Resolution No. 23-2018

Introduced by: Calvin Ball and Jennifer Terrasa

**A RESOLUTION** requesting that the Commission on Disability Issues study Howard County's ability to provide services to the county's residents with disabilities in the areas of Education, Peer Relationships, Employment, Transportation, and Housing; requesting that the Commission submit a report and recommend actions that should be taken by the County as it continuously strives to become a model community for residents with disabilities; and generally relating to the continuous improvement of disability issues in Howard County.

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Introduced and read for the first time on \_\_\_\_\_, 2018.

By order \_\_\_\_\_

Jessica Feldmark, Administrator to the County Council

Read for a second time and a public hearing held on \_\_\_\_\_, 2018.

By order \_\_\_\_\_

Jessica Feldmark, Administrator to the County Council

This Resolution was read for the third time and was Adopted \_\_\_\_, Adopted with amendments \_\_\_\_, Failed \_\_\_\_, Withdrawn \_\_\_\_ by the County Council  
on \_\_\_\_\_, 2018.

Certified by \_\_\_\_\_

Jessica Feldmark, Administrator to the County Council

NOTE: [[text in brackets]] indicates deletions from existing language; TEXT IN ALL CAPITALS indicates additions to existing language.  
~~Strike out~~ indicates material deleted by amendment; Underlining indicates material added by amendment.

1           **WHEREAS**, Howard County is often rated as one of the top places to live and is  
2 celebrated for the value the community places on its diversity as well as for its commitment to a  
3 stellar public education system; and  
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5           **WHEREAS**, Howard County continuously strives to be a community that is accessible to  
6 and inclusive of all residents; and  
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8           **WHEREAS**, according to the U.S. Census Bureau, approximately 4.4% of the Howard  
9 County population, under 65 years of age, has a disability; and  
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11           **WHEREAS**, with passage of Council Bill No. 40 – 1988, the Howard County  
12 Commission on Disability Issues was established to:

- 13           • Increase public awareness of disability-related issues,
- 14           • Serve in an advisory capacity on County Government programs, policies, and budget, and
- 15           • Assist County Government to ensure compliance with the requirements of Section 504 of  
16 the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990; and

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18           **WHEREAS**, Section 12.401(h)(2)(ii) of the Howard County Code states that one of the  
19 duties of the Commission is to, “Advise the County Executive and County Council on the needs,  
20 inequalities, unmet needs, and gaps in such areas as housing, transportation, recreation,  
21 employment, education, community services, treatment, rehabilitation and related matters, which  
22 may preclude the full integration of persons with disabilities into the community.”; and  
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24           **WHEREAS**, Section 6.307 of the Howard County Code states that Boards and Commissions  
25 may conduct studies and reviews, advise and recommend, and assume other functions as provided by  
26 law.  
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1           **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the County Council of Howard County,  
2 Maryland this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2018, that the Council requests that the  
3 Commission on Disability Issues research, review, and prepare a report for the County Council  
4 and County Executive on best practices in the area of disabilities services, specifically in the  
5 areas of Education, Peer Relationships, Employment, Transportation, and Housing, with  
6 recommendations on how Howard County Government can support a facilitate full inclusion of  
7 all residents in all aspects of community life.

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9           **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the County Council of Howard County requests  
10 that the Commission on Disability Issues:

- 11       1.     hold at least one public hearing;
- 12       2.     consult with:
  - 13           a.    the Commission on Transitioning Students with Disabilities;
  - 14           b.    the Howard County Public School System;
  - 15           c.    Howard Community College;
  - 16           d.    the Department of Community Resources and Services;
  - 17           e.    the Department of Recreation and Parks;
  - 18           f.    the Department of Housing and Community Development;
  - 19           g.    the Howard County Housing Commission;
  - 20           h.    the Office of Workforce Development; and
  - 21           i.    the Office of Transportation;
- 22       3.     conduct outreach to and seek feedback from people with disabilities and their families;

1           and

2           4.     submit its report and recommendations to the County Council and the County Executive  
3           by October 1, 2018.

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5           **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the County Council of Howard County,  
6     Maryland that all units of County government, the Howard County Public School System, and  
7     Howard Community College are requested to cooperate fully with the Commission on Disability  
8     Issues in its conduct of the studies called for in this Resolution.

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