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County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2019 Legislative Session

Legislative Day No. 12

Bill No. 52-2019

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

AN ACT to establish a Human Trafficking Prevention Coordination Council; providing for the membership of the Council; providing for the purpose and responsibilities of the Council; providing the expiration dates of the terms of the initial members of the Council; and generally relating to the Human Trafficking Prevention Coordination Council.

Introduced and read first time _____, 2019. Ordered posted and hearing scheduled.

By order _____
Diane Schwartz Jones, 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 _____, 2019.

By order _____
Diane Schwartz Jones, Administrator

This Bill was read the third time on _____, 2019 and Passed ____, Passed with amendments _____, Failed _____.

By order _____
Diane Schwartz Jones, Administrator

Sealed with the County Seal and presented to the County Executive for approval this ___ day of _____, 2019 at ___ a.m./p.m.

By order _____
Diane Schwartz Jones, Administrator

Approved/Vetoed by the County Executive _____, 2019

Calvin Ball, County Executive

NOTE: [[text in brackets]] indicates deletions from existing law; TEXT IN SMALL CAPITALS indicates additions to existing law; Strike-out indicates material deleted by amendment; Underlining indicates material added by amendment

1 **WHEREAS**, the 2017 Human Trafficking Task Force report noted that “[h]uman
2 trafficking is a complex global crime affecting nearly every developed and developing country in
3 the world. It involves the exploitation of people for monetary or personal profit, and occurs in a
4 range of both legal and illegal industries, including hospitality services, brothels, agriculture, street
5 prostitution, construction, strip clubs, domestic services, manufacturing, spas, and escort services.
6 At its core, human trafficking is about abuse and cruelty toward human beings, and is a gross
7 violation of human rights”; and

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9 **WHEREAS**, the Human Trafficking Task Force further noted that that “[h]uman
10 trafficking crimes have devastating impacts on vulnerable individuals, families, and communities;
11 and Howard County is not immune”; and

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13 **WHEREAS**, while there have been significant arrests and prosecutions of offenders of
14 human trafficking laws, the County Executive contends that human trafficking remains a basic
15 human rights violation; and

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17 **WHEREAS**, the County Executive is committed to continuing the important work of
18 eradicating human trafficking in Howard County and wishes to establish a Human Trafficking
19 Prevention Coordination Council in order to assist in outreach and education to eliminate this
20 globally recognized violation of human rights.

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22 **NOW, THEREFORE,**

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24 ***Section 1. Be It Enacted*** by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland, that the Howard
25 County Code is amended as follows:

- 26 1. *By adding Section 6.345 “Human Trafficking Prevention Coordination Council” to:*
27 *Title 6. County Executive and the Executive Branch.*
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29 2. *By adding Subtitle 11 “Human Trafficking Prevention Coordination Council” to:*
30 *Title 17, Public Protection Services.*

1 **Title 6. County Executive and the Executive Branch.**

2 **Subtitle 3. Boards and Commissions.**

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4 **6.345. HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION COORDINATION COUNCIL.**

5 THERE IS A HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION COORDINATION COUNCIL. ITS MEMBERSHIP,
6 DUTIES, AND RESPONSIBILITIES ARE SET FORTH IN SUBTITLE 11, "HUMAN TRAFFICKING
7 PREVENTION COORDINATION COUNCIL," OF TITLE 17, "PUBLIC PROTECTION SERVICES," OF THIS
8 CODE.

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10 **Title 17. Public Protection Services.**

11 **SUBTITLE 11. HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION COORDINATION COUNCIL.**

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13 **SECTION 17.1100. HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION COORDINATION COUNCIL; GENERAL**
14 **PROVISIONS; PURPOSE.**

15 (A) *GENERAL PROVISIONS.* THERE IS A HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION COORDINATION
16 COUNCIL. GENERAL PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO THE COUNCIL ARE SET FORTH IN SUBTITLE 3,
17 "BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS," OF TITLE 6, "COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH"
18 OF THIS CODE.

19 (B) *PURPOSE.* THE PURPOSE OF THE COUNCIL IS TO PROVIDE ADVICE ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING
20 PREVENTION IN HOWARD COUNTY AND TO CONDUCT OUTREACH AND EDUCATION ON THE SIGNS
21 AND WARNINGS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING.

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23 **SECTION 17.1101. MEMBERSHIP.**

24 (A) *NUMBER OF MEMBERS.* THE HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION COORDINATION COUNCIL
25 SHALL CONSIST OF 19 TO 23 MEMBERS.

26 (B) *MEMBERSHIP.* THE COUNCIL SHALL BE COMPRISED OF THE FOLLOWING:

27 (1) EX OFFICIO MEMBERS:

28 (I) THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY RESOURCES AND SERVICES OR
29 THE DIRECTOR'S DESIGNEE;

30 (II) THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE OFFICE OF HUMAN RIGHTS OR THE ADMINISTRATOR'S

- 1 DESIGNEE;
- 2 (III) THE STATE’S ATTORNEY OR THE STATE’S ATTORNEY’S DESIGNEE;
- 3 (IV) THE CHIEF OF POLICE OR THE CHIEF’S DESIGNEE;
- 4 (V) A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE HOWARD COUNTY COMMISSION FOR WOMEN;
- 5 (VI) THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES OR THE DIRECTOR’S
- 6 DESIGNEE;
- 7 (VII) THE HEALTH OFFICER OR THE HEALTH OFFICER’S DESIGNEE;
- 8 (VIII) THE SHERIFF OR THE SHERIFF’S DESIGNEE; AND
- 9 (IX) A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE HOWARD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM;
- 10 (2) APPOINTED MEMBERS OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR SHALL INCLUDE AT LEAST:
- 11 (i) TWO REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE FAITH BASED COMMUNITY;
- 12 (ii) A REPRESENTATIVE FROM HoCo AGAST (HOWARD COUNTY ADVOCACY GROUP
- 13 AGAINST SLAVERY AND TRAFFICKING) OR SIMILAR GRASSROOTS GROUP WHO
- 14 PROVIDES INTERVENTION AND ADVOCACY ON BEHALF OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING
- 15 VICTIMS;
- 16 (iii) A REPRESENTATIVE FROM HOPEWORKS;
- 17 (iv) A REPRESENTATIVE FROM GRASSROOTS CRISIS INTERVENTION CENTER;
- 18 (v) A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE HOWARD COUNTY GENERAL HOSPITAL;
- 19 (vi) TWO REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE SURVIVOR COMMUNITY;
- 20 (vii) ONE REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC; AND
- 21 (viii) ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY.
- 22 (C) *METHOD OF APPOINTMENT.* EACH APPOINTED MEMBER SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE COUNTY
- 23 EXECUTIVE AND CONFIRMED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL.
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25 **SECTION 12.1902. GENERAL POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE COUNCIL; REPORT.**

- 26 (A) *IN GENERAL.* THE HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION COORDINATING COUNCIL SHALL:
- 27 (1) ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN PROGRAM PARTNERSHIPS TO SUPPORT VICTIMS OF HUMAN
- 28 TRAFFICKING;
- 29 (2) ADVANCE PUBLIC EDUCATION EFFORTS SURROUNDING HUMAN TRAFFICKING;
- 30 (3) EXPLORING FUNDING TO ALLOW EXPANSION AND SUSTAINABILITY OF RESOURCES TO

1 COMBAT HUMAN TRAFFICKING;

2 (4) STUDY ISSUES ASSOCIATED WITH HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND ADVISE ON THE CREATION OF
3 POLICIES AND PROGRAMS TO PREVENT HUMAN TRAFFICKING;

4 (5) ADVISE ON BEST PRACTICES IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF COORDINATED SYSTEMS OF CARE TO
5 IDENTIFY AND SERVE VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING; AND

6 (6) ADVISE ON WAYS TO INCREASE THE PROSECUTION OF HUMAN TRAFFICKERS.

7 (B) *ANNUAL REPORT.* ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 31 OF EACH YEAR, THE HUMAN TRAFFICKING
8 PREVENTION COORDINATING COUNCIL SHALL SUBMIT AN ANNUAL REPORT TO THE COUNTY
9 COUNCIL AND THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE ON ITS ACTIVITIES DURING THE PREVIOUS CALENDAR
10 YEAR. THE REPORT MAY INCLUDE RECOMMENDATIONS ON ANY MATTER RELATED TO THE WORK OF
11 THE HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION COORDINATING COUNCIL.

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13 ***Section 2. And Be It Further Enacted*** by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland that,
14 *to establish the stagger of terms required by § 6.300 of the Howard County Code, of the initial*
15 *appointees to the Human Trafficking Prevention Coordinating Council, 3 appointees shall have*
16 *a term of 1 year, 4 appointees shall have a term of 2 years, 4 appointees shall have a term of 3*
17 *years, 4 appointees shall have a term of 4 years, and at least 4 appointees shall have a term of 5*
18 *years, as provided in the Resolutions that confirm the appointments.*

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