

Office of the County Auditor
Auditor's Analysis

Council Bill No. 85-2021

Introduced: November 1, 2021

Auditor: Owen Clark

Fiscal Impact:

Our Office does not anticipate any fiscal impact to result from the passage of this legislation.

The Administration has indicated that it does not expect any increase in County investigations as a result of changes due to Council Bill 85-2021. Several of the proposed changes are codifying existing State law, aligning County practices to State requirements.

Purpose:

The purpose of this legislation is to revise Title 12 – “Health and Social Services”, Subtitle 2 – “Human Rights” of the County Code, which pertains to unlawful housing practices. These changes include:

- Revising the definition of a “source of income.”
- Adding provisions to the list of prohibited unlawful acts.
- Adding certain exemptions to the provisions prohibiting unlawful housing practices.
- Including commercial leasing practices in County Code provisions which prohibit unlawful housing practices.
- Prohibiting certain commercial leasing practices which discriminate against the rights of a lessee.

Other Comments:

None.