

Office of the County Auditor
Auditor's Analysis

Council Bill No. 9-2022

Introduced: January 4, 2022

Auditor: Lisa Geerman

Fiscal Impact:

There is no fiscal impact of this legislation. The practice of the Board of Education furnishing a school capacity report to the Department of Planning and Zoning is already established. This legislation would only alter the contents of such reports.

Also, the added provision to the Special Affordable Housing Opportunities criteria is likely to shift the timing of finding a capacity solution for a proposed development rather than trigger a new effort that creates a fiscal impact on the County.

Purpose:

The purpose of this legislation is to modify requirements related to the Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance, including requiring additional information to be received by the Department of Planning and Zoning (DPZ) from the Board of Education, and requiring certain developers to meet with the school system about school capacity solutions.

The legislation adds a new requirement that the school capacity chart, which DPZ receives from the Board of Education, include a list of approved or in process subdivision plans for each school in its accompanying report.

In addition, if an affordable housing project or phase of a project is located in the attendance area of a school that is closed for development due to projected enrollment in the school capacity chart, this legislation would require that a representative from the project or phase of a project meet with the designee of the Superintendent of the school system and secure a reassignment or capacity solution in writing prior to the application for State grants and credits.

Other Comments:

None.