

COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND  
Legislative Session 2018, Legislative Day No. 5

Bill No. 18-18

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Councilmembers Kach & Marks

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By the County Council, March 5, 2018

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A BILL  
ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

County Charter – Legislative Branch

FOR the purpose of requiring the County Executive to provide certain information to the County Council; and generally relating to the Baltimore County Charter.

BY repealing and re-enacting, with amendments  
Section 310  
Article III - The Legislative Branch  
Baltimore County Charter

1           SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE  
2 COUNTY, MARYLAND, that under the authority granted to it by Section 1202 of the Baltimore  
3 County Charter, Section 310 of Article III - The Legislative Branch, of the Baltimore County  
4 Charter, be and it is hereby proposed and to be repealed and re-enacted, with amendments to read  
5 as follows:

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EXPLANATION:           CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.  
                                  [Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.  
                                  ~~Strike-out~~ indicates matter stricken from bill.  
                                  Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

1 Article III. The Legislative Branch

2 Sec. 310. - Noninterference with executive branch.

3 A) Unless for the purpose of inquiry or information, neither the county council nor any  
4 member thereof shall deal directly with any officer, agent or employee in the executive branch  
5 of the county government other than the county executive. Except through legislation duly  
6 enacted, neither the county council nor any member thereof shall, either directly or indirectly,  
7 give orders to any officer, agent or employee of the executive branch of the county  
8 government, nor shall they in any manner attempt to influence or coerce any such officer,  
9 agent or employee in the performance of his duties.

10 (B) NOTWITHSTANDING SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION, THE  
11 EXECUTIVE SHALL PROVIDE ANY INFORMATION THAT IS REQUESTED IN  
12 WRITING BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OR A MEMBER THEREOF FOR THE PURPOSE  
13 OF INTRODUCING OR EVALUATING LEGISLATION, OR FOR THE PURPOSE OF  
14 REVIEWING OR MONITORING PROGRAMS OF COUNTY GOVERNMENT.

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16 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that pursuant to Section 1202 of the  
17 Baltimore County Charter, the question of whether or not the Charter is to be amended as  
18 proposed by this Act shall be submitted to the voters of Baltimore County at the general election  
19 on November 6, 2018, and that this Act shall be published in at least two newspapers of general  
20 circulation in the County for five successive weeks prior to the election.

1           SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that upon ratification by the voters  
2 of Baltimore County, this Act shall become effective from and after the thirtieth day following  
3 said election.

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