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Executive Action November 6, 2019  
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## County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2019 Legislative Session

Legislative Day No. 12

Bill No. 52-2019

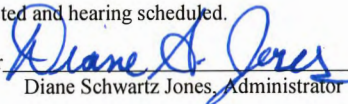
Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

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.

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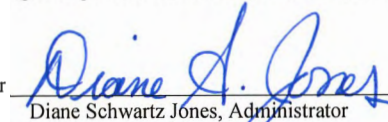
Introduced and read first time October 7, 2019. Ordered posted and hearing scheduled.

By order

  
Diane Schwartz Jones, Administrator

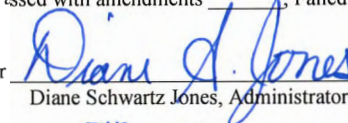
Having been posted and notice of time & place of hearing & title of Bill having been published according to Charter, the Bill was read for a second time at a public hearing on October 21, 2019.

By order

  
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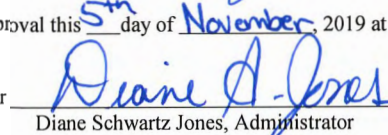
This Bill was read the third time on November 4, 2019 and Passed , Passed with amendments \_\_\_\_\_, Failed \_\_\_\_\_.

By order

  
Diane Schwartz Jones, Administrator

Sealed with the County Seal and presented to the County Executive for approval this 5<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2019 at 2 a.m./p.m.

By order

  
Diane Schwartz Jones, Administrator

Approved/Vetoed by the County Executive: November 6, 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.*

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, having been approved by the Executive and returned to the Council, stands enacted on November 6, 2019.

Diane Schwartz Jones  
Diane Schwartz Jones, Administrator to the County Council

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, having been passed by the yeas and nays of two-thirds of the members of the Council notwithstanding the objections of the Executive, stands enacted on \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.

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Diane Schwartz Jones, Administrator to the County Council

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, having received neither the approval nor the disapproval of the Executive within ten days of its presentation, stands enacted on \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.

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Diane Schwartz Jones, Administrator to the County Council

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, not having been considered on final reading within the time required by Charter, stands failed for want of consideration on \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.

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Diane Schwartz Jones, Administrator to the County Council

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, having been disapproved by the Executive and having failed on passage upon consideration by the Council stands failed on \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.

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Diane Schwartz Jones, Administrator to the County Council

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, the withdrawal of which received a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the Council, is withdrawn from further consideration on \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.

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Diane Schwartz Jones, Administrator to the County Council