

Carrington 2025 PGC PG301-25 Youth Response Review

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POSITION STATEMENT

PG 301-25 Prince George's County – Coordinated Youth
Prince George's County Violence Review and Response Team
Delegation

POSITION:

SUPPORT

PG 301-25 is for the purpose of addressing the escalating challenge of youth violence in Prince George's County by creating a coordinated and comprehensive response. This bill establishes the Prince George's County Coordinated Youth Violence Review and Response Team, a multidisciplinary group charged with examining incidents of youth violence and implementing case management interventions to reduce risk and prevent further harm.

The establishment of the Coordinated Youth Violence Review and Response Team underscores a proactive and community-centered approach to combatting violence among youth. By bringing together experts from law enforcement, education, social services, and healthcare, the team will collaborate to identify the root causes of violence, intervene effectively, and provide the necessary support to at-risk youth. The access to pertinent data and records ensures the team can operate with a full understanding of each case while adhering to strict confidentiality protocols. This initiative not only addresses immediate concerns but also lays the foundation for systemic changes that foster safer environments for all young residents of Prince George's County. Working in cooperation with the Interim County Executive's Office and the Bill Sponsor, the Council has offered two friendly amendments that we hope will make a very good bill even better. We would ask Del. Ivey to extend the deadline for the first report from January 1, 2026, to January 1, 2027, to allow the Team sufficient time to evaluate its work. Additionally, we recommend adding language to include wrap-around services for the youth served to replace the work of the Hope and Action Program, which was previously funded by AARP.

For the foregoing reasons, the Prince George's County Council **SUPPORTS PG 301-25** with the proposed friendly amendments, and respectfully requests your favorable consideration of its position.

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