

COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND  
Legislative Session 2019, Legislative Day No. 4

Bill No. 5-19

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Mr. Tom Quirk, Chairman  
By Request of County Executive

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By the County Council, February 19, 2019

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A BILL  
ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

The Office of Ethics and Accountability

FOR the purpose of establishing an Office of Ethics and Accountability; providing for the purpose of the Office; providing for the appointment of an Executive Director; establishing a term of office for the Executive Director; providing for the reappointment of the Executive Director; setting qualifications for the Executive Director; providing for the removal of the Executive Director under certain circumstances; providing for the staff of the Office and its supervision; providing that the Office shall be funded as a separate budget entity; authorizing the Office to seek out and use other sources of funding; providing for the investigative authority of the Office; authorizing the Office to exercise certain powers; authorizing the Office to refer certain matters to other agencies and authorities; authorizing the Executive Director to provide certain guidance; providing for

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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.

Whistleblower protections; providing for the records of the Office; requiring certain reports; requiring a certain quality assurance review; requiring the Office to provide staff and legal support to the Baltimore County Ethics Commission; requiring the Executive Director and staff of the Office to complete Ethics training and complete financial disclosure statements; providing for a starting date for the Office and Executive Director; and generally relating to the establishment of an Office of Ethics and Accountability.

By repealing and reenacting, with amendments

Sections 3-3-1003, 3-3-1004(d) and (e) and 3-3-1005

Article 3. Administration

Title 3. Boards, Commissions, Committees, Panels and Foundations

Subtitle 10. Ethics Commission

Baltimore County Code, 2015

By adding

Sections 3-14-101 through 3-14-112

Article 3. Administration.

Title 14. Office of Ethics and Accountability

Baltimore County Code, 2015

By repealing and reenacting, with amendments

Sections 7-1-203(a)(1) and 7-1-401(a)

Article 7. Public Ethics and Open Government

Title 1. Public Ethics

Baltimore County Code, 2015

1 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE

2 COUNTY, MARYLAND, that the Laws of Baltimore County shall read as follows:

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Article 3. Administration.

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Title 3. Boards, Commissions, Committees, Panels and Foundations

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Subtitle 10. Ethics Commission

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1 § 3-3-1003.

2 [(a)] Subject to confirmation by the County Council, the County Executive shall appoint  
3 a member of the Ethics Commission to serve as chairman of the Commission for 1 year.

4 [(b) (1) At the request of the Commission, the Office of Law shall provide legal or other  
5 services to the Commission that the Commission considers necessary.

6 (2) The Commission shall have access to all written opinions of the Office of Law  
7 which relate to a matter before the Commission.]

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9 § 3-3-1004.

10 (d) (1) [(i) On the recommendation of the Commission, the County Executive shall  
11 appoint an Executive Director and other staff for the Commission as the County Executive  
12 considers appropriate.

13 (ii) At a minimum, the staff shall include a full-time secretary.

14 (2) The Executive Director must:

15 (i) Be a lawyer licensed to practice law in the state and in good standing with the  
16 State Court of Appeals; and

17 (ii) Meet the eligibility requirements for Commission members.

18 (e)(1) Office space shall be provided to the Commission, its Executive Director, and  
19 staff.

20 (2) The necessary supplies and equipment required by the Commission to perform its  
21 functions shall be included in the county budget and provided to the Commission and its staff.]

22 THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF ETHICS AND ACCOUNTABILITY  
23 SHALL BE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE ETHICS COMMISSION AND THE

1 OFFICE SHALL PROVIDE LEGAL AND OTHER STAFF SUPPORT TO THE  
2 COMMISSION.

3 (2) THE BUDGET OF THE COMMISSION SHALL BE DETERMINED IN  
4 ACCORDANCE WITH § 3-14-105 OF THIS ARTICLE.

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6 § 3-3-1005.

7 At the request of the Ethics Commission, the county shall provide sufficient funds to the  
8 Ethics Commission should the need arise for:

9 (1) Legal assistance which cannot be provided by the Office of Law OR THE OFFICE  
10 OF ETHICS AND ACCOUNTABILITY; or

11 (2) Investigative assistance which cannot be provided by the Executive Director.

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13 TITLE 14. OFFICE OF ETHICS AND ACCOUNTABILITY.

14 § 3-14-101

15 THERE IS AN OFFICE OF ETHICS AND ACCOUNTABILITY.

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17 § 3-14-102.

18 THE PURPOSE OF THE OFFICE OF ETHICS AND ACCOUNTABILITY IS TO PROVIDE  
19 INCREASED ACCOUNTABILITY AND OVERSIGHT IN THE OPERATIONS OF THE  
20 COUNTY GOVERNMENT BY IDENTIFYING:

21 (1) FRAUD, ABUSE, AND ILLEGAL ACTS IN THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT;

22 AND

1 (2) WAYS TO PROMOTE EFFICIENCY, ACCOUNTABILITY AND INTEGRITY IN  
2 COUNTY GOVERNMENT.

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4 § 3-14-103.

5 (A)(1) THE OFFICE SHALL BE HEADED BY AN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,  
6 APPOINTED BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CONFIRMED BY THE COUNTY  
7 COUNCIL.

8 (2) THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE SHALL CONDUCT AN OPEN SEARCH  
9 PROCESS FOR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO MEET THE QUALIFICATIONS  
10 REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, AND MAY USE MEASURES,  
11 SUCH AS REGIONAL OR NATIONAL RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATIONS OR  
12 PROFESSIONAL SEARCH FIRMS, TO REVIEW AND SELECT AN EXECUTIVE  
13 DIRECTOR CANDIDATE FOR APPOINTMENT.

14 (B)(1) (I) THE INITIAL TERM OF OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE  
15 DIRECTOR SHALL BE FIVE YEARS.

16 (II) EACH SUBSEQUENT TERM SHALL BE FOUR YEARS.

17 (2) AN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MAY NOT SERVE MORE THAN TWO  
18 FULL ~~FIVE-YEAR~~ TERMS, NOT INCLUDING ANY TIME SERVED AS EXECUTIVE  
19 DIRECTOR TO COMPLETE AN UNEXPIRED TERM, AND SHALL BE SUBJECT TO  
20 APPOINTMENT FOR A SECOND ~~FIVE-YEAR~~ TERM IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE  
21 PROVISIONS OF SUBSECTION (A)(1) OF THIS SECTION.

22 (C) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SHALL BE PROFESSIONALLY QUALIFIED,  
23 BY EXPERIENCE OR EDUCATION, IN AUDITING, LAW, ETHICS, COMPLIANCE,

1 GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS, OR FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT, AND SHALL BE  
2 SELECTED SOLELY ON THE BASIS OF PROFESSIONAL ABILITY AND PERSONAL  
3 INTEGRITY, WITHOUT REGARD TO POLITICAL AFFILIATION.

4 (D)(1) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MAY BE REMOVED BY THE COUNTY  
5 EXECUTIVE BEFORE THE EXPIRATION OF THE TERM FOR WHICH THE EXECUTIVE  
6 DIRECTOR WAS APPOINTED ONLY FOR CAUSE, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF  
7 THE COUNTY COUNCIL BY A VOTE OF A MAJORITY PLUS ONE OF THE MEMBERS  
8 OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL.

9 (2) THE CAUSE OF REMOVAL SHALL BE STATED IN WRITING AND A  
10 PUBLIC HEARING HELD ON THE REMOVAL.

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12 § 3-14-104.

13 THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SHALL ALSO SERVE AS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
14 OF THE ETHICS COMMISSION, AND SHALL SUPERVISE THE OPERATIONS OF THE  
15 ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF OF THE OFFICE OF ETHICS AND ACCOUNTABILITY,  
16 INCLUDING THE HIRING, DIRECTION AND DISCHARGE OF ALL OFFICE OF ETHICS  
17 AND ACCOUNTABILITY STAFF MEMBERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE COUNTY  
18 PERSONNEL LAWS.

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20 § 3-14-105.

21 (A)(1) THE OFFICE OF ETHICS AND ACCOUNTABILITY SHALL BE FUNDED  
22 AS A SEPARATE BUDGET ENTITY IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION  
23 ORDINANCE.

1                   (2) ANY DECREASE IN APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE PRIOR FISCAL  
2 YEAR, IN EITHER THE PROPOSED OR ADOPTED BUDGET, SHALL BE  
3 ACCOMPANIED BY A WRITTEN JUSTIFICATION FOR THE DECREASE.

4                   (B) THE OFFICE MAY EXPEND FUNDS DERIVED FROM PRIVATE GRANTS,  
5 THE STATE OR THE UNITED STATES TO CARRY OUT ITS FUNCTIONS AND  
6 ACTIVITIES, AND TO COOPERATE WITH ANY AGENCY OF THE STATE OR THE  
7 UNITED STATES IN CARRYING OUT ITS FUNCTIONS AND ACTIVITIES.

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9 § 3-14-106.

10 THE OFFICE OF ETHICS AND ACCOUNTABILITY MAY:

11                   (1) EVALUATE, INVESTIGATE AND INSPECT THE ACTIVITIES, RECORDS,  
12 AND INDIVIDUALS WITH CONTRACTS, PROCUREMENTS, GRANTS, AGREEMENTS,  
13 AND OTHER FINANCIAL OR PROGRAMMATIC ARRANGEMENTS UNDERTAKEN BY  
14 OR ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT AND ANY OTHER FUNCTION,  
15 ACTIVITY, PROCESS, OR OPERATION CONDUCTED BY COUNTY GOVERNMENT;

16                   (2) CONDUCT CRIMINAL, CIVIL, AND ADMINISTRATIVE INVESTIGATIONS;

17                   (3) PROVIDE INFORMATION AND EVIDENCE THAT RELATES TO CRIMINAL  
18 ACTS TO APPROPRIATE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS;

19                   (4) INITIATE SUCH REVIEWS OF OPERATIONS OF THE COUNTY  
20 GOVERNMENT AS DEEMED APPROPRIATE;

21                   (5) RECEIVE AND INVESTIGATE COMPLAINTS FROM ANY SOURCE OR  
22 UPON ITS OWN INITIATIVE CONCERNING ALLEGED ABUSE, FRAUD, AND SERVICE

1 DEFICIENCIES INCLUDING DEFICIENCIES IN THE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE  
2 OF FACILITIES;

3 (6) CONDUCT JOINT INVESTIGATIONS AND PROJECTS WITH THE COUNTY  
4 AUDITOR AND INVESTIGATIONS AND OTHER OVERSIGHT OR LAW  
5 ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES;

6 (7) ISSUE PUBLIC REPORTS AS SET FORTH IN § 3-14-111 OF THIS TITLE;

7 (8) ESTABLISH POLICIES AND PROCEDURES TO GUIDE FUNCTIONS AND  
8 PROCESSES CONDUCTED BY THE OFFICE;

9 (9) PROVIDE SUPPORT TO THE COUNTY ETHICS COMMISSION  
10 ESTABLISHED UNDER TITLE 3, SUBTITLE 10 OF THIS ARTICLE;

11 (10) MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND  
12 COUNTY COUNCIL WHICH WOULD ASSIST IN THE PROMOTION OF EFFICIENCY,  
13 ACCOUNTABILITY, AND INTEGRITY IN COUNTY GOVERNMENT; AND

14 (11) DO ALL THINGS NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE FUNCTIONS SET  
15 FORTH IN THIS TITLE.

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17 § 3-14-107.

18 (A) THE OFFICE OF ETHICS AND ACCOUNTABILITY IS PROVIDED THE  
19 FOLLOWING POWERS TO ACCOMPLISH THE INTENT OF THIS TITLE:

20 (1) THE RIGHT TO OBTAIN FULL AND UNRESTRICTED ACCESS TO  
21 ALL RECORDS, INFORMATION, DATA, REPORTS, PLANS, PROJECTIONS, MATTERS,  
22 CONTRACTS, MEMORANDA, CORRESPONDENCE, AND ANY OTHER MATERIALS,  
23 INCLUDING ELECTRONIC DATA, OF THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT;



1           (2) THE AUTHORITY TO ADMINISTER OATHS OR AFFIRMATIONS  
2 AND TAKE TESTIMONY RELEVANT TO ANY INQUIRY OR INVESTIGATION  
3 UNDERTAKEN PURSUANT TO THIS TITLE;

4           (3) THE RIGHT OF ACCESS TO THE HEAD OF ANY PUBLIC ENTITY,  
5 WHEN NECESSARY FOR PURPOSES RELATED TO THE WORK OF THE OFFICE; AND

6           (4) SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, THE POWER TO  
7 REQUIRE COUNTY EMPLOYEES TO COOPERATE WITH THE OFFICE'S  
8 INVESTIGATIONS REGARDING FRAUD, WASTE, CORRUPTION, ILLEGAL ACTS,  
9 AND ABUSE.

10           (B) COUNTY EMPLOYEES FAILING OR REFUSING TO COOPERATE WITH THE  
11 OFFICE SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE DISCIPLINE PROVISIONS OF THE PERSONNEL  
12 LAW OR PROVISIONS OF ANY APPLICABLE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING  
13 AGREEMENT.

14           (C) (1) THE OFFICE MAY ISSUE A SUBPOENA TO COMPEL  
15 COMPLIANCE WITH A REQUEST ISSUED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS  
16 SECTION IF THE RECIPIENT OF THE REQUEST HAS NOT COMPLIED WITH  
17 THE REQUEST WITHIN 90 DAYS AFTER THE REQUEST.

18           (2) SUBPOENAS ISSUED BY THE OFFICE MAY BE JUDICIALLY  
19 ENFORCED.

20 § 3-14-108.

21           (A) THE OFFICE OF ETHICS AND ACCOUNTABILITY SHALL REFER  
22 MATTERS, AS APPROPRIATE, FOR FURTHER CIVIL, CRIMINAL, AND

1 ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION TO APPROPRIATE ADMINISTRATIVE AND  
2 PROSECUTORIAL AGENCIES.

3 (B)(1) WHEN A MATTER IS BEING REFERRED TO THE OFFICE OF THE  
4 STATE'S ATTORNEY FOR POSSIBLE CRIMINAL PROSECUTION, THE EXECUTIVE  
5 DIRECTOR SHALL PROVIDE THE AFFECTED INDIVIDUAL OR ENTITY WITH A COPY  
6 OF THE REPORT OR RECOMMENDATIONS AND SUCH PERSON OR ENTITY SHALL  
7 HAVE 10 WORKING DAYS TO SUBMIT A WRITTEN EXPLANATION OR REBUTTAL  
8 OF THE FINDINGS BEFORE THE MATTER IS REFERRED, AND SUCH TIMELY  
9 SUBMITTED WRITTEN EXPLANATION OR REBUTTAL SHALL BE ATTACHED TO  
10 THE REPORT OR RECOMMENDATIONS PROVIDED TO THE STATE'S ATTORNEY.

11 (2) THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SUBSECTION DO NOT APPLY WHEN  
12 THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE STATE'S ATTORNEY,  
13 DETERMINES THAT SUPPLYING THE AFFECTED PERSON OR ENTITY WITH SUCH  
14 REPORT WILL JEOPARDIZE A PENDING CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION.

15 (C) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SHALL PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS  
16 FOR SPECIFIC INTEGRITY PROGRAMS WHICH EMPHASIZE DETECTION,  
17 PREVENTION, AND CORRECTION OF PROBLEMS RELATING TO FRAUD,  
18 CORRUPTION, AND ABUSE WITHIN COUNTY GOVERNMENT.

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20 § 3-14-109.

21 ANYONE WHO HAS THE AUTHORITY TO TAKE OR DIRECT OTHERS TO TAKE,  
22 RECOMMEND, OR APPROVE ANY PERSONNEL ACTION, MAY NOT, WITH RESPECT  
23 TO THIS AUTHORITY, TAKE OR THREATEN TO TAKE ANY ACTION AGAINST

1 ANOTHER AS REPRISAL FOR MAKING A COMPLAINT OR DISCLOSING  
2 INFORMATION TO THE OFFICE OF ETHICS AND ACCOUNTABILITY, UNLESS THE  
3 COMPLAINT WAS MADE OR THE INFORMATION WAS DISCLOSED WITH THE  
4 KNOWLEDGE THAT IT WAS FALSE OR WITH WILLFUL DISREGARD FOR ITS TRUTH  
5 OR FALSITY.

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7 § 3-14-110.

8 (A) INVESTIGATION REPORTS OF THE OFFICE OF ETHICS AND  
9 ACCOUNTABILITY SHALL BE PUBLIC RECORDS SUBJECT TO DISCLOSURE UNDER  
10 THE MARYLAND PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT.

11 (B)(1) ALL RECORDS WILL BE CONSIDERED DELIBERATIVE IN PROCESS  
12 AND NOT AVAILABLE FOR OUTSIDE REVIEW.

13 (2) NAMES AND IDENTITIES OF INDIVIDUALS MAKING COMPLAINTS  
14 AND INFORMATION PROTECTED BY WHISTLEBLOWER PROTECTION OR OTHER  
15 LEGISLATION WILL NOT BE DISCLOSED WITHOUT THE WRITTEN CONSENT OF  
16 THE INDIVIDUAL UNLESS REQUIRED BY LAW OR JUDICIAL PROCESS.

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18 § 3-14-111.

19 (A)(1) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SHALL REPORT THE FINDINGS OF THE  
20 OFFICE'S WORK TO APPROPRIATE ELECTED AND APPOINTED LEADERSHIP,  
21 INCLUDING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND THE COUNTY COUNCIL, AND TO THE  
22 PUBLIC.

1                   (2) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SHALL REPORT INVESTIGATIVE  
2 MATTERS TO THE APPROPRIATE ADMINISTRATIVE BODY FOR ACTION IN  
3 CIRCUMSTANCES WHERE SUCH BODY EXISTS, AND SHALL REPORT CRIMINAL  
4 INVESTIGATIVE MATTERS TO THE APPROPRIATE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES.

5                   (B)(1) WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE END OF EACH FISCAL YEAR, THE  
6 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SHALL ISSUE AN ANNUAL REPORT THAT SEPARATELY  
7 LISTS REPORTS AND OTHER INVESTIGATIVE OR ASSISTANCE EFFORTS  
8 COMPLETED DURING THE FISCAL YEAR.

9                   (2)(I) THE REPORT SHALL LIST THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE  
10 OFFICE OF ETHICS AND ~~ACCOUNTABILITY~~ ACCOUNTABILITY, INCLUDING ANY  
11 MONETARY SAVINGS ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE WORK OF THE OFFICE, AND SHALL  
12 BE PROVIDED TO THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND THE SECRETARY TO THE  
13 COUNTY COUNCIL.

14                   (II) UPON ISSUANCE, NOTICE SHALL BE GIVEN TO THE PUBLIC  
15 OF THE ISSUANCE OF THE REPORT AND THE REPORT SHALL BE POSTED ON THE  
16 COUNTY GOVERNMENT WEBSITE.

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18 § 3-14-112.

19                   (A) INVESTIGATIONS, INSPECTIONS AND REVIEWS SHALL BE SUBJECT TO  
20 QUALITY ASSURANCE REVIEWS BY AN APPROPRIATE PROFESSIONAL, NON-  
21 PARTISAN, OBJECTIVE GROUP EVERY THREE TO FIVE YEARS.

1 (B) A COPY OF THE WRITTEN REPORT RESULTING FROM THIS REVIEW  
2 SHALL BE FURNISHED TO THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND THE COUNTY COUNCIL,  
3 AND SHALL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC.

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5 Article 7. Public Ethics and Open Government

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7 Title 1. Public Ethics  
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9 § 7-1-203.

10 (a) (1) The Commission shall provide a training course of at least 2 hours on the  
11 requirements of the county public ethics law for the following elected officials and public  
12 officials:

13 (i) An individual who serves as an appointed department head as defined in Section  
14 5-1-201(e) of the Code;

15 (ii) An individual who serves as a deputy in any department or office as provided  
16 for in Section 502 of the Charter or as enumerated in Sections 503 and 504 of the Charter;

17 (iii) The Chairman and members of the County Council and appointed legislative  
18 staff to each member;

19 (iv) The administrative assistant to the County Council;

20 (v) The deputy secretary to the County Council;

21 (vi) The Deputy County Auditor;

22 (vii) The Administrative Law Judges of the Office of Administrative Hearings;

23 (viii) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND STAFF OF THE OFFICE OF ETHICS  
24 AND ACCOUNTABILITY;

25 (IX) The chairman and members of the Board of Appeals;

- 1            [(ix)] (X) The chairman and members of the Revenue Authority;
- 2            [(x)] (XI) The chairman and members of the Planning Board;
- 3            [(xi)] (XII) The chairman and members of the Ethics Commission; and
- 4            [(xii)] (XIII) The People's Counsel and Deputy People's Counsel.

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6 § 7-1-401.

7            (a) The following public officials shall file the financial disclosure statements required  
8 under this subtitle:

9            (1) The County Executive;

10           (2) The County Administrative Officer and the Deputy County Administrative  
11 Officers;

12           (3) The chairman and members of the County Council;

13           (4) The County Attorney, the Deputy County Attorney, and an Acting County Attorney  
14 or Acting Deputy County Attorney;

15           (5) The secretary to the County Executive;

16           (6) The secretary to the County Council;

17           (7) The administrative assistant to the County Council;

18           (8) The Administrative Law Judges of the Office of Administrative Hearings;

19           (9) Department heads, deputy department heads, and acting department heads and  
20 deputy department heads;

21           (10) Office heads, deputy office heads, and acting office heads and deputies;

22           (11) The chairman and members of the Board of Appeals;

23           (12) The County Auditor and the Deputy Auditor;

1 (13) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND STAFF OF THE OFFICE OF ETHICS

2 AND ACCOUNTABILITY;

3 (14) The chairman, members, and Executive Director of the Revenue Authority;

4 [(14)] (15) The chairman and members of the Planning Board;

5 [(15)] (16) The chairman and members of the Board of Recreation and Parks;

6 [(16)] (17) The chairman and members of the Electrical Administrative Board;

7 [(17)] (18) The chairman and members of the Plumbing Board;

8 [(18)] (19) The chairman and members of the Board of Health;

9 [(19)] (20) The chairman and members of the Board of Library Trustees;

10 [(20)] (21) The chairman and members of the Ethics Commission;

11 [(21)] (22) The paid and unpaid members of boards of all state agencies funded in  
12 whole or in part by the county;

13 [(22)] (23) The People's Counsel and the Deputy People's Counsel;

14 [(23)] (24) The chairman and members of the Agricultural Land Preservation Advisory  
15 Board;

16 [(24)] (25) The chairman and members of the Workforce Development Council;

17 [(25)] (26) The chairman and members of the Telecommunications Advisory Panel;

18 and

19 [(26)] (27) Subject to subsection (f)(2) of this section, the chairman and members of  
20 the Board of Trustees of the Community College of Baltimore County.

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1           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that it is the intention of this Act that  
2 the Office of Ethics and Accountability be established and the Executive Director begin working  
3 on or after July 1, 2019.

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5           SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that, Subject to Section 2 of this Act,  
6 this Act, having passed by the affirmative vote of five members of the County Council, shall take  
7 effect on March 31, 2019.