A BILL ENTITLED

AN ORDINANCE concerning: Boards, Commissions, and Similar Bodies –
Commission on Disability Issues

FOR the purpose of amending the composition of the Commission on Disability Issues; amending the terms for membership on the Commission; amending the powers and duties of the Commission; making technical corrections; and generally relating to boards, commissions, and similar bodies.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments: §§ 3-2B-102; 3-2B-103; 3-2B-104(a); 3-2B-107; and 3-2B-109
Anne Arundel County Code (2005, as amended)

BY adding: § 3-2B-104(d)
Anne Arundel County Code (2005, as amended)

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the County Council of Anne Arundel County, Maryland, That Section(s) of the Anne Arundel County Code (2005, as amended) read as follows:

ARTICLE 3. BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND SIMILAR BODIES

TITLE 2B. COMMISSION ON DISABILITY ISSUES
3-2B-102. Purpose.

The purpose of the Commission is to promote and enhance the quality of life for [persons] INDIVIDUALS with disabilities by advising the County Executive and the County Council on the coordination and development of government policies, programs, services, and allocation of resources for [persons] INDIVIDUALS with disabilities and by proposing the means to meet the needs of [persons] INDIVIDUALS with disabilities.

3-2B-103. Composition.

(a) Number and type of members. The Commission consists of at least [28] 22 members appointed by the County Executive. Of the members:

(1) [twenty-one] FIFTEEN shall be voting members selected from the following groups: [persons] INDIVIDUALS with a disability, family members of [persons] INDIVIDUALS with a disability, representatives of organizations or agencies that provide services for or represent [persons] INDIVIDUALS with disabilities, persons interested in improving the quality of life for [persons] INDIVIDUALS with disabilities, or persons having expertise in matters pertaining to [persons] INDIVIDUALS with disabilities; and

(2) at least seven shall be [ex officio] NON-VOTING members selected from any of the following entities and agencies or any other entity or agency that the County Executive deems appropriate: Anne Arundel County ADA Office, Department of Aging and Disabilities, Department of Inspections and Permits, Department of Public Works, Department of Recreation and Parks, Department of Social Services, Office of Planning and Zoning, Department of Health, County Council, and Police Department; Anne Arundel County Board of Education; Anne Arundel Community College; Anne Arundel County Mental Health Agency, Inc.; the Anne Arundel County Public Library; the State Department of Rehabilitation Services; and the City of Annapolis.

(b) Residency. Each VOTING member shall be a resident of the County.


3-2B-104. Term of members.

(a) Generally.

(1) Of the voting members, [seven] FIVE shall be appointed for initial terms of three years, [seven] FIVE shall be appointed for initial terms of two years, and [seven] FIVE shall be appointed for initial terms of one year. After the expiration of the initial terms, [all terms] VOTING MEMBERS shall be APPOINTED for [three-year terms] TERMS OF THREE YEARS.

(2) [Ex officio] NON-VOTING members shall serve at the pleasure of the County Executive.
(3) VOTING MEMBERS SHALL SERVE A MAXIMUM OF TWO CONSECUTIVE TERMS.

(D) Removal. A MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION MAY BE REMOVED BY THE COUNTY
EXECUTIVE FOR CAUSE, INCLUDING ABSENCE FROM 25% OR MORE OF THE SCHEDULED
MEETINGS AND HEARINGS OF THE COMMISSION DURING ANY 12-MONTH PERIOD.


The Commission shall adopt rules and regulations to govern [[its]] procedures [[and
activities]] FOR ITS MEETINGS.


Among its powers and duties, the Commission shall:

(1) review available services and activities for [[disabled persons]] INDIVIDUALS
WITH DISABILITIES, gather data regarding their needs, and review reports and publications
of governmental agencies that provide services and support to [[persons]] INDIVIDUALS
with disabilities;

(2) review County, State and federal legislation that may impact [[persons]]
INDIVIDUALS with disabilities and make recommendations to the County Executive [[,,
County Council, and the County delegation to the State legislature]] regarding THE
legislation;

(3) [[recommend ways of maximizing the use of facilities and services available to
persons with disabilities;

(4)] provide direct communication among [[disabled persons]] INDIVIDUALS WITH
DISABILITIES, private and public organizations, and the general public regarding COUNTY
programs and services for [[persons]] INDIVIDUALS with disabilities AS REQUESTED BY
THE DEPARTMENT OF AGING AND DISABILITIES;

[[5]] [[4]] assist interagency planning groups and special task forces to identify and
assess needs of [[persons]] INDIVIDUALS with disabilities AS REQUESTED BY THE
DEPARTMENT OF AGING AND DISABILITIES;

[[6]] [[5]] identify COMMON barriers to [[service delivery and advocate for]]
PROVISION OF services to [[persons]] INDIVIDUALS with disabilities in the County;

[[7]] promote[[6]] ADVISE THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE ON the coordination of
services among all public and private agencies, departments, and organizations, which
provide services and programs to [[persons]] INDIVIDUALS with disabilities; and

[[8]] [[7]] identify and recommend to the County Executive sources of State and
federal financial assistance available for the purpose of expanding or improving services
and programs for [[persons]] INDIVIDUALS with disabilities.
SECTION 2. And be it further enacted, That this Ordinance shall take effect 45 days from the date it becomes law.

READ AND PASSED this 11th day of May, 2020

By Order:

[Signature]
JoAnne Gray
Administrative Officer

PRESENTED to the County Executive for his approval this 13th day of May, 2020

[Signature]
JoAnne Gray
Administrative Officer

APPROVED AND ENACTED this 13th day of May, 2020

[Signature]
Steuart Pittman
County Executive

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 27, 2020

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS IS TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF BILL NO. 10-20. THE ORIGINAL OF WHICH IS RETAINED IN THE FILES OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL.

[Signature]
JoAnne Gray
Administrative Officer