

Expedited Bill No. 20-20  
Concerning: Administration – Office of the  
County Executive – Business  
Advancement Team - Established  
Revised: 5-14-2020 Draft No. 4  
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Ch. 17, Laws of Mont. Co. 2020

## COUNTY COUNCIL FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

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Lead Sponsor: Council President at the Request of the County Executive

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### AN EXPEDITED ACT to:

- (1) rename the existing Business Solutions Group as the Business Advancement Team;
- (2) assign additional duties to the Business Advancement Team from the Department of Finance and the ~~[[Office of the County Executive]]~~ Community Engagement Cluster; and
- (3) generally amend the law governing the Office of the County Executive.

By amending

Montgomery County Code  
Chapter 2, Administration  
Sections 2-25B

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<u>Underlining</u>	<i>Added to existing law by original bill.</i>
<del>[Single boldface brackets]</del>	<i>Deleted from existing law by original bill.</i>
<u>Double underlining</u>	<i>Added by amendment.</i>
<del>[[Double boldface brackets]]</del>	<i>Deleted from existing law or the bill by amendment.</i>
* * *	<i>Existing law unaffected by bill.</i>

*The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland approves the following Act:*

1           **Sec 1. Section 2-25B is amended as follows:**

2   **Sec. 2-25B. [Business Solutions Group] Business Advancement Team.**

3           (a) Definitions. As used in this Section:

4           [Group] Team means the [Business Solutions Group] Business  
5           Advancement Team.

6           *Navigator* means the Small Business Navigator designated by the  
7           Executive under subsection (c).

8           *Small business* means a privately owned business that meets the  
9           requirements of Section 11B-65(a).

10          (b) *Establishment of [Group] Team*. The Executive must create and  
11          administer a Business [Solutions Group] Advancement Team that  
12          includes a Small Business Navigator. The [Group] Team must be part of  
13          the Office of the County Executive.

14          (c) *Small Business Navigator*. The Executive must designate an employee as  
15          the Small Business Navigator. Among other duties, the Navigator must:

16               (1) advise the Executive, the Council, the Chief Administrative  
17               Officer, County Department heads, the Planning Board, and any  
18               other appropriate government agency, of any action needed to  
19               assist small businesses to comply with County requirements and  
20               regulations;

21               (2) promote communications between a small business and each  
22               County department or agency that the small business must interact  
23               with;

24               (3) develop and maintain a database of information necessary for a  
25               small business to comply with County requirements and  
26               regulations;

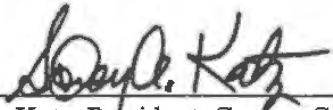
- 27 (4) advise small businesses on how to comply with County  
 28 requirements and regulations; and
- 29 (5) identify changes to regulations and requirements that would  
 30 improve turnaround, eliminate duplication, resolve conflicts in  
 31 authority, and eliminate unnecessary regulations and requirements.
- 32 (d) *Additional duties for the [Group] Team.* In addition to the duties of the  
 33 Small Business Navigator described in subsection (c), the [Group] Team  
 34 must:
- 35 (1) provide constituent services for businesses operating in the County  
 36 or planning to operate in the County, including:
- 37 (A) communicating about new and revised County laws and  
 38 regulations affecting County businesses;
- 39 (B) outreach;
- 40 (C) providing publications on County policies;
- 41 (D) operating workshops and conferences; [and]
- 42 (E) convening targeted business events; [and]
- 43 (F) providing oversight and leadership on business programs  
 44 including:
- 45 (i) incubator management;
- 46 (ii) economic development incentives and financing  
 47 programs;
- 48 (iii) business development projects; and
- 49 (iv) other business-related special initiatives;
- 50 (2) serve as a point of contact for County businesses seeking to comply  
 51 with County requirements and regulations; and
- 52 (3) assist County businesses to interact with other State, County, and  
 53 local government agencies.

54 (e) *Reports.* On or before September 15 of each year, the Executive must  
55 report to the Council on the activities and recommendations of the  
56 [Group] Team.

57 **Sec. 2. Expedited Effective Date.**

58 The Council declares that this legislation is necessary for the immediate  
59 protection of the public interest. This Act takes effect on the date on which it becomes  
60 law.

*Approved:*



Sidney Katz, President, County Council

5/19/20

Date

*Approved:*

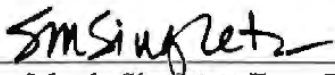


Marc Elrich, County Executive

5/29/20

Date

*This is a correct copy of Council action.*



Selena Mendy Singleton, Esq., Clerk of the Council

5/29/20

Date