

FINAL

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

Legislative Session 2022, Legislative Day No. 15

Bill No. 77-22

Introduced by Ms. Rodvien, Chair
(by request of the County Executive)

and by Ms. Pickard, Mr. Pruski, and Ms. Rodvien

By the County Council, July 18, 2022

Introduced and first read on July 18, 2022
Public Hearing set for and held on September 6, 2022
Bill Expires October 21, 2022

By Order: Laura Corby, Administrative Officer

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning: Boards, Commissions, and Similar Bodies – Youth
2 Advisory Council

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4 FOR the purpose of establishing the Anne Arundel County Youth Advisory Council;
5 providing for the purpose, composition, terms of members, meeting standards, and
6 duties of the Youth Advisory Council; and generally relating to boards, commissions,
7 and similar bodies.

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9 BY adding: §§ 3-15-101 through 3-15-107 to be under the new title “Title 15. Youth
10 Advisory Council”
11 Anne Arundel County Code (2005, as amended)

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

15 16 **ARTICLE 3. BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND SIMILAR BODIES**

17 18 **TITLE 15. YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL**

19 20 **3-15-101. Established.**

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22 THERE IS A YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL TO BE KNOWN AS THE “ANNE ARUNDEL
23 COUNTY YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL”.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS indicate new matter added to existing law.
[[Brackets]] indicate matter stricken from existing law.
Captions and taglines in **bold** in this bill are catchwords and are not law.

3-15-102. Purpose.

THE PURPOSE OF THE YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL IS TO RECOGNIZE YOUTH VOICES AND TO PROVIDE FEEDBACK AND RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING COUNTY POLICIES THAT AFFECT YOUTH.

3-15-103. Composition.

(A) **Eligibility.** YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERS SHALL BE BETWEEN THE AGES OF 14 YEARS AND 22 YEARS AND SHALL REPRESENT A BROAD ARRAY OF BACKGROUNDS, INCLUDING RACE, GENDER IDENTITY, NATIONAL ORIGIN, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, SOCIOECONOMIC STATUS, PHYSICAL ABILITY, MENTAL ABILITY, IMMIGRATION STATUS, EDUCATIONAL STATUS, AND LANGUAGE ABILITY.

(B) Number and type of members.

(1) THE YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL SHALL CONSIST OF UP TO 19 VOTING MEMBERS WHO RESIDE IN THE COUNTY AND ARE APPOINTED BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE AS FOLLOWS:

(I) AT LEAST 11 STUDENTS FROM PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS IN THE COUNTY REPRESENTING ALL COUNCILMANIC DISTRICTS;

(II) UP TO TWO STUDENTS WHO ARE HOME SCHOOLED IN THE COUNTY;

(III) UP TO TWO STUDENTS WHO ATTEND PRIVATE SCHOOL IN THE COUNTY;

(IV) UP TO TWO MEMBERS WHO ARE NOT STUDENTS; AND

(V) UP TO TWO MEMBERS WHO ARE CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN A HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTION IN THE COUNTY OR A NEIGHBORING COUNTY.

(2) THE COUNCIL MAY INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING NON-VOTING EX OFFICIO MEMBERS:

(I) THE STUDENT MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION;

(II) A MEMBER OF THE CHESAPEAKE REGIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STUDENT COUNCILS REPRESENTING THE ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION;

(III) THE STUDENT MEMBER OF THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION; OR

(IV) A COUNTY EXECUTIVE INTERN.

3-15-104. Term of members.

(A) Generally.

(1) EACH VOTING MEMBER SHALL SERVE A TERM OF ONE YEAR.

(2) UPON REAPPLICATION AND THE DISCRETION OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE, A VOTING MEMBER MAY BE REAPPOINTED FOR AN ADDITIONAL ONE-YEAR TERM. VOTING MEMBERS SHALL SERVE A MAXIMUM OF TWO CONSECUTIVE TERMS.

(3) ALL MEMBERS SERVE AT THE PLEASURE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE.

1 (B) **Removal.** A VOTING MEMBER SHALL BE DEEMED REMOVED IF THE MEMBER
2 MISSES MORE THAN ONE-HALF OF THE MEETINGS HELD DURING A TWELVE-MONTH
3 PERIOD.

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5 **3-15-105. Chair.**

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7 THE YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL SHALL APPOINT ONE VOTING MEMBER AS CHAIR. A
8 CHAIR SHALL SERVE FOR SIX MONTHS AND MAY BE REAPPOINTED.

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10 **3-15-106. Meetings; quorum.**

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12 (A) **Meetings.** THE YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL SHALL MEET AS FREQUENTLY AS
13 REQUIRED TO PERFORM ITS DUTIES, BUT NO LESS THAN ONE TIME PER MONTH DURING
14 THE SCHOOL YEAR. ALL MEETINGS SHALL COMPORT TO THE MARYLAND OPEN MEETINGS
15 ACT AND THIS CODE.

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17 (B) **Quorum.** A QUORUM CONSISTS OF A MAJORITY OF THE VOTING MEMBERS. AN
18 AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF A MAJORITY OF THE VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT AT ANY MEETING
19 AT WHICH THERE IS A QUORUM SHALL BE SUFFICIENT FOR ANY ACTION OF THE YOUTH
20 ADVISORY COUNCIL.

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22 **3-15-107. Duties.**

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24 THE YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL SHALL:

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26 (1) IDENTIFY AND DISCUSS ISSUES YOUTH ARE FACING IN THE COUNTY AND
27 CREATE STRATEGIES THAT ADDRESS THESE ISSUES;

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29 (2) ADVISE THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE ON POLICY MATTERS IMPACTING YOUTH AND
30 STRENGTHEN OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH TO ENGAGE IN CIVIC MATTERS;

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32 (3) ADVOCATE TO THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE ON YOUTH ISSUES;


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34 (4) PROVIDE OUTREACH AND COMMUNITY FEEDBACK TO THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE
35 ON POLICIES AFFECTING YOUTH; AND

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37 (5) SUBMIT AN ANNUAL REPORT OF ITS ACTIVITIES AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO
38 THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE BY JULY 15.

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40 SECTION 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Ordinance shall take effect 45 days
41 from the date it becomes law.

READ AND PASSED this 6th day of September, 2022


By Order:


Laura Corby
Administrative Officer

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PRESENTED to the County Executive for his approval this 7th day of September, 2022


Laura Corby
Administrative Officer

APPROVED AND ENACTED this 13th day of September, 2022


Steuart Pittman
County Executive

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 28, 2022

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS IS A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF
BILL NO. 77-22 THE ORIGINAL OF WHICH IS RETAINED IN THE FILES
OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL.


Laura Corby
Administrative Officer