County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2022 Legislative Session

Bill No. 12-2022

Introduced by the Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

AN ACT to amend who may delegate duties to the Human Resources Administrator; to clarify who the Chief Administrative Officer may delegate regarding the administration of the County’s risk management programs; and generally relating to functions of the Department of County Administration.

Introduced and read first time Feb 7, 2022. Ordered posted and hearing scheduled.

By order Michelle Harrod, Administrator

Having been posted and notice of time & place of hearing & title of Bill having been published according to Charter, the Bill was read for a second time at a public hearing on Feb 22, 2022.

By order Michelle Harrod, Administrator

This Bill was read the third time on Mar 7, 2022 and Passed V, Passed with amendments F, Failed F.

By order Michelle Harrod, Administrator

Sealed with the County Seal and presented to the County Executive for approval this 9 day of March, 2022 at 10 a.m./p.m.

By order Michelle Harrod, Administrator

Approved/Vetoed by the County Executive Mar 10, 2022

Calvin Ball, County Executive

NOTE: [[text in brackets]] indicates deletions from existing law; TEXT IN SMALL CAPITALS indicates additions to existing law; Strike-out indicates material deleted by amendment; Underlining indicates material added by amendment
Section 1. Be It Enacted by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland, that the Howard County Code is amended as follows:

By amending Subsection (d) of Section 1.102 “Office of Human Resources”
By amending Subsection (d)(7) of Section 6.401 “Department of County Administration”

Title 1. Human Resources.
Subtitle 1. Human Resources Administration.
Part I. Definitions; Human Resources System

Section 1.102. Office of Human Resources.
(d) Duties and Responsibilities of Human Resources Administrator. The Human Resources Administrator shall perform the functions as assigned by the CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, THE Personnel Officer or as prescribed by law.

Title 6. County Executive and the Executive Branch.
Subtitle 4. Department of County Administration.

Section 6.401. Department of County Administration.
(d) Duties and Responsibilities:
(7) Risk management. REGARDING THE COUNTY’S RISK MANAGEMENT, LOSS PREVENTION, AND INSURANCE MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS, THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER MAY (1) DESIGNATE AN INDIVIDUAL TO OVERSEE THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE COUNTY’S PROGRAMS AND (2) DESIGNATE AN INDIVIDUAL TO DIRECTLY ADMINISTER THESE PROGRAMS WHO [[The Chief Administrative Officer or the officer's designee shall administer the County's risk management, loss prevention, and insurance management programs, and]] shall:
(i) Develop insurance recommendations and coordinate insurance procurement packages;
(ii) Coordinate, develop, and manage in-house cost containment/loss control procedures;
(iii) Determine the allocation cost of self insurance and purchased insurance to
the various agencies;

(iv) Review the County's contracts to determine liability impact;

(v) Supervise the County's safety program;

(vi) Supervise the claims management function involving the receipt, adjustment and disposal of claims filed against the County;

(vii) Authorize the denial and payment of liability claims;

(viii) Submit an annual report to the County Executive on the activities of the risk management function and the status of the risk management fund; and

(ix) Perform any other task necessary to administer the County's risk management program.

Section 2. And Be It Further Enacted by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland that this Act shall become effective 61 days after its enactment.
This Bill, having been approved by the Executive and returned to the Council, stands enacted on March 15, 2022.

Michelle Harrod, Administrator to the County Council

This Bill, having been passed by the yeas and nays of two-thirds of the members of the Council notwithstanding the objections of the Executive, stands enacted on ________________, 2022.

Michelle Harrod, Administrator to the County Council

This Bill, having received neither the approval nor the disapproval of the Executive within ten days of its presentation, stands enacted on ________________, 2022.

Michelle Harrod, Administrator to the County Council

This Bill, not having been considered on final reading within the time required by Charter, stands failed for want of consideration on ________________, 2022.

Michelle Harrod, Administrator to the County Council

This Bill, having been disapproved by the Executive and having failed on passage upon consideration by the Council stands failed on ________________, 2022.

Michelle Harrod, Administrator to the County Council

This Bill, the withdrawal of which received a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the Council, is withdrawn from further consideration on ________________, 2022.

Michelle Harrod, Administrator to the County Council