Prince George's County Council

Agenda Item Summary

Meeting Date: 11/4/2025
Effective Date: 1/12/2026
Reference No.: CB-067-2025
Chapter Number: 43
Draft No.: 3
Public Hearing Date: 11/04/2025 @ 10:00 A.M.
Proposer(s): Blegay
Sponsor(s): Blegay, Burroughs, Oriadha, Harrison, Ivey, Adams-Stafford, Watson, Olson, Dernoga and Hawkins
Item Title: AN ACT CONCERNING PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY FOOD AS MEDICINE HEALTH PROGRAM ACT OF 2025 for the purpose of establishing the Prince George's County Food as Medicine Health Program within the County Department of Health; providing for grant awards and partnerships to implement medically supportive food and nutrition interventions to improve health outcomes, reduce chronic disease, and address food insecurity; providing for certain partnerships and education; providing for a certain Workgroup; providing for the use of funds; providing for reporting requirements; providing for a technical assistance program; providing for guidance and recommendations; providing for implementation and funding; and generally relating to food as a component of healthcare delivery in Prince George's County.

Drafter: Kathy Canning, Legislative Attorney
Resource Personnel: Ayana Crawford, Chief of Staff, Council District 6

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

Date:	Acting Body:	Action:	Sent To:
07/01/2025	County Council	presented and referred	HHSPS

Action Text:
This Council Bill was presented by Council Member Blegay and referred to the Health, Human Services and Public Safety Committee.

09/04/2025	HHSPS	amended (2)	

Action Text:
A motion was made by Chair Blegay, seconded by Council Member Watson, that this Council Bill be amended (2). The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 Olson, Watson, Blegay and Fisher

Absent: 1 Oriadha

09/04/2025	HHSPS	Favorably reported out with recommended amendments	County Council

Action Text:
A motion was made by Chair Blegay, seconded by Council Member Watson, that this Council Bill be Favorably reported out with recommended amendments. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 Olson, Watson, Blegay and Fisher

Absent: 1 Oriadha

10/07/2025 County Council amended (1)

Action Text:
A motion was made by Council Member Blegay, seconded by Council Member Harrison, that this Council Bill be amended. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 10 Blegay, Dernoga, Fisher, Harrison, Olson, Watson, Ivey, Burroughs, Oriadha and Adams-Stafford

Absent: 1 Hawkins

10/07/2025 County Council introduced

Action Text:
This Council Bill was introduced by Council Members Blegay, Burroughs, Oriadha, Harrison, Ivey, Adams-Stafford, Watson, Olson and Dernoga.

11/04/2025 County Council public hearing held

Action Text:
The public hearing for this Council Bill was held.

11/04/2025 County Council enacted

Action Text:
A motion was made by Council Member Blegay, seconded by Council Member Dernoga, that this Council Bill be enacted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 11 Blegay, Dernoga, Fisher, Harrison, Hawkins, Olson, Watson, Ivey, Burroughs, Oriadha and Adams-Stafford

11/25/2025 County Executive signed

Action Text:
This Council Bill was signed

AFFECTED CODE SECTIONS:

BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT:
This bill establishes the Food as Medicine Health Program to be administered by the County's Department of Health. The Program goals are to reduce chronic disease, improve health outcomes, and address food and nutrition insecurity. Eligibility criteria are for participants, including Medicaid recipients, uninsured residents, and those with diet-related chronic illnesses. Permitted interventions, including medically tailored meals, produce prescriptions, nutrition counseling, and food delivery services are covered by the Program. Funds may support direct services, provider reimbursements,

technical assistance, and data collection. The Program includes partnerships with FQHCs, nonprofits, local food hubs, and socially disadvantaged farmers. Reporting requirements, include a three-year program evaluation and ongoing data transparency. There is a priority sourcing of local, organic, or regeneratively grown food where available. There are technical assistance provisions for local producers to participate in the Program. Annual guidance and regulatory authority is delegated to the Department of Health. Funding authorization is through County appropriations and the pursuit of federal/state grants.

Document(s): CB-067-2025 - signed pdf, B2025067, CB-067-2025 Report, CB-067-2025 PAFI, CB-067-2025 OOL, CB-067-2025 OMB Comments, CB-067-2025 Public Comments, CB-067-2025 - signed pdf