



THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

BILL: House Bill 584 - Day Care Centers for the Elderly
Care Centers for Adults - Reimbursement

SPONSOR: Delegate Hettleman

HEARING DATE: February 25, 2020

COMMITTEE: Appropriations

CONTACT: Intergovernmental Affairs Office, 301-780-8411

POSITION: SUPPORT

The Office of the Prince George's County Executive **SUPPORTS House Bill 584**, which will require the Maryland Department of Health to reimburse certain daycare centers for the elderly and adults when they must close unexpectedly or are unable to provide service to a participant. Unexpected closures include weather-related events or a medical emergency experienced by the participant while at the center. In both instances, the participant must be enrolled or present at the center for a minimum of four hours.

There are approximately seven adult daycare centers in Prince George's County that are utilized by our residents. Maintaining viable and quality placements for elderly and vulnerable adults is essential, and this gap funding will increase the likelihood of providers retaining staff and other resources when circumstances exist beyond their control occur. It would be detrimental for the centers to lose money based upon weather issues or a participant's medical incident while at a center.

For the reasons stated above, the Office of the Prince George's County Executive **SUPPORTS House Bill 584** and asks for a **FAVORABLE** report.