

COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND
Legislative Session 2026, Legislative Day No. 15

Bill No. 78-26

Councilmembers Ertel, Marks & Mangione

By the County Council, August 3, 2026

A BILL
ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

Office of the Inspector General – Technical Definition and Clarification

FOR the purpose of establishing that the definition of “Inspector General” includes the Office of the Inspector General; clarifying the ability of the Office of the Inspector General to issue reports; and generally relating to the Office of the Inspector General.

BY repealing and re-enacting, with amendments

Sections 3-14-101 and 3-14-106(7)
Article 3 – Administration
Title 14 – Office of the Inspector General
Baltimore County Code, 2015

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.
[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.
~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from bill.
Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

WHEREAS, the Baltimore County Office of the Inspector General (“OIG”) was established in the Baltimore County Code (the “Code”) by the Baltimore County Council in 2019 and codified in the County Charter (the “Charter”) by the County Council and County voters in 2024; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the OIG is to provide increased accountability and oversight in the operations of County Government by identifying: (1) fraud, waste, and abuse in County Government; and (2) ways to promote efficiency, accountability, and integrity in County Government; and

WHEREAS, it is fundamental to the efficiency and continuity of the OIG and its operations that the OIG be empowered to undertake and perform its functions and duties under the Charter and Code without interruption and regardless of the status of the Inspector General; and

WHEREAS, in order to address any potential uncertainty that the functions and duties of the OIG and the Inspector General may be performed interchangeably, including the issuance of reports, the County Council deems it appropriate to clarify its intent, now therefore

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND, that the Laws of Baltimore County shall read as follows:

ARTICLE 3 – ADMINISTRATION

Title 14 – Office of the Inspector General

1 § 3-14-101. Established; DEFINITIONS.

2 (A) There is an Office of the Inspector General.

3 (B) IN THIS TITLE, THE FOLLOWING WORDS OR PHRASES HAVE THE
4 MEANINGS INDICATED.

5 (1) “INSPECTOR GENERAL” INCLUDES THE OFFICE OF THE
6 INSPECTOR GENERAL AND SHALL BE CONSIDERED AS INTERCHANGEABLE WITH
7 THE OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL.

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9 § 3-14-106. Responsibilities of office.

10 The Office of the Inspector General may:

11 (7) Issue public reports [as set forth in § 3-14-111 of this title];
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13 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that this Act, having been passed by
14 the affirmative vote of five members of the County Council, shall take effect 14 days from the
15 date of enactment.