

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

Bill No. 79-26

Councilmembers Marks, Ertel, Mangione & Crandell

By the County Council, August 3, 2026

A BILL
ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

Data Centers – Extension of Temporary Controls Enacted Under Bill 3-26

FOR the purpose of extending the temporary controls enacted under Bill 3-26 that suspended the permitting of data centers until the earlier of January 1, 2027 or 90 days after a report is submitted to the County Council by the Planning Board to December 31, 2027; and generally relating to data centers.

BY repealing and re-enacting, with amendments

Section 2 of Bill 3-26

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.

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

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4 **Bill 3-26 - Zoning Regulations – Data Center Study**
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6 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that, notwithstanding any other
7 provision of County law or regulation, until [either January 1, 2027 or 90 days after the Planning
8 Board submits its report and recommendations to the County Council under Section 3 of this
9 Act, whichever is earlier:] DECEMBER 31, 2027: (1) the authority to issue or grant a permit for
10 a data center is hereby suspended; and (2) a County agency or department, including the
11 Department of Permits, Approvals, and Inspections, may not approve any development plan or
12 zoning petition regarding a data center, including an application for any permit regarding a data
13 center.

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15 **End of Bill 3-26**
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17 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that this Act, having been passed by
18 the affirmative vote of five members of the County Council, shall take effect 14 days from the
19 date of its enactment.