

**ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND  
OFFICE OF THE BUDGET**

**BILL NUMBER: 59-26**

**INTRO. DATE: July 6, 2026**

**FISCAL NOTE**

**BILL: Public Ethics – Conflicts of Interest – County Council**

**SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION**

This bill expands and amends the provisions of the Public Ethics Article as they relate to conflicts of interest for members of the County Council. Among other amendments, it adds certain employee organizations to the business and professional enterprises that may represent a presumed conflict of interest. It encompasses immediate family members of the council member in certain conflict of interest provisions. It includes various actions aside from legislative action, for example “giving advice or recommendations” in the definition of “participation” for conflict-of-interest determinations. It specifies that councilmembers may be disqualified from participating in certain amendments to the operating and capital budget bills.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

Operating Budget – Personal Services: No effect. This bill will not require any staffing changes.

Operating Budget – Other Operating Costs: No effect.

Capital Budget: No effect.

Revenues: No effect.

Indirect and future fiscal effects: None.



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**Date**

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