

the County Council shall exercise its legislative review and oversight responsibilities; to set forth findings by the County Council with respect to this Act; to state the purpose of this Act; to establish within the Legislative Branch of County government an Office of Legislative Oversight; to provide for appointment of personnel to staff the Office of Legislative Oversight; to state the powers, duties and responsibilities of the Office of Legislative Oversight; to provide that the Office of Legislative Oversight shall conduct its activities in accordance with a work program to be approved by the County Council; to provide that the Office of Legislative Oversight shall have access to certain records and information to carry out its duties and responsibilities under this Act; to set forth the power of the County Council to summon witnesses and to administer oaths and affirmations in connection with audits, surveys and investigations conducted pursuant to this Act; to require that, subject to certain exceptions, reports made of audits, surveys or investigations conducted under this Chapter shall be made available to the general public; to specify that all reports or parts of reports except those that contain information that would not be available for public inspection pursuant to Article 76A of the Annotated Code of Maryland shall be made public as part of the local legislative review and oversight process; to specify penalties for failure to comply with valid requests for information and subpoena of witnesses made pursuant to this Act, for knowingly giving false or misleading information in connection with any audit, survey or investigation conducted pursuant to this Act, and for retaliation or threatened retaliation against any person who provides information to or otherwise cooperates with the Office of Legislative Oversight.

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Chapter 19

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact with amendments, Section 48-32, title "Imposition; amount; exemptions", of Chapter 48, title "Solid Wastes", of the Montgomery County Code 1972, as amended, to provide that the base refuse disposal charge to be established by resolution of the County Council may be changed at any time by resolution of the County Council following notice and public hearing on such changes; and to provide that the effective date of any change in the base refuse disposal charge shall provide adequate time to allow public and private agencies and organizations to make necessary billing adjustments.

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