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SUBJECT	City Council Bill 22-0191

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TO The Honorable President and Members of the City Council
City Hall, Room 400, 100 North Holliday Street

Position: Does Not Oppose

The Department of General Services (DGS) is in receipt of and reporting herein on City Council Bill 22-0191: Homeless Shelters and Transitional Housing Units – Human Trafficking Notice Requirements.

Background/Explanation

This bill would require homeless shelters and transitional housing units within the City of Baltimore to post notices in certain locations with information regarding the National Human Trafficking Resource Center’s human trafficking prevention hotline.

Comments

The Department of General Services does not expect any significant operational or fiscal impact for the agency associated with the identified bill.

DGS has one (1) City-owned building (620 Fallsway) within its Facilities portfolio that currently serves as a homeless shelter, the Weinberg Housing and Resource Center. While the building is City-owned, the shelter’s programming and services are administered through the Mayor’s Office of Homeless Services (MOHS). Therefore, DGS requests additional clarification on the following language in the bill:

§ 42A-2. SIGN TO BE POSTED. (A) IN GENERAL. THE PERSON IN CHARGE OF THE HOMELESS SHELTER OR TRANSITIONAL HOUSING UNIT MUST POST A SIGN THAT STATES THE FOLLOWING:

Conclusion

The Department of General Services does not oppose City Council Bill 22-0191.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact DGS’ Legislative Liaison Annie Fullas at annie.fullas@baltimorecity.gov or at 667-208-0380.

Sincerely,

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