

**PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

Meeting Date: 7/29/2003 **Reference No.:** CB-38-2003

Proposer: County Executive **Draft No.:** 2

Sponsors: Dean, Exum

Item Title: An Act appropriating to the General Fund revenue in excess of budget estimates, to provide funds for costs that were not anticipated in the approved FY2002-2003 budget for various agencies and to transfer surplus appropriations reflecting savings from various County departments

Drafter: Bruce Crawford **Resource** Bruce Crawford
OMB **Personnel:** OMB

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

Date Presented: 6/17/2003 **Executive Action:** 7/30/2003 S

Committee Referral: 6/17/2003 PSFM **Effective Date:** 9/15/2003

Committee Action: 7/2/2003 FAV(A)

Date Introduced: 7/8/2003

Public Hearing: 7/29/2003 10:00 A.M.

Council Action: 7/29/2003 ENACTED

Council Votes: PS:A, MB:A, SHD:A, TD:A, CE:-, DCH:A; TH:A, TK:A, DP:A

Pass/Fail: P

Remarks: Retroactive to 6/30/2003

PUBLIC SAFETY & FISCAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT: Date: 7/2/03

Committee Vote: Favorable as amended, 4-0, (In favor: Councilmembers Exum, Bland, Hendershot, and Peters.)

This bill contains additional revisions to the FY2002-2003 Operating Budget, as amended by CB-22-2003 and CB-27-2003.

The bill will transfer appropriations from areas in the budget which are anticipated to under expend the adopted budget amount thereby providing additional expenditure authorization for a number of agencies.

The budget revisions in this legislation shows approximately \$12.3 million in County transfer and recordation tax revenues in excess of the budgeted amounts. There are additional savings realized in the Non-Department portion of the Operating Budget (\$4.7 million) and \$1.8 million in the Office of Information Technology and Communications (OITC). The savings in OITC result from a smaller than expected transfer from its General Fund budget to I539.

Expenditure adjustments include \$531,400 to the Board of Elections for the additional cost of training staff and volunteers to operate the new voting system. The Department of Public Works and Transportation will receive \$2.2 million to assist with costs necessitated by record-setting levels of winter precipitation. In addition, the Health Department will receive \$17.0 million to cover the unexpected lease costs associated with programs not being able to move expeditiously into its Cheverly location.

The public safety agencies have expenditure adjustments requiring additional funds to provide for unanticipated overtime and pension-related costs. Delays in recruit classes, high attrition rates and external circumstances all resulted in increased overtime. Also, the County's obligation for the Fire, Police and Sheriff pension plans exceeded the budgeted amount for FY2002-2003. These agencies will receive the following amounts: Police Department (\$7.0 million); Fire/EMS Department (\$2.3 million); Volunteer Fire Department (\$490,300); Office of the Sheriff (\$1.9 million); and Department of Corrections (\$2.6 million).

This bill is retroactively effective to June 30, 2003.

The legislation was amended to correct errors in the approved and revised budget numbers.

There should not be any negative fiscal impact on the County as a result of enacting CB-38-2003.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT
(Includes reason for proposal, as well as any unique statutory requirements)

This legislation will declare additional revenue and transfer surplus appropriations reflecting savings from various County Departments.