

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Meeting Date: 11/4/2003**Reference No.:** CB-68-2003**Proposer:** County Executive**Draft No.:** 1**Sponsors:** Shapiro, Hendershot, Bland Knotts**Item Title:** An Act adding a school capital project to the Approved Fiscal Year 2004 Capital Budget by transferring appropriation in the amount of \$5,000,000 from the Contingency Fund

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Personnel: OMB

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:**Date Presented:** 9/30/2003**Executive Action:** 11/14/2003 S**Committee Referral:** 9/30/2003 PSFM**Effective Date:** 12/30/2003**Committee Action:** 10/3/2003 FAV**Date Introduced:** 10/14/2003**Public Hearing:** 11/4/2003 10:00 A.M.**Council Action:** 11/4/2003 ENACTED**Council Votes:** PS:A, MB:A, SHD:A, TD:A, CE:A, DCH:A; TH:A, TK:A, DP:A**Pass/Fail:** P**Remarks:** _____

PUBLIC SAFETY & FISCAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT Date: 10/3/03

Committee Vote, Favorable, 5-0, (In favor: Councilmembers, Exum, Bland, Hendershot, Knotts and Peters.)

This legislation will establish a new capital project, Room Air Conditioners. It will provide for the purchase and installation of approximately 1,330 air conditioners in over 50 public schools. The total cost of the project is \$10 million with \$5,000,000 funded in FY2004 and the remainder in FY2005. The source of these funds will be the School Facilities Surcharge Fee.

The installation of the air conditioners will provide climate control to over 1,300 classrooms, thereby removing another barrier to optimum student achievement. It is estimated that approximately 18,000 students will be positively impacted.

The Chief Executive Officer for the Board of Education expressed his support for this capital project which will provide a welcome boost to the schools and make the system even more attractive to teachers as a place to work.

The Board of Education submitted a list of schools to receive air conditioners by Councilmanic District for the two year program. They have agreed to furnish the Council with a list of the schools to receive air conditioners in FY2004.

Some Council members expressed their concerns that roof repairs and computer equipment may be a greater need in some schools than the installation of air conditioners.

In accordance with Section 820 of the Charter, an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the Council is required to add this new project to the capital budget.

There should not be any negative fiscal impact on the County as a result of enacting CB-68-2003.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT

(Includes reason for proposal, as well as any unique statutory requirements)

Section 820 of the Charter provides that upon the recommendation in writing of the County Executive, the Council may, after public hearing and with the affirmative vote of two-thirds of its members, amend the County capital budget in accordance with such recommendation.

This bill will create a new capital project, Room Air-Conditioners. It will provide for the purchase and installation of approximately 1,330 room air-conditioners in over 50 public schools.

The cost is \$10 million with half to be funded in FY04 and the remainder in FY05. The source of funds is the School Facilities Surcharge.

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