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Chair  
District 4

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The Hon. Joanne C. Benson, Chair  
Prince George's County Senate Delegation  
James Senate Office Building, Room 214  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401-1991

The Hon. Erik L. Barron, Chair  
Prince George's County House Delegation  
Lowe House Office Building, Room 207E  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401-1991

Re: **Prince George's County Council's Position on General Assembly Legislation**

Dear Senator Benson & Delegate Barron:

It is my pleasure, on behalf of the Prince George's County Council, to transmit our position on pending proposed State legislation for the 2020 General Assembly Session. The Council met on February 18, 2020. The enclosed report reflects our positions on General Assembly bills as they are currently drafted.

The Council appreciates the opportunity to work together with you and your colleagues to address issues important to our citizens and the operation of Prince George's County. Should you have any questions or need additional information please do not hesitate to contact me. For your convenience my office phone number is (301) 952-3094.

Thanks again, for favorable consideration of the Council's position.

Sincerely,

Todd M. Turner  
Council Chair

Enclosures

cc: Hon. Angela D. Alsobrooks, Prince George's County Executive

## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT

The Prince George's County Council met on February 18, 2020 with the following Members present:

Council Member, Todd M. Turner, Chair  
Council Member, Calvin S. Hawkins, II, Vice Chair  
Council Member, Monique Anderson-Walker  
Council Member, Derrick L. Davis  
Council Member, Thomas E. Dernoga  
Council Member, Mel Franklin  
Council Member, Dannielle M. Glaros  
Council Member, Sydney J. Harrison  
Council Member, Jolene Ivey  
Council Member, Rodney C. Streeter  
Council Member, Deni L. Taveras

The Council voted for the following positions on the respective bills:

<b>PG 408-20</b>	(County Executive) Prince George's County – Payment in Lieu of Taxes Agreements – Multiphase Economic Development Projects and Sunset Repeal - <b>SUPPORT</b>
<b>PG 411-20</b>	(Washington) Prince George's County – Marriage License Fees – Distribution of Proceeds- <b>SUPPORT</b>
<b>PG 412-20</b>	(County Executive) Prince George's County – Public Safety Surcharge- <b>SUPPORT</b>
<b>PG 413-20</b>	(Harrison) Prince George's County – School Facilities Surcharge – Foundation for Applied Construction Technology for Students- <b>SUPPORT</b>
<b>PG 310-20</b>	(Charles) Prince George's County – Speed Monitoring Systems – Intersection of Suitland Road and Skyline Drive- <b>SUPPORT</b>
<b>PG 311-20</b>	(Rosapepe) Maryland Emergency Management Assistance Compact – City of Laurel- <b>SUPPORT</b>
<b>PG 312-20</b>	(Charles) Prince George's County – Alcoholic Beverages – Cigar Lounge License- <b>SUPPORT</b>
<b>PG 313-20</b>	(Harrison) Prince George's County – Speed Monitoring Systems – Residential Districts and School Zones- <b>SUPPORT</b>
<b>PG 314-20</b>	(Fisher) Prince George's County – Alcoholic Beverages – Sunday Off-Sale Permits- <b>SUPPORT</b>
<b>PG 315-20</b>	(Lewis, Barron, Harrison) Prince George's County – Alcoholic Beverages – Carillon Development- <b>SUPPORT</b>
<b>PG/MC 108-20</b>	(Valentino-Smith) Maryland–National Capital Park and Planning Commission Summer Math, Reading, and Science Pilot Program- <b>OPPOSE</b>

**HB 569** (Walker) Gaming – Distribution of Video Lottery Terminal Proceeds – Local Impact Grants- **SUPPORT**

**HB 1260** (Speaker) Historically Black Colleges and Universities - Funding- **SUPPORT**

**HB 561/SB 315** Electric Industry - Community Choice Energy- **SUPPORT**

**HB 540/SB 645** State Income and Property Tax Credits - Purple Line Construction Zone- **SUPPORT**

**HB 403/SB 903** Immigration Enforcement - Public Schools, Hospitals, and Courthouses – Policies- **SUPPORT**

**HB 1522/SB 756** General Provisions - Public General Law - Preemption of Local Laws- **SUPPORT**



# THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT

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County Council

## POSITION STATEMENT

**HB 434  
(PG 408-20)**  
The Prince George's County  
Delegation  
Ways & Means Committee

Prince George's County - Payment in Lieu of Taxes  
Agreements - Multiphase Economic Development Projects  
and Sunset Repeal PG 408-20

## POSITION:

## SUPPORT

**HB 434 (PG 408-20)** – Prince George's County - Payment in Lieu of Taxes Agreements - Multiphase Economic Development Projects and Sunset Repeal – FOR the purpose of authorizing the owner of an economic development project and the governing body of Prince George's County to enter into multiple payment in lieu of taxes agreements for different phases of an economic development project; providing that the term of an agreement may not exceed 15 years from the date a certificate of occupancy is first issued for any phase of a project that is covered by an agreement; etc.

This bill repeals the June 30, 2021 termination date of the authorization for Prince George's County to exempt specified economic development projects located in designated focus areas from county real property taxes. Under current law, Chapter 402 of 2012 authorized Prince George's County, by resolution, to exempt specified economic development projects located in designated focus areas from county real property taxes. The exemption may be granted if the owner or owners of the economic development project demonstrate to the satisfaction of the county executive and county council (1) that the county or its designated agency has conducted an economic analysis of the project; (2) the public benefit that the project will provide; (3) the financial necessity for an exemption; and (4) that the private capital being invested in the economic development project includes a certain equity investment. Additional requirements for the property tax exemption include (1) the owner or owners of the economic development project and the county must enter into a specified PILOT agreement; (2) prior to or no later than 18 months from the date of entering into the PILOT agreement, construction of the project must have commenced and all conditions for the financing required for the construction of the project have been satisfied or waived; and (3) the authorizing resolution states that the project may not be involved in gambling activities.

Prince George's County has entered into six PILOT agreements for economic development projects since 2012. Two projects are completed, three projects are under construction, and one project is in the development stage. These designated PILOT agreements bring economic prosperity to Prince George's County and its residents, providing for a positive and sustainable future.

For the foregoing reasons, the Prince George's County Council **SUPPORTS HB 434 (PG 408-20)** and respectfully requests your favorable consideration of this legislation.

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On behalf of Prince George's County Council

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# THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT

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## POSITION STATEMENT

**HB 1409**  
**(PG 411-20)**  
The Prince George's  
County Delegation  
Judiciary Committee

Prince George's County - Marriage License Fees -  
Distribution of Proceeds PG 411-20

### POSITION:

### SUPPORT

**HB 1409 (PG 411-20)** – Prince George's County - Marriage License Fees - Distribution of Proceeds – FOR the purpose of requiring the Director of Finance for Prince George's County to distribute certain proceeds from a marriage license fee to Community Crisis Services, Inc.; requiring certain proceeds from a marriage license fee to be used to fund battered spouse shelters and domestic violence programs if the Community Crisis Services, Inc., changes its name or objectives or ceases to exist.

Currently under Maryland Statute, Marriage License Fees in Prince George's County are allocated towards the former Family Crisis Center (which no longer formally exists). In 2018, the Family Crisis Center was acquired by Community Crisis Services, Inc. (CCSI). This legislation simply updates the name in the statute so that the fees will be allocated to CCSI.

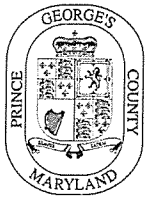
CCSI serves individuals and families in crisis in Prince George's County 24 hours per day, seven days a week, providing valuable resources and counseling to those in domestic violence situations. CCSI maintains a strict code of ethical and accountability practices and maintains certification from the Maryland Association of Nonprofit Organization's Seal of Excellence.

In 2019, CCSI's Domestic Violence Hotline answered over 4,500 crisis calls and helped 181 local families fleeing domestic violence find protection, security, and care at their Safe Passages Domestic Violence Shelter. The Safe Passages Domestic Violence Shelter is the only domestic violence shelter located in Prince Georges County. Passing this legislation will help CCSI and their much needed programs continue to serve those in need.

For the foregoing reasons, the Prince George's County Council **SUPPORTS HB 1409 (PG 411-20)** and respectfully requests your favorable consideration of this legislation.

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## POSITION STATEMENT

**HB 1388**  
**(PG 412-20)**  
The Prince George's  
County Delegation  
Environment &  
Transportation Committee

Prince George's County - Public Safety Surcharge -  
Amount PG 412-20

### POSITION:

### SUPPORT

**HB 1388 (PG 412-20)** – Prince George's County - Public Safety Surcharge - Amount – FOR the purpose of providing that a certain Prince George's County public safety surcharge amount is for certain residential housing constructed in an area included in a certain plan or an area that abuts an existing or planned mass transit rail station operated by the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority or the Maryland Transit Administration, instead of requiring the surcharge to be for both areas.

In 2005, the Prince George's County Council through a County Council bill, CB-55-2005, established a public safety surcharge on new residential construction permits. The revenue from the surcharge is distributed to police, fire, and emergency medical services in the county.

HB 1388 (PG 412-20) addresses an clerical error in the current law - Article 17 – Prince George's County - by removing "AND" and replacing it with "OR" when defining set surcharges to be applied to new residential construction in the following exert,

"The Transportation Service Area, as defined by the Maryland–National Capital Park and Planning Commission in the Prince George's County Approved General Plan; **[and] OR** (ii) An area included in a basic plan or conceptual site plan that abuts an existing or planned mass transit rail station site operated by the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority or by the Maryland Transit Administration and complies with the requirements of any sector plan, master plan, or overlay zone approved by the Prince George's County District Council."

While Prince George's County currently interprets the above-mentioned set surcharge language as an "OR", the passage of HB 1388 (PG 412-20) will allow Article 17 to match the County's current practice.

For the foregoing reasons, the Prince George's County Council SUPPORTS HB 1388 (PG 412-20) and respectfully requests your favorable consideration of this legislation.

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# THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT

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## POSITION STATEMENT

**HB 1401**  
**(PG 413-20)**  
The Prince George's  
County Delegation  
Ways & Means  
Committee

Prince George's County - School Facilities Surcharge -  
Foundation for Applied Construction Technology for  
Students PG 413-20

### POSITION:

### SUPPORT

**HB 1401 (PG 413-20)** – Prince George's County - School Facilities Surcharge - Foundation for Applied Construction Technology for Students – FOR the purpose of adding an exemption from the Prince George's County school facilities surcharge for single-family dwelling units to be built by a certain organization; and generally relating to the school facilities surcharge in Prince George's County.

Prince George's County applies a school facilities surcharge to new residential developments or redevelopments. This surcharge covers anticipated increases in public educational services required to accommodate the new residents development brings. The school facilities surcharge for development outside of the Capital Beltway is \$15,489 per unit. Inside the Capital Beltway-or if the building is located within a basic or conceptual site plan that abuts an existing or planned mass transit rail station operated by the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) - the surcharge is \$9,035 per unit.

HB 1401 would allow an exemption from the Prince George's County school facilities surcharge for single family units built by the Foundation for Applied Construction Technology for Students (FACTS). FACTS is a non-profit partnership between Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) and local Prince George's County businesses. The program is designed to provide students with hands-on experience and offer mentoring opportunities.

The Foundation supports the Student Built House Project. In 1981, the Superintendent and the Board of Education of Prince George's County Public Schools invited local business owners in the community to partner in developing a "Student-Built" House Program. Students, under the supervision of school staff, are responsible for the construction of the house including carpentry, masonry, plumbing, heating, electrical, and air conditioning.

For the foregoing reasons, the Prince George's County Council **SUPPORTS HB 1401 (PG 413-20)** and respectfully requests your favorable consideration of this legislation.

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# THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT

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## POSITION STATEMENT

**HB 319 (PG 310-20)**  
Delegate Charles  
Prince George's County  
Delegation  
Environment &  
Transportation Committee

Prince George's County – Speed Monitoring Systems  
– Intersection of Suitland Road and Skyline Drive

### POSITION:

### SUPPORT

**HB 319 (PG 310-20)** Prince George's County – Speed Monitoring Systems – Intersection of Suitland Road and Skyline Drive – FOR the purpose of authorizing the placement and use of speed monitoring systems at the southern intersection of Suitland Road and Skyline Drive in Prince George's County, subject to certain placement and signage requirements; and generally relating to the placement and use of speed monitoring systems in Prince George's County.

The Prince George's County Council continues to address the issues of public safety on our roadways and respond to our citizens concerns. Our Members are constantly reminded at Town Hall Meetings and local events about the concern citizens have with traffic fatalities and speeding in general in our County. It is incumbent upon all of us to take these matters seriously and work cooperatively to reduce fatalities and serious injuries on our roadways.

Speed is often the contributing factor in the fatal and serious accidents on and around southern intersection of Suitland Road and Skyline Drive. On New Year's Eve, December 31, 2019, Kevin Lennon was killed at this intersection in a head-on collision near the Washington National Cemetery. These fatal and serious accidents can be minimized by the use of speed monitoring systems. Our Public Safety community continues its work to dissuade drivers from speeding in this area, and we believe a speed monitoring system will greatly augment their efforts.

The Council would like to take this opportunity to thank the General Assembly for your previous efforts in granting the County the authority to place speed monitoring systems on some of the most dangerous roadways in the region. This bill will assist our efforts to change unsafe driver behavior in this community.

For the foregoing reasons, the Prince George's County Council **SUPPORTS HB 319 (PG 310-20)** and respectfully requests your favorable consideration of this legislation.

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# THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT

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## POSITION STATEMENT

**HB 1413 (PG 311-20)**  
Senator Rosapepe  
Prince George's County  
Delegation  
Environment &  
Transportation Committee

**Maryland Emergency Management Assistance  
Compact – City of Laurel**

### POSITION:

### SUPPORT

**HB 1413 (PG 311-20)** - Maryland Emergency Management Assistance Compact – City of Laurel – FOR the purpose of authorizing the City of Laurel to participate in the Maryland Emergency Management Assistance Compact; and generally relating to the Maryland Emergency Management Assistance Compact.

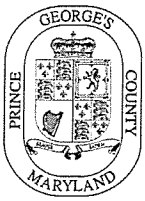
This bill adds the City of Laurel to the existing Maryland Emergency Management Assistance Compact. Currently, the 23 jurisdictions in the State, along with Baltimore City, the City of Annapolis and Ocean City are a part of the Compact.

The Maryland Emergency Preparedness Program (MEPP) is the State's innovative approach to comprehensive, statewide preparedness. The goal of the MEPP is to institutionalize the coordination of emergency preparedness activities using an all-hazards approach to the delivery of capabilities, which Maryland has categorized according to four mission areas: Prevention/Protection, Response, Recovery, and Mitigation. Adding the City of Laurel to the list of jurisdictions that are a part of the MEPP affords the County with additional resources to deploy statewide in the event of an emergency or disaster.

For the foregoing reasons, the Prince George's County Council **SUPPORTS HB 1413 (PG 311-20)** and respectfully requests your favorable consideration of this legislation.

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# THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT

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## POSITION STATEMENT

**HB 1283 (PG 312-20)**  
Delegate Charles  
Prince George's County  
Delegation  
Economic Matters  
Committee

Prince George's County –Alcoholic Beverages – Cigar  
Lounge License – PG 312-20

### POSITION:

### SUPPORT

**HB 1283 (PG 312-20)** – Prince George's County – Alcohol Beverages – Cigar Lounge License – FOR the purpose of providing for a cigar lounge liquor license in Prince George's County; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Prince George's County to issue a class B–CL license to a tobacconist under certain circumstances; authorizing the holder of the license to sell beer, wine, and liquor for on–premises consumption; authorizing the holder of the license to make and serve food in a manner commensurate with a Class B license; allowing for Sunday sales; authorizing the license to operate in a certain geographic area; defining the annual cost of the license; including the licensed business in exclusions to the Health Article section 24–505; and generally relating to liquor licenses in Prince George's County.

This Bill will create a new license category to allow a Prince George's County Resident, that owns a cigar lounge within the County, to sell beer, wine and liquor on premise as well as to the public under the hours permitted for a Class B Beer, Wine and Liquor License and not subject to the Sunday Sales restrictions. The annual fee for the license is \$900.

This bill expands economic opportunities for our residents without threatening the market share of existing licensees. The Council understands the popularity of cigar lounges in our society and is pleased that they tend to attract a clientele that does not negatively impact our public safety community.

The Prince George's County Council takes seriously its responsibility for the safety and security of our residents and visitors. This bill strikes the necessary balance between expanding economic development opportunities with the needs and concerns of our citizens.

For the foregoing reasons, the Prince George's County Council **SUPPORTS HB 1283 (PG 312-20)** and respectfully requests your favorable consideration of this legislation.

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## POSITION STATEMENT

**HB 1433 (PG 313-20)**  
Delegate Harrison  
Prince George's County  
Delegation  
Environment &  
Transportation Committee

Prince George's County – Speed Monitoring Systems  
– Residential Districts and School Zones

### POSITION:

### SUPPORT

**HB 1433 (PG 313-20)** Prince George's County – Speed Monitoring Systems – Residential Districts and School Zones – FOR the purpose of establishing that certain provisions of law authorizing the use of speed monitoring systems in certain residential districts apply in Prince George's County; establishing that a school zone speed monitoring system in Prince George's County may be used in a school zone with any speed limit; and generally relating to speed monitoring systems in Prince George's County.

The Prince George's County Council continues to address the issues of public safety on our roadways and respond to our citizens concerns. Our Members are constantly reminded at Town Hall Meetings and local events about the concern citizens have with traffic fatalities and speeding in general in our County. It is incumbent upon all of us to take these matters seriously and work cooperatively to reduce fatalities and serious injuries on our roadways. Speed is often the contributing factor in the fatal and serious accidents in our County. however, unless the road is located within 1,000 feet of a school or private daycare facility, we must come before the State for permission to protect our citizens. This bill will give Prince George's County the same authority that exists for Montgomery County. As the greater Metropolitan Area sends tens of thousands of motorists through our communities on a daily basis, this legislation will augment the efforts of our public safety community on reducing motorists speed and the resulting fatalities and serious injuries we have been experiencing for many years.

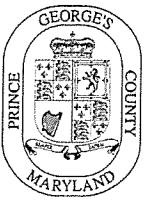
The Council would like to take this opportunity to thank the General Assembly for your previous efforts in granting the County the authority to place speed monitoring systems on some of the most dangerous roadways in the region. This legislation will allow local government to determine when and where this valuable tool is utilized.

For the foregoing reasons, the Prince George's County Council **SUPPORTS HB 1433 (PG 313-20)** and respectfully requests your favorable consideration of this legislation.

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# THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT

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## POSITION STATEMENT

**HB 1047 (PG 314-20)**  
Delegate Fisher  
Prince George's County  
Delegation  
Economic Matters  
Committee

Prince George's County –Alcoholic Beverages –  
Sunday Off-Sale Permits

### POSITION:

### SUPPORT

**HB 1047 (PG 314-20)** – Prince George's County – Sunday Off-Sale Permits – FOR the purpose of repealing a limitation on the number of Sunday off – sale permits that the Board of License Commissioners for Prince George's County may issue; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in Prince George's County.

This Bill will remove the current limit of 105 Sunday off-sale permits in the County. Generally, Sunday off-sales permits can be issued to Class A beer, wine, and liquor license holders or Class B beer, wine, and liquor license holders with off-sale privileges. The permit authorizes the sale of alcoholic beverages for consumption off the licensed premises on Sunday only from 8 a.m. to midnight. An applicant for a special Sunday off-sale permit must commit to reinvesting a minimum of \$50,000 in the business within one year after the permit is issued. The board may waive the reinvestment requirement, but the board must revoke the permit if the requirement is not waived and the reinvestment is not made. The board may not issue a special Sunday off-sale permit to specified license holders that have violated specified restrictions on selling liquor on Sunday.

The number of Sunday off-sale permits was raised from 100 to 105 in 2016 for economic development considerations for restaurants around the Towne Centre at Laurel, Ritchie Station Marketplace, Greenbelt Metro Station and Capital Plaza. There are an additional 34 Class A licensees, and five additional Class B licensees who may wish to obtain a permit under the bill. The annual license fee for a Sunday off-sales permit is \$1,080, and the one-time application fee is \$750. In addition to increased revenue for County businesses, this bill will provide more convenience for residents who wish to purchase alcohol on Sunday and will reduce the need for residents to travel to other jurisdictions to purchase alcohol.

For the foregoing reasons, the Prince George's County Council **SUPPORTS HB 1047 (PG 314-20)** and respectfully requests your favorable consideration of this legislation.

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# THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT

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## POSITION STATEMENT

**HB 845 (PG 315-20)**  
Delegate J. Lewis  
Prince George's County  
Delegation  
Economic Matters  
Committee

**Prince George's County –Alcoholic Beverages –  
Carillon Development**

### POSITION:

### SUPPORT

**HB 845 (PG 315-20)** – Prince George's County – Carillon Development – FOR the purpose of authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Prince George's County to issue up to a certain number of Class B-DD licenses for restaurants located within the Carillon development; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages licenses in Prince George's County.

This Local Bill adds up to 10 Class B-DD (Development District) licenses for restaurants located within the Carillon Development located near the Arena Drive exit of the Capital Beltway. The Council is very excited about this new development project and it will continue our momentum as the largest job creator in the region. This bill will encourage top notch restaurants to invest in Prince George's County and provide our residents and visitors more diverse food choices.

The redevelopment of the property formerly known as the Boulevard at the Capital Centre stands to become the heart of Prince George's County. It will feature residential, office space, medical services, retail, restaurants, and entertainment. The project will be adjacent to the County's Regional Medical Center.

For the foregoing reasons, the Prince George's County Council **SUPPORTS HB 845 (PG 315-20)** and respectfully requests your favorable consideration of this legislation.

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# THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT

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## POSITION STATEMENT

**PG/MC 108-20** Maryland–National Capital Park and Planning  
Delegate Valentino-Smith Commission – Summer Math, Reading, and Science  
Prince George's County Pilot Program  
Delegation

### POSITION:

### OPPOSE

**PGMC 108-20** – Maryland–National Capital Park and Planning Commission – Summer Math, Reading, and Science Pilot Program – FOR the purpose of establishing the Summer Math, Reading, and Science Pilot Program; requiring the Maryland–National Capital Park and Planning Commission to coordinate with the Prince George's County public school system to integrate certain academic content into summer parks and recreation programs offered in Prince George's County; requiring the Commission to develop methods for measuring the effectiveness of the Pilot Program; requiring the Commission to implement the Pilot Program on or before a certain date in certain areas of Prince George's County; requiring the Commission to report to the Prince George's County House Delegation on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Summer Math, Reading, and Science Pilot Program.

This legislation requires implementation of a pilot program on or before June 1, 2021, in at least four different areas that reflect the geographic diversity of Prince George's County. While the County Council agrees with the goal of improving student performance by expanding educational programs during the summer, we understand that Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) and the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (MNCPPC) have expressed serious concerns regarding implementation of the bill's requirements. We also understand that both entities have expressed the desire to explore future opportunities to collaborate on efforts to achieve the goals of the legislation.

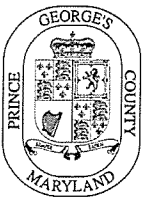
While PG/MC 108-20 may not be the appropriate mechanism at this time, we believe the engagement and partnership of PGCPS, MNCPPC, Prince George's County government, and our Delegation in the General Assembly can help to continue our efforts to provide improved educational opportunities for our youth. The Council encourages collaborative efforts of all stakeholders in the development and implementation of successful programs that elevate our youth and the residents of Prince George's County.

For the foregoing reasons, the Prince George's County Council **OPPOSES PG/MC 108-20** and respectfully requests your unfavorable recommendation.

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## POSITION STATEMENT

**HB 569**  
Delegate Walker  
Ways & Means  
Committee

Gaming - Distribution of Video Lottery Terminal  
Proceeds - Local Impact Grants

### POSITION:

### SUPPORT

**HB 569** -- Gaming – Distribution of Video Lottery Terminal Proceeds – Local Impact Grants – FOR the purpose of requiring the Comptroller to pay a certain amount of video lottery terminal proceeds as local impact grants to Anne Arundel County or Baltimore City under certain circumstances; requiring that certain local impact grants received by Anne Arundel County or Baltimore City be used in a certain manner; making conforming changes; and generally relating to the distribution of video lottery terminal proceeds and local impact grants.

This bill requires any amount of local impact grants distributed to Anne Arundel County or Baltimore City as a result of a specified hold harmless provision to be paid by the Comptroller from video lottery terminal (VLT) proceeds. The bill takes effect July 1, 2020.

In fiscal 2016, the fiscal year before the video lottery operation license for Prince George's County was issued, Anne Arundel County received \$18.4 million and Baltimore City received \$7.6 million in local impact grants attributable to the 82% distribution. Thus, the hold harmless provision guaranteed that Anne Arundel County and Baltimore City annually receive no less than those amounts. If the three-way split of local impact grants is less than the hold harmless amounts, the difference is made up from Prince George's County's share of local impact grants. The hold harmless provision will cost Prince George's County approximately \$21.5 million for FY 2017 through FY 2020 (an average of \$5.4 million per year).

The Council believes this bill is a matter of fairness and corrects a key deficiency in the video lottery program. Prince George's County hosts the busiest, most active casino in the state of Maryland, and should receive the appropriate share of local impact grants to support the communities most impacted by gaming in the state.

For the foregoing reasons, the Prince George's County Council **SUPPORTS HB 569** and respectfully requests your favorable consideration of this legislation.

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## POSITION STATEMENT

**HB 540** State Income and Property Tax Credits - Purple Line  
Delegates Wilkins, et. all Construction Zone  
Ways & Means  
Committee

### POSITION:

### SUPPORT

**HB 540** – State Income and Property Tax Credits - Purple Line Construction Zone – FOR the purpose of allowing certain qualified businesses impacted by the construction of the Purple Line light rail project in Montgomery County and Prince George's County a credit against the State income tax and State property tax; requiring the Department of Transportation to determine the eligible amount of the income tax credit; making the income tax credit refundable; requiring the Department to administer the income tax credit; requiring the Department to make determinations and implement processes relevant to certifying qualified businesses; etc.

The Purple Line is 16-mile light rail line that will extend from Bethesda in Montgomery County to New Carrollton in Prince George's County. The Purple Line promotes smart growth while creating jobs and decreasing environmental impact, and it is one of the most important additions to the Maryland public transit network and our state and regional economy.

With the major investment that the state has made in moving the Purple Line forward, a critical measure of our success is that we ensure that businesses are able to thrive during construction and benefit from the project in the long run. Small and minority businesses are especially susceptible to the challenging impacts of the project construction. This impact on small and minority-owned businesses is of great concern to Prince George's County.

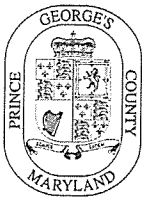
The refundable income tax credit equal to the amount of business income lost during the taxable year as a result of the Purple Line construction in addition to the property tax credit against state property tax imposed on real property is critical to helping businesses to thrive during construction. Passing this legislation will help avoid the closure of businesses during the four-year construction cycle.

For the foregoing reasons, the Prince George's County Council **SUPPORTS HB 540** and respectfully requests your favorable consideration of this legislation.

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## POSITION STATEMENT

**HB 561** Electric Industry - Community Choice Energy  
Delegate Charkoudian  
Economic Matters  
Committee

### POSITION:                      SUPPORT

**HB 561** – Electric Industry - Community Choice Energy – Applying certain laws regarding net energy metering and community solar generating systems to customers served by a community choice aggregator; repealing a provision that prohibits a county or municipal corporation from acting as an aggregator under certain circumstances; establishing a process by which, beginning on October 1, 2021, a county or municipal corporation or group of counties or municipal corporations may form or join a community choice aggregator (CCA); etc.

Under current law, a county or municipality may only act as an aggregator if PSC determines that there is not sufficient competition within the boundaries of the local jurisdiction. “Aggregator” means an entity or an individual that acts on behalf of a customer to purchase electricity or gas. It does not include (1) an entity or individual that purchases electricity or gas for its own use or for the use of its subsidiaries or affiliates; (2) a municipal electric utility or a municipal gas utility serving only in its distribution territory; or (3) a combination of governmental units that purchases electricity or gas for use by the governmental unit.

CCAs are an attractive option for communities that want more local control over their electricity sources, more green power than is offered by the default utility, and/or lower electricity prices. By aggregating demand, communities gain leverage to negotiate better rates with competitive suppliers and choose greener power sources.

The Council supports efforts to maximize the utilization of green energy while achieving competitive pricing for communities that choose to join or become aggregators. If approved, Maryland would join nine other states that allow counties and municipalities to aggregate the buying power of individuals to secure alternative energy contracts and negotiate lower rates.

For the foregoing reasons, the Prince George’s County Council **SUPPORTS HB 561** and respectfully requests your favorable consideration of this legislation.

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## POSITION STATEMENT

**SB 903**  
Senator Smith  
Judicial Proceedings  
Committee

Immigration Enforcement - Public Schools, Hospitals,  
and Courthouses - Policies

### POSITION:

### SUPPORT

**SB 903** – Immigration Enforcement - Public Schools, Hospitals, and Courthouses - Policies – FOR the purpose of requiring the Attorney General, in consultation with certain stakeholders, to develop guidelines to assist public schools, hospitals, and courthouses to draft policies that limit civil immigration enforcement activities on their premises in order to ensure these facilities remain safe and accessible to all; and authorizing public schools, hospitals, and courthouses to establish and publish policies that limit immigration enforcement on their premises to the fullest extent possible.

This bill authorizes public schools, hospitals, and courthouses to establish and publish policies that limit immigration enforcement on their respective premises to the fullest extent possible consistent with federal and State law based on guidelines developed by the Attorney General.

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) currently has in place a “sensitive location” policy, which states that immigration enforcement actions at sensitive locations should generally be avoided and require either prior supervisory approval or exigent circumstances. Locations covered by the policy include public schools, colleges, and universities in addition to places of worship, public demonstrations, and religious or civil ceremonies or observances.

In 2012, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) issued the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) policy (pursuant to an executive order) to allow young unauthorized immigrants who are low enforcement priorities to remain in the country. DACA does not grant an individual legal immigration status or provide a pathway to citizenship, but it does provide individuals with a temporary lawful status.

In 2017, DHS rescinded the DACA program and several lawsuits were filed against the administration for terminating the program. In 2018, however, ICE announced it would accept DACA renewal applications. In November 2019, the U.S. Supreme Court heard arguments in *McAleenan v. Vidal*, which consolidated three of the DACA lawsuits into one case. That decision is expected by June 2020. It is assumed that the Attorney General will develop guidelines that ensure compliance with federal law and that the specified parties fully comply with those guidelines.

The Prince George's County Council has long supported our undocumented population and their access to all of our public spaces without fear of immigration enforcement. This bill will give clear direction to

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these public facilities as to their responsibilities under federal law as well as allow them to protect any undocumented person from unnecessary immigration enforcement. The Council firmly believes that the policies being proffered by the President with respect to our immigration laws are flawed. The Council also believes that allowing these institutions to publish their policies concerning immigration enforcement on their premises will foster better trust and cooperation with our undocumented population. This bill simply codifies the Council's position in state law.

For the foregoing reasons, the Prince George's County Council **SUPPORTS SB 903** and respectfully requests your favorable consideration of this legislation.

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