Prince George's County Council Agenda Item Summary

Meeting Date: 7/27/2004 **Reference No.:** CB-065-2004

Draft No.: 2

Proposer(s): County Executive

Sponsor(s): Hendershot, Shapiro, Harrington, Knotts

Item Title: An Act concerning borrowing to finance Capital Projects for Public Safety Facilities in an

amount not to exceed \$18,455,000, and providing for the issuance of such bonds subject to

referendum of the legal voters of the County

Drafter: Kathleen H. Canning, Office of Law

Resource Personnel: Steve Kaplan, OMB

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LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

Date Presented:Executive Action:8/16/2004 SCommittee Referral:7/6/2004 - C.O.W.Effective Date:11/12/2004

Committee Action: 7/6/2004 - FAV

Date Introduced: 7/6/2004

Public Hearing: 7/27/2004 - 10:00 AM

Council Action (1) 7/27/2004 - ENACTED

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

Pass/Fail: P

Remarks: Approved at referendum on 11/2/2004

AFFECTED CODE SECTIONS:

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Date 7/6/2004

Committee Vote: Favorable, 8-1, (In favor: Council Members Knotts, Bland, Dean, Exum, Harrington, Hendershot, Peters, Shapiro. Opposed: Dernoga.)

This bill will provide the authority to borrow an amount not to exceed \$18,455,000 to finance capital projects for Public Safety Facilities as approved in the FY2005 - 2010 Capital Improvement Program (CIP). In accordance with Section 323 of the County Charter, upon enactment by the Council, this bill will be placed on the ballot in November 2004 for voter approval.

The Fire/EMS Administration Building project includes \$4,190,000 in funding in the beyond six year category. Only \$150,000 is included in the six year CIP. Bond Counsel has been requested to provide an opinion before the bill is enacted on whether this amount beyond the six year category can go to referendum.

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There is no fiscal impact on the County until these projects are incorporated into a bond authorization bill and the bonds are sold.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT:

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

This bill provides the authority to borrow an amount not to exceed \$18,455,000 to finance public safety improvements as approved in the FY2005-2010 Capital Improvement Program. The amount enabled will provide sufficient funding to complete a useable portion of each project as required by Section 823 of the County Charter. The borrowings authorized in this bill will occur over several years as programmed in the FY2005-2010 Capital Improvement Program.

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