

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

Meeting Date: 10/29/2002

Reference No.: CB-83-2002

Proposer: Bailey, Estep

Draft No.: 1

Sponsors: Estep

Item Title: An Act concerning the compensation of the County
Executive and members of the County Council

Drafter: Craig S. Price,
Deputy Council Administrator

Resource David L. Goode,
Personnel: Council Administrator

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

Date Presented: __/__/__

Executive Action: 11/18/2002 S

Committee Referral: 10/7/2002 C.O.W.

Effective Date: 1/3/2003

Committee Action: 10/16/2002 FAV

Date Introduced: 10/7/2002

Public Hearing: 10/29/2002 10:00 A.M.

Council Action: 10/29/2002 ENACTED

Council Votes: PS:A, DB:A, TD:N, JE:-, TH:A, TK:A; RVR:A, AS:N, MW:A

Pass/Fail: P

Remarks: See also CR-67-2002; Retroactive to 12/2/2002

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT:

Date: 10/16/2002

Committee Vote: Favorable, 5-0-1, (In favor: Council members Shapiro, Estep, Hendershot, Knotts and Wilson. Abstained: Scott. Absent: Bailey, Dernoga and Russell.)

BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT

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

In accordance with Sections 308 and 406 of the County Charter, the compensation of the County Executive and members of the County Council may be increased or decreased by an affirmative vote of not less than two-thirds of the members of the County Council. The 2001 Charter Review Commission reviewed the compensation of the County Executive and Council Members in comparable jurisdictions and found that an increase in compensation is justified. The salaries of the County Executive and the Council Members were last addressed in 1974 and 1986 respectively. The bill increases the County Executive salary from the current rate of \$105,095

per year to \$130,000 and the Council Members from \$56,803 per year to \$70,000. The bill also provides that the Chair and Vice Chair of the Council will receive an additional \$5,000 and \$2,500 respectively.

By comparison, Montgomery County, the only other Chartered Maryland County in the Washington-Metropolitan area with a population and operating budget comparable to Prince George's will provide salaries for their newly elected Council Members and Executive of \$72,557 and \$136,732 respectively.

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