

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

Meeting Date: 4/20/99

Reference No.: CB-18-1999

Proposer: County Executive

Draft No.: 1

Sponsors: Wilson

Item Title: An Act appropriating to the General Fund revenue from income taxes and from intergovernmental revenue, in excess of budget estimates, and to provide funds for costs that were not anticipated in the Approved Fiscal Year 1998-1999 Budget

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LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

Date Presented: 3/16/99

Executive Action: 4/29/99 S

Committee Referral: 3/16/99 PSFM

Effective Date: 6/14/99

Committee Action: 3/18/99 FAV

Date Introduced: 3/30/99

Pub. Hearing Date: 4/20/99 10:00 A.M.

Council Action: 4/20/99 ENACTED

Council Votes: JE:A, DB:A, IG:A, TH:A, WM:A, RVR:A, PS:A, AS:A, MW:A

Pass/Fail: P

Remarks: _____

PUBLIC SAFETY AND FISCAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT Date: 3/18/99

Committee Vote: Favorable, 5-0, (In favor: Council Members Wilson, Hendershot, Maloney, Russell, and Scott).

This bill will declare additional revenue and authorize an increase in expenditures for FY99. The bill provides an increase in General Fund revenue totaling \$13,904,500. The majority of the additional revenue, \$13,645,500, is additional revenue above budgeted estimates from the income

tax. Also, there is an increase in intergovernmental revenue of \$259,000 for the Fire Grant (known as the 508 Grant) from the State of Maryland for the Fire Volunteer companies.

The primary increase in this bill, \$12,614,000 will support the costs of information technology needs as a result of Year 2000 (Y2K) requirements. Although many systems have already been remediated, significant testing is needed to ensure all critical linkages and system interfaces are identified and developed. Also, desktop modernization to replace non-compliant personal computers requires significant infrastructure upgrades. These expenditures are approximately \$12.5 million. Another \$100,000 will support personnel in the offices of Law, Personnel and Central Services who will be working primarily on Y2K issues. The expenditures detailed in this legislation, when combined with previous costs, will eventually bring the County's total cost for this effort to about \$20,000,000 over an interval which began in 1997.

This bill also provides for an increase in the appropriations for the Office of Business and Regulatory Affairs to support an additional transfer to Community Television (C-TV) of Prince George's County in the amount of \$531,500.

This legislation also provides \$500,000 for additional support for economic development in the County through the establishment of a pool of local "Sunny Day" dollars. These funds will be used to leverage or provide a local match of other funds, including Maryland's Sunny Day funds, to assist in forming attractive financing incentives to enterprises to remain or expand in the County.

The Director of Finance has certified in writing that \$13,904,500 is available for the supplementary appropriation.

There should not be any negative fiscal impact on the County as a result of enacting CB-18-1999.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT

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

This legislation is for the purpose of appropriating to the General Fund revenue from income taxes and from intergovernmental revenue, in excess of budget estimates, and to provide funds for costs that were not anticipated in the Approved Fiscal Year 1998-1999 Budget.

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