

Prince George's County Council

Agenda Item Summary

Meeting Date: 7/15/2008
Reference No.: CB-043-2008
Draft No.: 2
Proposer(s): County Executive
Sponsor(s): Bland, Dernoga, Knotts, Dean
Item Title: An Act concerning Supplementary Appropriations and Interdepartmental Transfer of Appropriations for the purpose of declaring additional revenue, appropriating to the General Fund Outside Sources to provide funds for costs that were not anticipated in the approved Fiscal Year 2008 Budget and transferring surplus appropriations reflecting savings from Non-Departmental accounts to various County Departments

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LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

Date Presented:	6/3/2008	Executive Action:	7/29/2008 S
Committee Referral:	6/3/2008 - PSFM	Effective Date:	9/12/2008
Committee Action:	6/9/2008 - FAV(A)		
Date Introduced:	6/17/2008		
Public Hearing:	7/15/2008 - 10:00 AM		
Council Action (1)	7/15/2008 - ENACTED		
Council Votes:	MB:A, WC:A, SHD:A, TD:A, CE:A, AH:-, TK:A, EO:A, IT:-		
Pass/Fail:	P		
Remarks:	Retroactive to 6/30/2008		

AFFECTED CODE SECTIONS:

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PUBLIC SAFETY & FISCAL MANAGEMENT

Date 6/9/2008

Committee vote: Favorable as amended, 5-0, (In favor: Councilmembers Knotts, Campos, Dean, Exum and Turner.)

This bill will provide a supplemental increase of \$31.5 million in additional revenues from Outside Sources for the Board of Education and \$16.1 million in transfer of savings from Non-Departmental revenues to certain agencies to cover costs that were not anticipated in the FY2008 Approved Budget.

The Telecommunications Tax, dedicated to the Board of Education in FY08, is subject to referendum and has not been implemented at the proposed rate, thereby decreasing the projected revenue by \$14.1 million from the approved budget. The \$45.7 million listed as Outside Sources for the Board of Education will come from the Board's use of its fund balance. Therefore the net increase of \$31.5 will be used for various services of the Board.

The Non-Departmental accounts will generate savings of \$16.1 million due to reductions in the following:

Debt Services - \$7,253,500

Grants and Transfer Payments - \$7,950,000

Contingencies - \$869,650

TOTAL - \$16,073,150

This savings of \$16.1 million will cover costs that are projected to exceed the approved budget levels for several County agencies.

The following amendments were approved by the Committee:

1. On page 2:

- a. Line 14 delete (\$14,169,400), insert (\$17,000,000)
- b. Line 15 delete (\$14,169,400) insert (\$17,000,000)
- c. Line 16 insert Other Financing Sources
- d. Line 17 insert Telecommunications Tax Reserve
- e. Line 18, insert TOTAL

2. On page 2, lines 29 – 31 and page 3, lines 1 – 12, include changes to the categories of the Board of Education's supplemental request to reflect transfer requests approved by the County Council on June 3, 2008. These changes have no fiscal impact on the supplemental appropriation requested in the legislation.

The Committee requested that the numerical charters include the appropriate name in the legislation.

There will be no negative fiscal impact on the County since the fund balance funds are dedicated to the Board of Education.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT:

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

This legislation will provide for supplementary appropriations to the Board of Education and the interdepartmental transfer of appropriations from Non-Departmental accounts to various departments. The General Fund appropriations total \$31.5 million and will support the Board of Education. In addition, Non-Departmental savings will support spending in excess of budget appropriations for the Board of Elections, Board of License Commissioners, Office of the State's Attorney, Office of the Sheriff, Department of Corrections, Police Department, Fire Department, and Department of Housing & Community Development.

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