PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Meeting Date: 7/28/98 Reference No.: CB-69-1998

Proposer: Estepp **Draft No.:** 2

Sponsors: Estepp

Item Title: An Act concerning the Personnel Board amending the

provisions pertaining to the reimbursement of attorney's

fees and court costs

Drafter: Ralph E. Grutzmacher **Resource Personnel:** Gailyn Gwin

Legislative Officer Legislative Aide

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

Date Presented: 4/28/98 **Executive Action:** 8/17/98 S

Committee Referral: 4/28/98 PSFM Effective Date: 10/2/98

Committee Action: 4/30/98 HELD **Committee Action:** 6/15/98 FAV(A)

Date Introduced: 6/23/98

Pub. Hearing Date: 7/28/98 11:00 A.M.

Council Action: 7/28/98 ENACTED

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

Pass/Fail: P

Remarks:

PUBLIC SAFETY AND FISCAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT Date: 6/15/98

Committee Vote: Favorable as amended, 3-0, (In favor: Council Members Wilson, Hendershot and Scott).

This bill will amend the County Code by requiring that the Personnel Board notify the Council prior to June 1 of each year by resolution of the reimbursement schedule for full or partial legal fees and court costs.

The legislation was amended on page 1, line 27, by inserting "odd numbered", so that the new language should read: "June 1 of each odd numbered year".

There should not be any negative fiscal impact on the County as a result of enacting CB-69-1998.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT

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

The Personnel Law provides for the reimbursement of attorney's fees and court costs for employees who prevail before the Personnel Board or the Circuit Court under certain circumstances. The existing schedule of authorized reimbursement rates was last established in 1977. The proposed legislation would require the Personnel Board to recommend appropriate fees to the Council for adoption by resolution annually.

CODE INDEX TOPICS: