

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND
2024 Legislative Session

Bill No. CB-110-2024

Chapter No. _____

Proposed and Presented by Council Chair Ivey

Introduced by _____

Co-Sponsors _____

Date of Introduction _____

BILL

1 AN ACT concerning

2 An Excise Tax on Telecommunications

3 For the purpose of imposing an excise tax on telecommunications service in Prince George's
4 County.

5 BY adding:

6 **SUBTITLE 10. FINANCE AND TAXATION.**

7 Sections 10-352, 10-353, and 10-354

8 The Prince George's County Code

9 (2023 Edition).

10 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED by the County Council of Prince George's County,
11 Maryland, that Sections 10-352, 10-353, and 10-354 of the Prince George's County Code be and
12 the same are hereby added:

13 **SUBTITLE 10. FINANCE AND TAXATION.**

14 **DIVISION 35. EXCISE TAX ON TELECOMMUNICATIONS.**

15 **Sec. 10-352. Excise Tax.**

16 (a) An excise tax shall be imposed on telecommunications service in Prince George's
17 County.

18 (b) The rate of the excise tax shall not exceed three dollars and fifty cents (\$3.50) monthly
19 for each telephone line.

20 (c) Each provider of the telecommunications service in Prince George' County shall
21 collect the tax on behalf of and remit the tax to Prince George's County.

Sec. 10-353. Proceeds of the Excise Tax.

(a) The net proceeds of the revenue from the excise tax shall be used as follows:

(1) at least 90% of the net proceeds shall be used for operating expenditures for the Prince George’s County school system; and

(2) the remainder shall be used for:

(A) cash payments for capital expenditures for school renovation projects approved by the Prince George’s County Board of Education and Prince George’s County; or

(B) payment of debt service on bonds issued by the governing body of Prince George’s County for school renovation projects approved by the Prince George’s County Board of Education and Prince George’s County.

(b) The proceeds provided under this Section for the Prince George’s County school system may be used to meet Prince George’s County’s funding requirements under Section 5-235(A) of the Education Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

(c) Among the expenditures to be funded from the proceeds, the Prince George’s County Board of Education shall consider:

(1) a program to serve disruptive, delinquent, or low-performing students in grades 6 through 12 that:

(A) provides proof of progress in reading and mathematics;

(B) is designed to include small learning communities and areas of support services provided by community-based providers; and

(C) is operated by an educational provider with substantial experience serving the type of student population served by the program in separate school facilities provided by the education provider, unless the public school system decides otherwise.

(2) a Spanish language immersion program to serve at least 450 students in kindergarten through grade 5 in order to address long-term labor needs for bilingual employees; and

(3) addressing any needs related to capital improvements or renovations that are the result of the deferral of maintenance or other deterioration of school facilities.

Sec. 10-354. Reporting Requirements.

On or before December 31 of each year, the governing body of Prince George’s County shall submit a report detailing the expenditure of revenues generated from a tax imposed under

1 this section to the Department of Legislative Services, the Prince George’s County school
2 system, and the Prince George’s County Delegation of the General Assembly.

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4 SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that the provisions of this Act are hereby
5 declared to be severable; and, in the event that any section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph,
6 sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional by a court of
7 competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the remaining
8 words, phrases, clauses, sentences, subparagraphs, paragraphs, subsections, or sections of this
9 Act, since the same would have been enacted without the incorporation in this Act of any such
10 invalid or unconstitutional word, phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, subparagraph, subsection,
11 or section.

12 SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that this Act shall take effect forty-five (45)
13 calendar days after it becomes law.

Adopted this ____ day of _____, 2024.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____
Jolene Ivey
Chair

ATTEST:

Donna J. Brown
Clerk of the Council

APPROVED:

DATE: _____ BY: _____
Angela D. Alsobrooks
County Executive

KEY:

Underscoring indicates language added to existing law.
[Brackets] indicate language deleted from existing law.
Asterisks *** indicate intervening existing Code provisions that remain unchanged.

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