## GEORGES VITANOS

## THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT

## Office of Audits and Investigations

October 18, 2016

## **MEMORANDUM**

TO:

Robert J. Williams, Jr. Council Administrator

William M. Hunt

Deputy Council Administrator

THRU:

David H. Van Dyke

County Auditor

FROM:

Inez N. Claggett

Senior Legislative Auditor

RE:

Fiscal Impact Statement

CR-071-2016 Economic Development Revenue Bonds

Pursuant to your request, we have reviewed CR-71-2016 to estimate its fiscal impact on Prince George's County, Maryland.

CR-71-2016 authorizes the issuance and sale of Economic Development Revenue Bonds (the "Bonds") in an amount not to exceed \$22,000,000. Proceeds from the bonds will be loaned to Chesapeake Education Services, LLC and Chesapeake Lighthouse Foundation, Inc. (a not-for-profit corporation) for the primary purposes of refinancing a \$16,000,000 construction loan, to finance capital improvements, and to establish a debt service reserve fund and pay the costs of issuance.

Chesapeake Lighthouse Foundation, Inc. and Chesapeake Education Services, LLC operate three (3) charter schools within Prince George's County and one (1) located within Anne Arundel County. A letter of intent provided by the aforementioned entities indicates that a portion of the proceeds from the bond sale used to provide the loan will be used to refinance existing debt, to fund capital improvements, a debt service reserve fund and bond issuance costs.

The issuance of the Bonds will not create additional indebtedness or charge against the State or Prince George's County. The Bonds will be a limited obligation of the County such that bond repayments will be made solely from revenues derived from loan repayments or from other moneys made available to the County for such purpose.

Adoption of CR-71-2016 should not have an adverse fiscal impact on the County.

If you require additional information, or have questions about this fiscal impact statement, please call me.