

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

Meeting Date: 7/13/99

Reference No.: CB-38-1999

Proposer: County Executive

Draft No.: 2

Sponsors: Bailey, Wilson

Item Title: An Act appropriating to the General Fund revenue in excess of budget estimates, to provide funds not anticipated in the FY98-99 budget for various agencies and transfer surplus appropriations reflecting savings from various County Departments

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LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

Date Presented:	6/8/99	Executive Action: 8/2/99	S
Committee Referral:	6/8/99	PSFM	Effective Date: 9/17/99
Committee Action:	6/10/99	FAV (A)	
Date Introduced:	6/22/99		
Pub. Hearing Date:	7/13/99	1:00 P.M.	

Council Action: 7/13/99 ENACTED

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

Pass/Fail: P

Remarks: (Retroactive provisions)

PUBLIC SAFETY & FISCAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT - DATE: 6/10/99

Committee Vote: Favorable as amended - 2-0-1. (In favor: Council Members Wilson and Scott.
Abstain: Council Member Maloney)

This bill will authorize additional expenditures for a number of agencies and transfers appropriations from areas in the budget which are anticipated to underspend the adopted budget amounts and declare additional revenue to support costs in excess of the identified savings.

The budget revisions contained in the bill recognize additional outside resources received by the Board of Education along with revenue associated with District Court functions of the Office of the Sheriff. County revenue from income, other taxes and from interest income in excess of budgeted

amounts, is being declared along with \$2 million in FY 98 fund balance designated for General Fund insurance costs.

The expenditure adjustments include the Board of Education cost supported by additional outside revenue and payment from Non-Departmental to the self insurance fund of \$2 million, a cost deferred from FY 98 during the year-end closing adjustments. Also, the Non-Departmental section is being adjusted to account for anticipated increases of \$500,000 over the budget of \$5,000,000 in retiree health benefit costs. The bill provides additional funding for the health benefit costs.

The other agency budget adjustments fall into two categories – (1) Shifting costs for the FY99 cost-of-living adjustments from Non-Departmental contingencies to various agencies, including the Memorial Library and (2) Providing for unanticipated costs in the public safety agencies. In the Corrections and Fire Departments, these costs are a function of delays in recruit classes which resulted in increased overtime.

The Police Department has utilized significant overtime to address crime through targeted enforcement efforts. Overtime costs related to court appearances and public safety communications have also exceeded budgetary estimates. In public safety communications, current plans are to hire additional civilian staff which will decrease the need for overtime in the future.

The Director of Finance has certified in writing that \$19,051,282 is available from anticipated revenue from income, recordation and personal property taxes, from interest income and from changes for services from the Board of Education outside sources and from designated fund balances.

The Office of Law has reviewed the legislation and found it to be legally sufficient.

Amendments page 3, line 25 – delete \$4,047,400 and 4,147,400; insert \$4,047,100 and \$4,147,100 respectively and page 4 lines 10-15 were changed to reflect the amount in the approved FY99 budget for the Board of Education.

There should not be any negative fiscal impact on the County as a result of enacting CB-38-1999.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT

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

The adopted budget has been amended through the Council's enactment of CB-18-1999. The enclosed bill provides additional expenditure authorization for a number of agencies and transfers appropriation from areas in the budget which are anticipated to underexpend the adopted budget amounts. The bill declares additional revenue to support costs in excess of the identified savings.

