

# Prince George's County Council

## Agenda Item Summary

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**Meeting Date:** 6/10/2008  
**Reference No.:** CR-040-2008  
**Draft No.:** 2  
**Proposer(s):** County Executive  
**Sponsor(s):** Bland, Exum, Dean  
**Item Title:** A Resolution authorizing the establishment of the Prince George's County, Maryland Non-Pension Post Employment Benefits Trust Fund

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**Drafter:** Pension Counsel  
**Resource Personnel:** Kathleen W. Colbert, Pension Plan Administrator

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### LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

<b>Date Presented:</b>		<b>Executive Action:</b>	7/2/2008 S
<b>Committee Referral:</b>	5/13/2008 - PSFM	<b>Effective Date:</b>	
<b>Committee Action:</b>	6/9/2008 - FAV		
<b>Date Introduced:</b>	5/13/2008		
<b>Public Hearing:</b>			
<b>Council Action (1)</b>	6/10/2008 - ADOPTED		
<b>Council Votes:</b>	MB:A, WC:A, SHD:A, TD:AB, CE:A, AH:A, TK:A, EO:A, IT:A		
<b>Pass/Fail:</b>	P		
<b>Remarks:</b>			

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### AFFECTED CODE SECTIONS:

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### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

#### **PUBLIC SAFETY & FISCAL MANAGEMENT**

**Date 6/9/2008**

Committee Vote, Favorable 5-0, (In favor Councilmembers Knotts, Campos, Dean, Exum and Turner.)

This resolution will authorize the County to establish a Non-Pension Post Employment Benefit Trust Fund to invest the County's annual contributions for retiree health benefits other than pension (OPEB). The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) issued Statement #43, Financial Reporting for Post Employment Benefits Plans Other than Pensions (GASB-43) which establishes uniform reporting standards for post employment benefit plans. Also, GASB issued Statement #45, Accounting and Financial Reporting by Employers for Post Employment Benefits Other than Pensions (GASB #45) which requires that an employer who provides post employment benefits, other than pension benefits, should account for and report their costs and obligations related to OPEB.

The County has determined that it is in the best interest of the County to establish a Non-Pension Post Employee Benefit Trust Fund for investment and administration of its annual contributions under the OPEB Plans. The Trust Fund will be administered by a Board of Trustees with power to invest the assets of the Trust Fund to impose certain fiduciary standards and to generally set forth other matters relating to the Trust Fund.

The Office of Law has reviewed this resolution and finds it to be in proper legislative form with no legal

impediments to its adoption.

There will be a negative fiscal impact on the County with the adoption of CR-40-2008 since establishing the Trust Fund will require additional administrative and management expenditures. These expenditures will be minimal and will not result in a significant negative fiscal impact.

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**BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT:**

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

The Prince George's County Government desires to comply with Statement Nos. 43 and 45 of Governmental Accounting Standards Board by reporting expenses related to Non-Pension Post Employment Benefits on the County's financial statements and to establish a trust fund for investment and administration of the annual contributions.

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**CODE INDEX TOPICS:**

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**INCLUSION FILES:**

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