

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

**Meeting Date:** 3/24/98

**Reference No.:** CB-7-1998

**Proposer:** Hendershot

**Draft No.:** 3

**Sponsors:** Hendershot, Del Giudice

**Item Title:** An Act concerning budget hearings and tax levy  
amending the requirement that the local funding  
attributable to public schools be delineated on tax bills

**Drafter:** Ralph E. Grutzmacher  
Legislative Officer

**Resource Personnel:** Carol B. White  
Legislative Aide

**LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:**

<b>Date Presented:</b>	1/6/98	<b>Executive Action:</b> 5/12/98	S
<b>Committee Referral:</b> (1)	1/6/98	PSFM	<b>Effective Date:</b> 6/29/98
<b>Committee Action:</b>	2/5/98	FAV (A)	
<b>Committee Referral:</b> (2)	2/10/98	PSFM	
<b>Committee Action:</b>	2/19/98	HELD	
<b>Committee Action:</b>	3/18/98	FAV(A)	
<b>Date Introduced:</b>	3/24/98		
<b>Pub. Hearing Date:</b>	4/21/98	1:30 P.M.	

**Council Action:** (1) 2/10/98 RECOMMITTED

**Council Votes:** RVR:A, DB:-, SD:A, JE:A, IG:A, TH:A, WM:A, AS:-, MW:A  
**Pass/Fail:** P

**Council Action:**(2) 4/21/98 ENACTED

**Council Votes:** RVR:A, DB:N, SD:A, JE:A, IG:N, TH:A, WM:A, AS:N, MW:A  
**Pass/Fail:** P

**Remarks:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PUBLIC SAFETY AND FISCAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT**    Date: 3/18/98

Committee Vote: Favorable, with amendments, 4-1, (In favor: Council Members Estepp, Hendershot, Scott and Wilson.  
Opposed: Bailey).

On 2/10/98 the Council voted 7-0 to recommit CB-7-1998 to the Public Safety and Fiscal Management (PSFM) Committee for further discussion on an amendment proposed by Council Member Del Giudice.

The bill was amended on page 2, line 12 by inserting the following:

"Each tax bill shall also show the total County funding for the Prince George's County Public Schools and the total anticipated County revenue from property taxes for the current fiscal year."

The Committee approved the language and format to be inserted in the Consolidated Tax Bill as a result of the amendment to CB-7-1998.

**PUBLIC SAFETY AND FISCAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT**    Date: 2/5/98

Committee Vote: Favorable as amended, 4-1, (In favor: Council Members Estepp, Hendershot, Scott and Wilson. Opposed: Bailey).

This bill will delete from Section 10-106 (c) of the County Code, the requirement of computation and delineation on tax bills attributable to the budget of public schools. The Office of Management and Budget recommended that the legislation be amended to reflect the percentage of local property tax revenue expended for public schools.

The bill was amended on page 2 as follows:

Delete brackets on lines 7 and 11;

Line 10:    delete "dollars and cents" and insert "percentage terms";  
              after "of" insert "the County Government's portion of" ;  
              after "bill" insert "that is".

Council Member Hendershot stated that the proposed amendment to this legislation will provide the property taxpayers with an accurate statement of the percentage amount of the County's resources spent on public schools.

There should not be any negative fiscal impact on the County as a result of enacting CB-7-1998.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT**

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

The proposed legislation deletes the requirement from the law which requires a computation and delineation on tax bills of an amount which represents a portion of the tax levy attributable to public schools. The computation is a source of misunderstanding in the development of the budget for the County and the Board of Education.

**CODE INDEX TOPICS:**