

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL
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REPORT: Favorable 5-0 (In Favor: Council Members Davis, Taveras, Lehman, Patterson, and Turner)

CB-21-2018 is a supplementary appropriations bill for FY 2018. This legislation provides additional appropriation authority totaling \$19,365,900 in the General Fund. The additional resources will increase the Fiscal Year 2018 General Fund Budget as expressed in CB-55-2017 from \$3,251,537,400 to \$3,270,903,300. Additionally, this legislation reallocates \$4,000,000 from capital outlay to operating expenses within the Information Technology (IT) Internal Service Fund related to the on-going County laptop refresh.

The legislation declares \$19.4 million in additional General Fund revenues for Fiscal Year 2018. The revenues are comprised of \$8.2 million in use of fund balance, \$357,100 from a transfer in from the Historic Preservation Non-Capital Grant Fund and \$10.8 million in outside aid to allow the Board of Education to reflect \$10.2 million in increased federal revenue from two new federal grants and \$550,000 in Board restricted revenue. Additionally, costs are partially offset by savings in Non-Departmental-Debt Service, the redistribution of \$1.1 million in contingency funds in Non-Departmental to support the Fire/EMS Department (including volunteers) and compensation and fringe savings in the Police Department due to staff attrition.

Specifically, the legislation appropriates additional resources to several County agencies in order to cover unanticipated and vital costs needed to meet year end operational requirements. The supplemental resources support public safety overtime and fringe costs (Fire/EMS Department and Office of the Sheriff) and the cost of purchasing recording equipment for the Personnel Board. The legislation also includes a reallocation of \$500,000 in the Department of Corrections between compensation and operating expenses to primarily support additional supply and equipment costs, a reallocation of \$918,600 in the Health Department from the compensation and fringe characters to operating expenses to utilize

contractual temp personnel resources to support departmental services and a reallocation in the Department of Public Works and Transportation of \$900,000 from capital outlay to operating expenses to support the cost of snow related expenses.

Also, the legislation reflects the Board of Education's reconciliation of the FY 2018 appropriation approved by the County Council. The Board of Education adjustment reflects an increase in appropriation of \$10.8 million for two new restricted grant programs (Title IV and Teacher and School Leader Incentive Program) and additional reallocation of the Board's unrestricted appropriation between State education categories to meet the current needs of the school system.

Additional actions occur in Non-Departmental to reflect the savings of \$2.3 million in the payment of debt service to reflect actual FY 2018 requirements, added contributions to the Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) trust fund (\$8.0 million), the designation of unspent FY 2017 Local Development Council Community Impact Grant funds (\$225,000), funding to support the promotion of interest in and the study of historic preservation in the County (\$357,100) and the transfer of \$1.1 million in Non-Departmental-Contingency to Fire/EMS Department to cover the cost of volunteer firefighter physicals (\$850,000) and a joint professional/volunteer Fire recruitment effort (\$250,000). Finally, the legislation includes a technical reallocation of \$4,000,000 from capital outlay to operating expenses within the IT Internal Service Fund to accurately record the countywide laptop refresh in the appropriate fund account.

The Office of Law reports CB-21-2018 to be in proper legislative form with no legal impediments to its enactment.

The Office of Audits and Investigations reports the enactment of CB-21-2018 will have a positive fiscal impact on the County related to the \$10,783,800 in additional revenue received from outside sources for the Board of Education. The appropriation of \$8,582,100 of the County's Fund Balance will have an adverse fiscal impact on the County, however, the appropriation of those funds under the Bill is a necessary occurrence to remain in compliance with State Law, which requires a balanced budget.

After discussion, the Public Safety and Fiscal Management Committee reported CB-21-2018 out favorably, 5-0.