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*Internal Memorandum*

**Subject:** Testimony on CB 42-2018

**Date:** June 6, 2018

**To:** Lonnie R. Robbins  
Chief Administrative Officer

**From:** Philip Nichols III,  
Assistant Chief Administrative Officer

**Summary:**

The Administration has filed legislation to establish a property tax credit for 9-1-1 Public Safety Telecommunicators who own a dwelling in Howard County. The authority for this tax credit was enabled during the 2018 session of the General Assembly through SB 1053. The proposed legislation would provide a property tax credit of \$1,250 in Fiscal Year (FY) 2019 and \$2,500 in the fiscal years thereafter to a home that a 9-1-1 Public Safety Telecommunicator resides in. A 9-1-1 Public Safety Telecommunicator is defined in Section 9-261 of the Tax-Property Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

By encouraging more 9-1-1 Public Safety Telecommunicators to live in Howard County, we recognize the incredible value these individuals have in protecting our community, as well as foster an environment where our employees can live, work, and play.

**Fiscal Impact:**

Present data show that there are 16 households with at least one 9-1-1 Public Safety Telecommunicator residing. The fiscal impact to the County in FY 2019 will be up to \$20,000. With a conservative 9% growth of individuals moving to Howard County as a result of this tax credit, we are projecting a fiscal impact of \$43,600 in FY 2020. These numbers are subject to change as applications are actualized.