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**County Council of Howard County, Maryland**

2018 Legislative Session

Legislative Day No. 4

**Bill No. 19-2018**

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

AN ACT amending certain references in the County Code to the consumer price index for the Howard County Retirement Plan and the Howard County Police and Fire Employees' Retirement Plan that currently refer to the Baltimore-Washington Consumer Price Index to be the Baltimore-Columbia-Towson index; and generally relating to the geographic area sample for cost of living adjustments to retirees' benefits under the Howard County Retirement Plan and the Howard County Police and Fire Employees' Retirement Plan.

Introduced and read first time April 2, 2018. Ordered posted and hearing scheduled.  
 By order Jessica Feldmark  
 Jessica Feldmark, Administrator

Having been posted and notice of time & place of hearing & title of Bill having been published according to Charter, the Bill was read for a second time at a public hearing on April 16, 2018.  
 By order Jessica Feldmark  
 Jessica Feldmark, Administrator

This Bill was read the third time on May 7, 2018 and Passed , Passed with amendments , Failed   
 By order Jessica Feldmark  
 Jessica Feldmark, Administrator

Sealed with the County Seal and presented to the County Executive for approval this 10<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2018 at 3 a.m./p.m.  
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 Jessica Feldmark, Administrator

Approved Vetoed by the County Executive May 14, 2018  
Allan H. Kittleman  
 Allan H. Kittleman, County Executive

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BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, having been approved by the Executive and returned to the Council, stands enacted on May 14, 2018.

Jessica Feldmark  
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator to the County Council

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, having been passed by the yeas and nays of two-thirds of the members of the Council notwithstanding the objections of the Executive, stands enacted on \_\_\_\_\_, 2018.

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Jessica Feldmark, Administrator to the County Council

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, having received neither the approval nor the disapproval of the Executive within ten days of its presentation, stands enacted on \_\_\_\_\_, 2018.

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Jessica Feldmark, Administrator to the County Council

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, not having been considered on final reading within the time required by Charter, stands failed for want of consideration on \_\_\_\_\_, 2018.

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Jessica Feldmark, Administrator to the County Council

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, having been disapproved by the Executive and having failed on passage upon consideration by the Council stands failed on \_\_\_\_\_, 2018.

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Jessica Feldmark, Administrator to the County Council

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, the withdrawal of which received a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the Council, is withdrawn from further consideration on \_\_\_\_\_, 2018.

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Jessica Feldmark, Administrator to the County Council

Amendment 1 to Council Bill No. 19-2018

BY: The Chairperson at the  
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Legislative Day 5  
Date: May 7, 2018

Amendment No. 1

*(This amendment revises a defined term in the Bill)*

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ADOPTED

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