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County Council Of Howard County, Maryland

2021 Legislative Session

Legislative Day No. **1**

Bill No. 3-2021

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

AN ACT making emergency appropriations pursuant to Section 610(b) of the Howard County Charter and amending the Annual Budget and Appropriation for Fiscal Year 2021 in order to fund unanticipated expenses related to COVID-19 response efforts in Howard County in 2021; and declaring that this Act is an Emergency Bill necessary to meet a public emergency affecting life, health or property.

Introduced and read first time _____, 2021. Ordered posted and hearing scheduled.

By order _____
Diane Schwartz Jones, 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 _____, 2021.

By order _____
Diane Schwartz Jones, Administrator

This Bill was read the third time on _____, 2021 and Passed ____, Passed with amendments _____, Failed _____.

By order _____
Diane Schwartz Jones, Administrator

Sealed with the County Seal and presented to the County Executive for approval this ___ day of _____, 2021 at ___ a.m./p.m.

By order _____
Diane Schwartz Jones, Administrator

Approved by the County Executive _____, 2021

Calvin Ball, County Executive

NOTE: [[text in brackets]] indicates deletions from existing law; TEXT IN SMALL CAPITALS indicates additions to existing law; ~~Strike-out~~ indicates material deleted by amendment; Underlining indicates material added by amendment

1 **WHEREAS**, Council Bill No. 25-2020 (the “Bill”) is known as the Annual Budget and
2 Appropriation Ordinance of Howard County, Fiscal Year 2021 and contains the capital and
3 operating budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021; and
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5 **WHEREAS**, because of the ongoing COVID-19 health emergency, there is a need to
6 provide further financial assistance to businesses and residents who continue to struggle
7 financially; and
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9 **WHEREAS**, this amendment will increase the County’s total Fiscal Year 2021 General
10 Fund budget from \$1,176,536,761 to \$1,183,036,761, a difference of \$6,500,000; and
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12 **WHEREAS**, the funding source to cover these unanticipated one-time expenses is the
13 use of prior year fund balance in the amount of \$6,500,000; and
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15 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 610(b) of the Howard County Charter, this Emergency
16 Bill is necessary to meet a public emergency affecting life, health or property.
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18 **NOW, THEREFORE,**
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20 *Section 1. Be It Enacted by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland, that the following*
21 *emergency appropriation of funds is authorized and approved for the fiscal year beginning July*
22 *1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021, as follows:*
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24 In CB25:

- 25 1. On page 54, under Fund Center: 9000000000 - Non-Departmental Expenses:
 - 26 a. In the row that reads “51 – Contractual Services”, strike “11,000,000” and
27 substitute “17,500,000”;
 - 28 b. In the row that reads “**Total**”, strike “**20,444,458**” and substitute
29 “**26,944,458**”;

- 1 c. In the row that reads “**Total 9000000000 - Non-Departmental Expenses**”,
2 strike “**20,444,458**” and substitute “**26,944,458**”;
- 3 d. In the row that reads “**Total 9000000000 - Non-Departmental Expenses**
4 **Fund**”, strike “**20,444,458**” and substitute “**26,944,458**”; and
- 5 e. In the row that reads “**Total 9000 - Non-Departmental Expenses**”, strike
6 “**21,194,458**” and substitute “**27,694,458**”.
- 7 2. On page 58, strike “1,176,536,761” and substitute “**\$1,183,036,761**”.
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9 ***Section 2. And Be It Further Enacted*** by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland
10 *that, in the current expense budget and capital budget attached to this Act or incorporated by*
11 *reference, all subtotals, totals, and other calculated figures shall be corrected to accommodate*
12 *amendments to this Act.*

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14 ***Section 3. And Be It Further Enacted*** by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland that,
15 *having been passed by two-thirds of its members, this Act shall be effective immediately upon its*
16 *enactment.*