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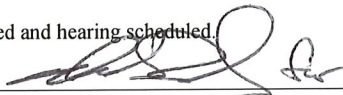
Legislative Day No. 1

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.

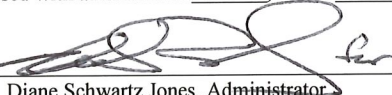
Introduced and read first time January 4, 2021. Ordered posted and hearing scheduled.

By order 
Diane Schwartz Jones, Administrator

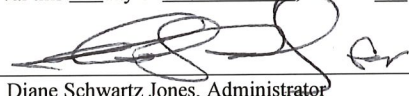
Having been posted and notice of time & place of hearing & title of Bill having been published according to Charter, the Bill was read for a second time at a public hearing on January 19, 2021.

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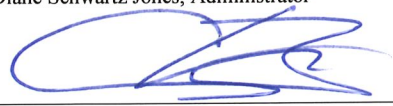
This Bill was read the third time on January 19, 2021 and Passed , Passed with amendments _____, Failed _____.

By order 
Diane Schwartz Jones, Administrator

Sealed with the County Seal and presented to the County Executive for approval this 19 day of January, 2021 at 10:30 a.m./p.m.

By order 
Diane Schwartz Jones, Administrator

Approved by the County Executive January 20, 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.*

Subject: Testimony and Fiscal Analysis Statement

To: Lonnie Robbins
Chief Administrative Officer

From: Holly Sun *HS*
Administrator, Office of Budget

Date: December 15, 2020

Background

This emergency bill proposes to amend the Fiscal 2021 operating budget by increasing the current year appropriation in the non-departmental expense category.

The additional appropriation will help continue the support the County has been providing to residents and businesses still struggling under the financial hardships brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic. Given the uncertainties over another federal relief package, it is critical to provide continued support to local businesses and vulnerable residents during the current surge in the pandemic.

The plan is to provide funding to the Howard County Economic Development Authority to issue grants and low interest business loans; Howard County General Hospital to continue creating infrastructure for additional ICU and bed capacity; housing assistance to prevent evictions and foreclosures; food and utility bill payment assistance; and extension of educational support and childcare programs like HoCo STRIVES and RecZone.

Fiscal Analysis

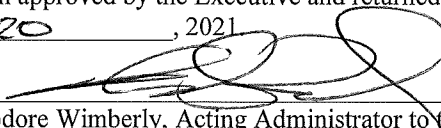
This bill proposes to use \$6.5 million in one-time funding from prior year surplus above the amount required for the Charter-mandated Budget Stabilization Account. Per County Charter, prior surplus can only be used on one-time non-recurrent expenditures. This bill proposes using it to provide critical one-time assistance to residents and businesses impacted by the pandemic.

CC: Jennifer Sager

BY THE COUNCIL

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

January 20, 2021


Theodore Wimberly, Acting 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 _____, 2021.

Theodore Wimberly, Acting 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 _____, 2021.

Theodore Wimberly, Acting 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 _____, 2021.

Theodore Wimberly, Acting 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 _____, 2021.

Theodore Wimberly, Acting 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 _____, 2021.

Theodore Wimberly, Acting Administrator to the County Council