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County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2024 Legislative Session

Legislative Day No. 5

Bill No. 18 -2024

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

Short Title: Emergency Appropriation – Employee Benefits Self-Insurance Fund - \$3,000,000

Title: 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 2024 to provide additional spending authority in the Employee Benefits Self-Insurance Fund due to significant increases in claim expenditures of the fund; 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 _____, 2024. Ordered posted and hearing scheduled.

By order _____
Michelle Harrod, 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 _____, 2024.

By order _____
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

This Bill was read the third time on _____, 2024 and Passed ____, Passed with amendments _____, Failed _____.

By order _____
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

Sealed with the County Seal and presented to the County Executive for approval this ___ day of _____, 2024 at ___ a.m./p.m.

By order _____
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

Approved by the County Executive _____, 2024

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. 21-2023 (CB21) is known as the Annual Budget and
2 Appropriation Ordinance of Howard County, Fiscal Year 2024 and contains the capital and
3 operating budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024; and
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5 **WHEREAS**, medical claim expenditures in current fiscal year have increased above the
6 level anticipated in the development of the Fiscal Year 2024 budget that was based on historical
7 trends; and;
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9 **WHEREAS**, these cost increases have resulted in an insufficient amount of spending
10 authority being available for the processing of medical claim payments; and
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12 **WHEREAS**, the Fiscal Year 2024 budget needs to be amended to increase the spending
13 authority to continue services delivery and cover existing and anticipated medical claim costs
14 during the remainder of Fiscal Year 2024; and
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16 **WHEREAS**, the funding source to cover these unanticipated one-time expenses is the
17 use of prior year fund balance in the amount of \$3,000,000; and
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19 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 610(b) of the Howard County Charter, this Emergency
20 Bill is necessary to meet a public emergency affecting life, health or property.
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22 **NOW, THEREFORE,**
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24 ***Section 1. Be It Enacted** by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland, that the following*
25 *emergency appropriation of the Employee Benefits Self-Insurance fund is authorized and approved*
26 *for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024, as shown below:*
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28 **Department of County Administration**

29 6050000000 – Employee Benefits Self-Insurance Fund

30 Fiscal Year 2024 Appropriation before transfer \$ 73,761,349

1	Plus Additional Appropriation	<u>\$3,000,000</u>
2	Fiscal Year 2024 Appropriation after transfer	\$76,761,349

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4 ***Section 2. And Be It Further Enacted*** that the Employee Benefits Self-Insurance fund total for
5 Fiscal Year 2024 is amended to be \$76,761,349 and, in the current expense budget attached to
6 Council Bill No. 21-2023 or incorporated by reference, all subtotals, totals, and other calculated
7 figures shall be adjusted, as needed, to accommodate this Act.

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9 ***Section 3. And Be It Further Enacted*** by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland that
10 this Act is adopted as an emergency measure to address an immediate public emergency
11 affecting life, health or property and having been passed by two-thirds of its members, this Act
12 shall be effective immediately upon its enactment.