

Chapter 192

**(Senate Bill 805)**

AN ACT concerning

**Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland – Funding**

FOR the purpose of increasing the amount of money that the county commissioners of Calvert County, Charles County, and St. Mary’s County are required to appropriate each year for the Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland to foster cooperative planning and development in the region; and generally relating to funding for the Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
Article – Economic Development  
Section 13–601(a) and (c)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article – Economic Development  
Section 13–611  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

**Article – Economic Development**

13–601.

- (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.
- (c) “Council” means the Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland.

13–611.

(a) The State and Calvert, Charles, and St. Mary’s counties may jointly finance the Council and its activities.

(b) (1) The State may provide financial support to the Council to assist in carrying out the activities of the Council.

(2) (i) On or before August 1 of each year, the Council shall submit its proposed work programs and operating budget for the following fiscal year to the

Department.

(ii) The submission shall include supporting schedules to show how the budget is financed, and to provide for review and recommendations.

(iii) After review, the Department shall forward the submission and any recommendations to the Department of Budget and Management for consideration.

(3) The Governor shall include in the State budget for the following fiscal year an appropriation to partially support the Council.

(c) (1) The county commissioners of Calvert, Charles, and St. Mary's counties shall appropriate money each year for the Council to foster cooperative planning and development in the region as follows:

(i) Calvert County – [~~\$7,000~~] **\$125,000**;

(ii) Charles County – [~~\$9,000~~] **\$125,000**; and

(iii) St. Mary's County – [~~\$9,000~~] **\$125,000**.

(2) Calvert, Charles, and St. Mary's counties may appropriate any other money for the Council as they consider necessary and appropriate.

(d) The Council may accept additional money from any other public or private source.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2020.

**Enacted under Article II, § 17(c) of the Maryland Constitution, May 8, 2020.**