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COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

2014 Legislative Session

Resolution No. CR-13-2014

Proposed by Council Member Patterson

Introduced by Council Members Patterson, Davis, Franklin, Lehman,
Toles, Harrison, Turner and Campos

Date of Introduction March 11, 2014

RESOLUTION

1 A RESOLUTION concerning

2 Declaring the Intent of Prince George's County, Maryland to Use Local Impact Grants
3 Designated by the State of Maryland to Address Infrastructure Needs Related to Maryland Route
4 210 to Leverage Public or Private Financing Mechanisms

5 For the purpose of expressing the intent of Prince George's County to use a certain portion of the
6 Local Impact Grants from gaming funds to be allocated for infrastructure on Maryland Route
7 210 as leverage to support public or private financing mechanisms to finance portions of the
8 needed improvement.

9 WHEREAS, pursuant to the Annotated Code of Maryland, State Government Article, Sec.
10 9-1A-31(4)(i), in Prince George's County, forty percent (40%) of local impact grants shall be
11 used to address infrastructure needs related to Maryland Route 210; and

12 WHEREAS, the amount of local impact grants used to address infrastructure needs related
13 to Maryland Route 210 may not exceed Fifteen Million (\$15,000,000) in a fiscal year and Prince
14 George's County may be reimbursed by the State for any money used to address infrastructure
15 improvements thereto; and

16 WHEREAS, the County intends to use a certain portion of the local impact grants allocated
17 for Maryland Route 210 infrastructure needs as leverage to support public or private financing
18 mechanisms to finance portions of the needed improvements to Maryland 210; and

19 WHEREAS, by dedicating the amount of local impact grants to address infrastructure needs
20 related to Maryland Route 210 to support public or private financing mechanisms, it will allow
21 the County to have more resources in the short-term to address infrastructure projects provided
22 that sufficient local impact grants money is available for this purpose; and

1 WHEREAS, the County anticipates being reimbursed by the State for money used to
2 address infrastructure needs related to Maryland Route 210.

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George's
4 County, Maryland, that the County hereby declares the intent to use a certain portion of the local
5 impact grants from gaming funds to be allocated for infrastructure on Maryland Route 210 as
6 leverage to support public or private financing mechanisms to finance portions of the needed
7 improvement.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County anticipates being reimbursed by the State
9 for money used to address infrastructure needs related to Maryland Route 210.

Adopted this 6th day of May, 2014.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____
Mel Franklin
Chairman

ATTEST:

Redis C. Floyd
Clerk of the Council

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January 27, 2020

The Honorable Anne R. Kaiser
Chair, House Ways and Means Committee
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The Honorable Alonzo T. Washington
Vice Chairman, House Ways and Means Committee
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Dear Chairwoman Kaiser and Vice Chairman Washington,

I write to express support for the Instant Ticket Lottery Machines for Homeless Veterans Act, introduced by Delegate Carol Krimm as HB0131 in the Maryland House of Delegates and by Senator Ron Young as SB0059 in the Maryland Senate.

Veteran homelessness is a problem across our nation. Estimates from the Department of Veterans Affairs indicate that 37,085 United States veterans experienced homelessness in January 2019 alone.¹ As someone whose father served our country, I have worked to address this crisis on a federal level by passing bipartisan legislation to provide more resources to former service members. However, I believe that eliminating veteran homelessness will take both state and federal action.

As Senator Young testified, approximately 2,000 veterans touched Maryland's homeless programs in 2017. By the end of the year, over 500 veterans remained homeless. At current funding levels, these programs are unable to provide every veteran with consistent and long-term support.

HB0131 would help end veteran homelessness in Maryland by expanding instant ticket lottery machines to Maryland's fraternal and sororal organizations. If 250 fraternal organizations were to be phased into this program, the bill could raise more than \$3 million annually for veterans programs. Under HB0131, the first 10% of net proceeds from the machines would go directly to the Division of Neighborhood Revitalization in the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD). The first \$100,000 would help the Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs establish a digital communication network to connect veterans with people, programs, and organizations that can assist them.

¹ https://www.va.gov/HOMELESS/pit_count.asp

I strongly urge you to advance this important legislation that would have a positive impact on veterans.

Thank you for your leadership to prioritize the needs of our veterans.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Trone". The signature is stylized and cursive.

David Trone
Member of Congress

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January 22, 2020

The Honorable Guy Guzzone
Chair, Senate Budget and Taxation Committee
Miller Senate Office Building, 3 West
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Re: Letter of Information – Senate Bill 51 – Video Lottery Terminal Proceeds – Local Impact Grants – Reimbursement for Maryland Route 210 Projects

Dear Chairman Guzzone and Committee Members:

The Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) offers the following letter of information for the Committee's consideration on Senate Bill 51.

Senate Bill 51 requires the State to reimburse Prince George's County for the funding that it allocates to Maryland Route 210 (MD 210) infrastructure improvements from local impact grants. The State would be required to reimburse Prince George's County in an amount equal to the lesser of \$15 million annually or the amount sufficient to reimburse Prince George's County for any of the funds used for the MD 210 improvements.

Prince George's County currently receives local impact grants from video lottery terminal proceeds collected from MGM National Harbor. This was authorized during the second 2012 special session and subsequent November 2012 referendum. The legislation authorized the sixth video lottery terminal location in Prince George's County and required Prince George's County to allocate 40% of its share of local impact grants for improvements to MD 210. This amount is capped at \$15 million annually. The expectation at the time was that Prince George's County would receive at or close to the \$15 million annually for MD 210, but the reality is that funding has fallen significantly short of that mark.

In November 2019, the MDOT State Highway Administration (MDOT SHA) executed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Prince George's County to establish the process for advancing future MD 210 projects. The details of the MOU specifically contemplated the local impact grant funds received by Prince George's County. The MOU reflects the intention that MDOT SHA and Prince George's County would work together to identify improvements that MDOT SHA would complete using County funds. Currently, MDOT SHA is working on a project task agreement, which will be used to finalize the funding, schedule, and scope of the first project under the agreement.

The Honorable Guy Guzzone
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The Maryland Department of Transportation respectfully requests the Committee carefully consider this information when deliberating Senate Bill 51.

Respectfully submitted,

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SENATE BILL 51 Video Lottery Terminal Proceeds – Local Impact Grants – Reimbursement for Maryland Route 210 Projects (Patterson)

STATEMENT OF INFORMATION

DATE: January 22, 2020

COMMITTEE: Senate Budget & Taxation

SUMMARY OF BILL: SB 51 mandates an annual appropriation in amount equal to the lesser of \$15 million or the amount sufficient to reimburse Prince George’s County for any local impact grant funds (derived from video lottery terminal proceeds) used to address infrastructure needs related to Maryland Route 210.

EXPLANATION: The Department of Budget and Management (DBM) is charged with submitting a balanced budget to the General Assembly annually and strives to create a structurally balanced budget, in which the growth in spending is less than the growth in revenues. Actions by the General Assembly to mandate spending levels makes it exceedingly difficult for the Administration to achieve structural balance. DBM is focused, not on the underlying policy proposal being advanced by the legislation, but rather on whether the aggregate increased spending is sustainable when spending growth continues to exceed revenue growth.

The FY 2022 General Fund forecast shows spending growth of 6.4% whereas revenue growth is forecast to be 2.9%. Growth in State spending will outpace otherwise healthy revenue growth not only next year, but also for the foreseeable future. The result is a short and long-term structural gap that will continue to strain State resources until the underlying causes have been resolved.

General Fund Budget Outlook Fiscal 2022 - 2025

	Est. 2022	Est. 2023	Est. 2024	Est. 2025
Cash Balance	-\$833	-\$1,135	-\$1,201	-\$1,298
Structural Balance	-\$701	-\$905	-\$984	-\$1,071

Department of Legislative Services, January 2020 Fiscal Briefing

The cumulative impact of an ongoing imbalance between spending and revenues is a \$3.6 billion structural gap for FY 22 – FY 25.

The ever-increasing use of mandates and entitlement spending by the General Assembly is a more recent practice, making the State's structural budget deficit a chronic challenge. According to the Department of Legislative Services (DLS), 70.2% of the FY 2020 General Fund allowance is mandated or entitlement spending.

Until we achieve long-term structural balance, programs cannot rely on a consistent funding level. Constituencies for these proposed programs or enhanced spending bills should be forewarned that passage of this legislation does not guarantee future funding. Whatever specific funding is mandated will likely be repealed or otherwise modified in a subsequent Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act (BRFA) – this action is necessary to ensure a constitutionally required balanced budget in the next fiscal year.

The Administration is cognizant of the downside risks facing our economy and, in the FY 2021 Budget, has set aside \$1.3 billion in reserves. The Rainy Day Fund balance is equal to 6.25% of revenues, \$48 million more than recommended by the Spending Affordability Committee (SAC). Moody's Analytics has recently advised of a slowdown in employment growth in the latter part of FY 2021, which DLS estimates would add \$241 million to the structural budget gap in FY 2021 and \$419 million in FY 2022. Historic increases in funding for both K-12 education, as proposed by the Kirwan Commission, and school construction will further aggravate the budget gap.

The 2019 SAC commentary encourages a cautious fiscal approach -- **“Out-year fiscal stress is anticipated despite the expectation that personal income and employment will continue to grow steadily, and entitlement and prison caseloads will hold steady or decline. An imbalance is forecast before accounting for any recommendations from the Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education.”**

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