



THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

BILL: House Bill 747 - State and Local Procurement - Payment Practices

SPONSOR: Delegate D. Barnes, *et al.*

HEARING DATE: March 3, 2020

COMMITTEE: Health and Government Operations

CONTACT: Intergovernmental Affairs Office, 301-780-8411

POSITION: No Position

The Office of the Prince George's County Executive takes no position on **House Bill 747 - State and Local Procurement - Payment Practices**, which reduces the time the State must make a payment under a procurement contract from 30 days to 15 days; and requires each county and municipality to adopt policies complying with the State's requirement.

The Accounts Payable Section (A/P) within the Prince George's County Office of Finance is responsible for making procurement payments for the County. While it is the aim of the County to make payments within 15 days, A/P is currently operating at a level of 85-90% efficiency to process payments within 30 days. Once the A/P has sufficient infrastructure and systems in place to improve their payment timeline, then we may be able to meet their goal of payments within 15 days. Until this future, the A/P Division within the Prince George's County Office of Finance cannot meet this proposed payment timeline of 15 days.