



# THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

**BILL:** House Bill 152 – Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act of 2020

**SPONSOR:** The Speaker (Requested by the Administration)

**HEARING DATE:** February 27, 2020

**COMMITTEE:** Appropriations

**CONTACT:** Intergovernmental Affairs Office, 301-780-8411

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**POSITION:** SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENTS

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The Office of the Prince George's County Executive **SUPPORTS House Bill 152 – Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act of 2020**, which authorizes, alters, or requires the distribution and payment of certain revenue in certain fiscal years; and alters the requirement that the Comptroller provide notice of abandoned property in a certain manner. SB 192 alters the manner in which the Governor is required to provide certain budget books; repeals and alters certain programs; increases the amount local governments are required to reimburse the State for certain services; and, repeals a requirement that the State appropriate money for certain purposes.

SB 192 would negatively Prince George's County with the proposed reductions in aid to counties, i.e. the reduction of funding for community colleges, the increase in the county's share of the state's cost of operating the State Department of Assessments and Taxation (SDAT), and the cut and repeal of the National Capital Strategic Economic Development Program. SB 192 proposes to increase the county's share of the operating costs for SDAT from 50% to 60% and reduce the funding for community colleges starting in 2022 going forward. The National Strategic Economic Development Program was passed for a particular area in Prince George's County, which should receive approximately \$7M a year. These reductions and eliminations will negatively impact the County's budget in the future.

The County Executive would request amendments to SB 192 which would reverse these cuts to the aid to community colleges, the shifting of the State's operating costs for SDAT, and the repeal of the National Strategic Economic Development Program.

For the reasons stated above, the Office of the Prince George's County Executive **SUPPORTS House Bill 152 WITH AMENDMENTS** and asks for a **FAVORABLE** report on HB152.