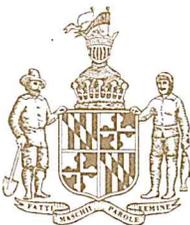


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TESTIMONY - SENATE BILL 931

**PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – SCHOOL FACILITIES AND
PUBLIC SAFETY SURCHARGES AND REPORT –
SUNSET EXTENSION**

**EDUCATION, HEALTH, AND
ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

MARCH 16, 2021

Chair Pinsky, Vice Chair Kagan and Committee Members:

Senate Bill 931 is a simple and straightforward bill that extends the Prince George's County School Facilities and Public Safety Surcharges from 2021 to 2024 and correspondingly extends the required findings reporting deadline from December 1, 2020 to December 1, 2022.

Used in recent years to offset infrastructure costs created by new development, these surcharges have also been a means to study the housing framework of the county and to enact ways to better increase the supply of affordable housing both locally and Statewide.

These surcharges allow Prince George's County to offset the costs that new development presents to both public safety and education infrastructure. This legislation would merely allow the county to continue with this surcharge and to continue enabling them to use the funding that it generates to offset costs and to properly fund both its public safety and school systems.

For the reasons listed above, I ask for a favorable report of Senate Bill 931.

BY: Prince George's County Senators
(To be offered in the Education, Health, and Environmental
Affairs Committee)

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 931

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 3, after “**Extension**” insert “**and Report**”; and in line 11, after “date;” insert “requiring Prince George’s County to conduct a certain review and report its findings to the members of the Prince George’s County Senate delegation and the Prince George’s County House delegation on or before a certain date;”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, after line 35, insert:

“SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Prince George’s County shall:

(1) review and make recommendations on whether the level of funding the county receives from the school facilities surcharge and the public safety surcharge is sufficient to meet the needs of the county; and

(2) on or before December 31, 2021, report its findings to the members of the Prince George’s County Senate delegation to the General Assembly and the Prince George’s County House delegation to the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2–1257 of the State Government Article.”.

On page 3, in line 1, strike “2.” and substitute “3.”.

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PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY SENATE DELEGATION

March 5, 2021

Honorable Paul G. Pinsky
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Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee
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Dear Chair Pinsky:

On behalf of the Prince George's County Senate Delegation, I am requesting the Committee's support of **SB 931 - Prince George's County – School Facilities and Public Safety Surcharges and Report – Sunset Extension**. This bill was voted favorable with amendment by our delegation. Due to a unanimous voice vote in delegation of those present and participating in the vote, no vote sheet is attached.

If you have any questions, please contact my office.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joanne C. Benson".

Joanne C. Benson
Chair
Prince George's County Senate Delegation