



# THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT

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County Council

## **POSITION STATEMENT**

**SB 931**  
Senator Jackson  
(Education, Health, and  
Environmental Affairs  
Committee)

Prince George's County – School Facilities and Public  
Safety Surcharges and Report – Sunset Extension

## **POSITION:**

## **SUPPORT AS AMENDED**

**SB 931** – Prince George's County – School Facilities and Public Safety Surcharges and Report – Sunset Extension – Extending the date by which Prince George's County is required to report findings on the impact of the school facilities and public safety surcharges from December 1, 2020, to December 1, 2022; and extending the termination date from June 30, 2021, to June 30, 2024, for certain provisions of law that reduce the school facilities surcharge for certain multifamily housing, exempt certain dwelling units from the surcharge, and authorize Prince George's County conduct a certain review and take certain actions; etc.

Prince George's County is currently required to review and make recommendations on the impact of and any changes needed to the school facilities and public safety surcharges. These findings must be reported to the Prince George's County Council, the Prince George's County School Board, and the Prince George's County Delegation of the Maryland General Assembly. This bill would extend the sunset provision on both the school facilities surcharge and the public safety surcharge for reporting its findings to December 1, 2022 and extend the authority for the surcharge until June 30, 2024.

The school facilities surcharge supports new school construction costs and the public safety surcharge is used for repairs, renovations, and improvements to public safety facilities. It also helps fund our municipal police departments, with 25% of the revenue collected from projects located in municipalities going to local police departments. We appreciate the Prince George's County Senate Delegation's amendments that require the analysis of the surcharge amounts to determine if the level of revenues generated are sufficient. The Prince George's County Council supports this legislation as amended, as we welcome the analysis of these surcharges which bring needed revenue to the County.

For the foregoing reasons, the Prince George's County Council **SUPPORTS SB 931 AS AMENDED** and respectfully requests your favorable consideration of its position.

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