



**ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY
OFFICE OF THE COUNTY AUDITOR**

To: Councilmembers, Anne Arundel County Council
From: Office of the County Auditor
Date: October 31, 2025
Subject: County Auditor's Review of Legislation for the November 3, 2025 Council Meeting

**Bill 76-25: Public Safety
– Sidewalks – Removal
of Snow and Ice**

Summary of Legislation

This bill establishes updated enforcement processes for removing snow and ice from sidewalks in the County after winter weather events to enhance compliance and ensure responsible use of County resources. Specifically, this bill repeals the current snow and ice removal requirements, modifies related violations from a criminal offense to a civil offense, and provides for exemptions to specific populations.

This bill was introduced on behalf of the Department of Public Works and the Department of Inspections and Permits (I&P).

Review of Fiscal Impact

We concur with the Administration's Fiscal Note. The I&P possesses the existing capacity to absorb these additional duties with minimal impact on time and resources. While some overtime may be required during severe weather events, overall costs are not expected to increase significantly.

A review of this legislation was also included in the Auditor's Review of Legislation for the October 20, 2025 Council Meeting.

**Bill 79-25: Construction
and Property
Maintenance Codes –
Civil Fines –
International Property
Maintenance Codes –
Codes and Supplement –**

Summary of Legislation

This legislation establishes Property Maintenance Code violation fines for property owners who offer air conditioning (A/C) in dwelling units but do not provide timely maintenance and/or repairs during summer months. The bill mandates that A/C units must be able to maintain a room temperature of 78°F or at least

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15°F below outdoor temperatures between June 1 and September 31, directs how to measure room temperature, and advises property owners on providing alternative cooling methods if a violation is found by the Health Department. It also states that if the Health Department provides cooling relief because the owner fails to do so, the County will invoice the property owner for all associated costs.

Review of Fiscal Impact

The Office of the County Auditor is unable to independently predict the projected revenue from the fines imposed using the information provided when the bill was submitted. However, we concur that there would only be a net-positive fiscal impact and any administrative costs are covered in the bill text.

**Bill 83-25:
Authorization of the Issuance, Sale and Delivery by Anne Arundel County of Special Taxing District Refunding Bonds in an Aggregate Principal Amount not to Exceed \$12,360,000 to be Secured by Special Taxes to Refund all or a Portion of the County's Special Obligation Bonds (Arundel Gateway Project), Series 2014 (Taxable)**

Summary of Legislation

The Administration seeks authorization for the issuance, sale, and delivery of special obligation refunding bonds in a principal amount not to exceed \$12.4 million to refund the Arundel Gateway Special Taxing District bonds.

Review of Fiscal Impact

The Administration's fiscal note states that "savings from the lower cost of borrowing will result in lower special tax rates being applied to property tax bills on properties within the Arundel Gateway Special Taxing Districts;" however, no additional information about the current and expected cost of borrowing was provided. The Administration anticipates that the savings from the bond will be used to cover the cost of bond issuance.

The bill specifies that the refunding bonds are not a general obligation of the County, and the full faith and credit of the County are not pledged to the repayment of the bonds.

Bill 84-25: Planning and Development – Master Plan for Water Supply and Sewerage Systems

Summary of Legislation

This bill amends the 2022 Master Plan for Water Supply and Sewerage Systems (WSMP) to provide public water and sewer services to the Joint 9-1-1 Public Safety Center and public water services to the Police Special Operations building, both of which are County-owned. Furthermore, this bill will recognize the transfer of existing service from the State to the County for the Crownsville Hospital Memorial Park site. If approved by the Council, the modified WSMP will be submitted to the Maryland

Department of Environment (MDE) for final confirmation.

Review of Fiscal Impact

We concur with the Administration's fiscal note that this bill would have no direct fiscal impact on County revenue or operating expenses. However, there are multiple active capital projects that will be affected if the updated plan is approved, and the Office of the County Auditor has not received updated project cost estimates based on the changes this plan would make.

**Resolution 31-25:
Supporting the Anne
Arundel County Board
of Education's Fiscal
Year 2027 Public School
Construction Capital
Improvement Program
request for submission
to the Interagency
Commission on School
Construction**

Summary of Legislation

This resolution is requesting support for FY27 Capital Improvement Program request for the State's Public School Construction Program. Under [§ 14.39.02.04](#) of the Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR), each year, the county's Local Education Authority (LEA), with approval from its local board, must submit a local capital improvement program to the Interagency Commission on School Construction (IAC) for the next fiscal year. The Administration is requesting \$73.4 million in new funding and authority to utilize \$13.3 million of FY26 approved funds.

Review of Fiscal Impact

We concur with the Administration's fiscal note. However, the Administration states that for FY26 was \$76.9 million in school construction funds. That number includes the IAC funding, Built to Learn funding, and Other State Grants.
