



ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY GOVERNMENT RELATIONS OFFICE

Legislative and Fiscal Summary of Administration Legislation

To: Members, Anne Arundel County Council

From: Ethan Hunt, Director of Government Affairs /s/

Date: October 6, 2025

Subject: Resolution No. 27-25 – RESOLUTION concerning a petition to the Maryland Higher Education Commission for Anne Arundel Community College funding – Dragun Building

This summary was prepared by the Anne Arundel County Government Relations Office for use by members of the Anne Arundel County Council during consideration of Resolution No. 27-25.

Summary

This resolution, introduced at the request of the Administration on behalf of the Board of Trustees of Anne Arundel Community College, confirms that the County Council will submit a resolution concerning a petition to the Maryland Higher Education Commission (“MHEC”) so that the Anne Arundel Community College can request state assistance for Guaranteed Maximum Price Bid 1 - Phase 1 for the Dragun Renovation (J578600). The Maryland General Assembly has enacted various community college loan acts that provide funds to assist the counties in the financing of the cost of construction of public junior, community, or regional community college buildings and facilities, the cost of which were incurred after the effective dates of the acts. Md. Code Ann. Educ. Art. § 11-105(k)(3)(i) requires that a county desiring to participate in the financial assistance provided in the acts must file a petition with MHEC, together with a complete proposal for each project for which financial assistance is desired. Anne Arundel County Charter Section 1014 requires that whenever state or federal law confers a power or duty on the County by language that refers to "the local governing body" or by similar language, any action required of the County shall be taken by the County Executive and then referred to the County Council for confirmation. Passage of this Resolution will enable the Anne Arundel County Community College to apply for state assistance.

The FY26 Approved Capital Budget for the Community College included narrative identifying that the Dragun Science Building, which houses the physical sciences, was identified

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in the 2016 Anne Arundel County Community College Facilities Master Plan documents as inadequate for the college's science facilities. In addition to increasing the number of science laboratories, the college's science facilities need to be re-sized and better equipped to meet the needs of the 21st century student. This project will complete renovation of the existing Dragun Science building which has not been renovated in over 30 years (approximately 39,499 gsf) and add an addition of approximately 27,770 gsf. It will provide new state-of-the-art laboratories for the physical sciences. The 2021 addendum to the college's master plan further developed this thought process and incorporated the relocation of the Math department to this facility. Resolution 4-25 that the Council passed on February 3 of this year approved a petition to MHEC for \$2,564,720 for the Community College funding to procure design services for the renovations. If state funding is approved, this information will be available in the approved Capital Budget Book for FY27.

By a resolution adopted August 11, 2025, a copy of which has been provided to the Council, the Board of Trustees has requested Anne Arundel County to petition the Maryland Higher Education Commission for the sum of \$824,997 needed for the purpose of assisting the financing of the public community college project, which is described in the application for financial assistance. This resolution does not impose any direct or indirect costs on the County.

Purpose

The purpose of this resolution is to petition the Maryland Higher Education Commission for \$824,997 for the Guaranteed Maximum Price Bid 1 - Phase 1 for the Dragun Science Building Renovation at Anne Arundel Community College.

Fiscal Impact

Please see the Fiscal Note the Budget Office has prepared for an explanation of the fiscal impact of this Bill.

Additional Information

The Government Relations Office is available to answer any additional questions regarding this Bill. Specific questions should be directed to Naomi McCallister, Budget Office, Melissa Beardmore, Anne Arundel Community College, or Lori Blair Klasmeier, Office of Law. Thank you.

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