



## 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. 28-25 – RESOLUTION concerning a petition to the Maryland Higher Education Commission for Anne Arundel Community College Funding -Florestano Renovation

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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. 28-25.

### **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 2 package for the Florestano Renovation (Project J578700). 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 FY 2026 Approved Capital Budget for the Community College included narrative identifying that the College's 2016 Facilities Master Plan identifies space needs and appropriate

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solutions. The 33,293 GSF Florestano building housed the college's Health Sciences programs, was constructed in 1993, and has had no significant work done since then. With the opening of the new Health and Life Sciences Building in 2021, all Health Science functions relocated out of the Florestano building into the new facility. This project will renovate the vacated Florestano building with the first 3 floors of the building to be transformed into AACC's One-Stop Student Services Center. First-time students & those looking for assistance from departments associated with Enrollment Services & Student Success will find all of the support they require under one roof. The 4th floor has been completed as the new Learning Innovation Center (LInC) where students & faculty can access technologies used to connect, learn, and collaborate. Resolution 2-25 that the Council passed on February 3 of this year approved a petition to MHEC for \$384,933 for the Community College funding to procure long lead equipment, including elevator replacement and electrical switchgear for this project. 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 \$7,550,067 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 \$7,550,067 for the Guaranteed Maximum Price Bid 2 package for the Florestano 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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