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Legislative and Fiscal Summary of Administration Legislation

To: Members, Anne Arundel County Council

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

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Subject: Legislative and Fiscal Summary – Bill No. 75 -26 - Current Expense Budget – Supplementary Appropriations – Chief Administrative Office – Technical Corrections of Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance

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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 Bill No. 75-26.

Summary

This Bill, submitted at the request of the Budget Office, makes supplementary appropriations from contingent funds in the general fund of the County for the current fiscal year (FY2027) and makes certain technical corrections to the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance to align with changes made through amendments to the Ordinance.

Section 711(a) of the Anne Arundel County Charter permits the County Executive to authorize transfers of funds within the same department and within the same fund and, upon recommendation of the County Executive, the County Council may transfer funds between offices, departments, institutions, boards, commissions or other agencies of the County government and within the same fund of the Current Expense Budget. Section 712 of the Charter permits the County Council, upon the recommendation of the County Executive, to make supplementary appropriations from revenues received from anticipated sources but in excess of budget estimates and from revenues received from sources not anticipated in the budget for the current fiscal year, provided that the Controller shall first certify in writing that such funds are available for appropriation.

The County Executive has recommended the transfer and supplementary appropriation of the funds as explained below, and the Controller has certified in writing that such funds are available for appropriation.

This Bill proposes amendments to the Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2027 and

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corrects technical errors in the FY27 Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance (ABAO), Bill No. 32-26, and its exhibits. The legislation transfers a total of $142,500 from the CAO Contingency Fund to replace $127,500 of funding for the Empire Towers grant program administered by Anne Arundel Economic Development and $15,000 of State pass-through funding for the Annapolis 250 commemoration. Section 1 of the Bill appropriates the funding from the CAO Contingency Fund. Section 2(a) adds the Information Technology Enhance project to the appropriate section and strikes the same project that was incorrectly listed in the Board of Education section of the ABAO. Section 2(b) changes an amount in Exhibit A to match the amount in the ABAO itself. Bill No. 32-26 was amended during the budget process, but the amendment did not include the corresponding amendment for the exhibit. Section 2(c) corrects an error in Exhibit A which incorrectly took $200,000 from the wrong bureau. The amounts are correct in the ABAO but the amendment that was passed at the time did not reconcile the exhibit correctly.

Purpose

The purpose of this Bill is to amend the Current Expense Budget for FY 2027 by transferring appropriations of funds between certain offices, departments, institutions, boards, commissions, and other agencies in the general fund; to make supplementary appropriations from unanticipated revenues to certain offices, departments, institutions, boards, commissions, and other agencies in the general fund, and to certain special funds of the County government for the current fiscal year. Transfers of appropriations and supplementary appropriations are authorized under Sections 711(a) and 712 of the Anne Arundel County Charter.

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 Lori Blair Klasmeier, Deputy County Attorney, or Steven Theroux, Assistant Budget Officer. Thank you.

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