



## CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

### FISCAL IMPACT NOTE

#### **SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION**

SPONSOR: Council President at the request of the County Executive

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 65-2016 – SYSTEMS ANALYST FOR INFORMATION SYSTEMS**

**Synopsis:** A resolution to amend the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017 in order to provide the Information Technology Internal Services Fund \$46,700 of operating revenue and expense appropriation authority to hire and train a new systems analyst for the Information Technology Department primarily dedicated to the Public Safety Sungard System, which will result in a reduction of \$46,700 Transfer to the Debt Service Fund and to appropriate General Fund expenditures of \$25,685 to Emergency Services and \$21,015 to Sheriff's Office, who are the system users.

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**FISCAL IMPACT SUMMARY:** The approval of this bill will have no net financial effect on either the General Fund or the Information Technology Fund. The service revenue and expense in the Information Technology Fund net to zero and the expense charged to the General Fund departments (\$46,700) is netted against a reduction in debt service cost.

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#### **FISCAL ANALYSIS:**

The information Systems Department currently has only one Systems Analyst. The bill provides for a Systems Analyst to fulfill two objectives: to assure that the Sungard Public Safety system is used to its full potential as it heads out of its implementation stage and to assure the success of the Permitting system upgrade by not overusing one Systems Analyst. As technology continues to evolve, the need for the County to invest in and maintain current software is critical to daily operations and resulted in the first Systems Analyst position only within the last two years. The County recently invested \$2,000,000 in the Sungard (Computer-Aided Dispatch) System and its utilization crosses the entire Public Safety group. The system needs constant upkeep and maintenance to perform the critical operations required by dispatch and the Sheriff's Office. The County is currently planning to upgrade the Permitting System and the need for a systems analyst to implement the upgrades across multiple County Departments will be vital for the success of the upgrade. The two analysts will complement and back each other up.