



# CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND

## DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

### FISCAL IMPACT NOTE

#### SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION

SPONSOR: Council President at the request of the County Executive

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 68-2016 – TRANSITION TO NEW COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND COUNTY COUNCIL**

**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 additional appropriation of \$157,000 within the General Fund and \$20,000 of operating revenue and expense appropriation authority within the Information Technology Department for Cecil County's first transition to a new County Executive and County Council under the Charter form of government. It was the determination of the prior County Executive and County Council that transition costs would not be included in the original FY2017 Annual Budget but should instead be determined by the new County Executive and County Council.

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**FISCAL IMPACT SUMMARY:** The net fiscal impact to the County will be a \$157,000 use of fund balance to accomplish the new initiatives being supported by the new County Executive.

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#### FISCAL ANALYSIS:

In November, the County elected its second County Executive under Charter Government. For the first time, the County is transitioning to a new County Executive. During the FY2017 budget cycle, it was decided by the County Executive and County Council not to add to any budget expenditure authority that may be needed to accommodate the objectives of a new Executive and County Council.

The new County Executive has decided under Section 412 of the Cecil County Charter (Appointment and removal of Department heads and others, "[t]he Executive shall appoint an individual to head each principal operating department, office or agency of the executive branch, subject to confirmation of the Council. The Executive shall remove individuals appointed under this subsection at the Executive's discretion.") to make changes in the management of the following departments: Department of Information Technology, Department of Economic Development and the Department of Human Resources. The expenditure authority allows the severance packages to be funded as well as the budget necessary to hire and train the individuals the County Executive proposes to manage these areas.

The new County Executive also finds it necessary to hire independent consultants to aid him in his goal of ensuring an efficiently managed government. He is asking for the necessary expenditure authority to hire outside assistance in order to obtain outside objective opinion on the current operations and offer ideas for better management and use of County resources.

The new County Council also has the discretion to request expenditure authority at the time of transition. The new County Executive supports their need for \$15,000 for expected costs.