



CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

FISCAL IMPACT NOTE

SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION

SPONSOR: Council President at the request of the County Executive

BILL NO. 2017-13 – MONTHLY STATEMENT OF CLAIMS – POSTING ON COUNTY WEBSITE

SYNOPSIS: A Bill Amending Chapter 21, Section 21-2 Monthly Statement of Claims of the Code of Cecil County, authorizing the posting of a monthly statement of accounts for all expense payments above \$500 made in the preceding month on the County website and/or publishing in a County newspaper of general circulation.

FISCAL IMPACT SUMMARY: The approval of this Bill will have a positive fiscal impact in fiscal year 2018 by allowing the reduction of expenditures in the General Fund by approximately \$10,000.

FISCAL ANALYSIS:

Cecil County Code currently requires that the County compile at the end of each month a detailed statement of accounts for all of the expense payments above \$500 that were made during that month, including the name to whom the expense payment was made payable, the total amount of the expense item, and an identification of particular item of expense and, further, that the County publish within 30 days from the date of the last day of the previous month, the statement in a newspaper published in Cecil County. The cost of newspaper publication is approximately \$10,000 annually. Although not required to do so by Code, the Department of Finance also publishes this information on the County website. The cost of website publication is zero dollars.

Due to the way the public now views information, the County desires to have the option to make the list available on the County website and/or publish in the newspaper within 30 days from the date of the last day of the previous month. Additionally all records of the County expenses shall be on file in the Director of Finance's office and shall be made for public inspection. If the County only published the information on the County's website, the savings would be \$10,000.