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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY*

To: All Councilmembers of the Anne Arundel County Council

From: Linda M. Schuett, Legislative Counsel

Date: December 6, 2021

Subject: Bill No. 111-21 and Bill No. 112-21

Bill No. 111-21 and Bill No. 112-21 both require the County Council to approve appropriations of more than \$500,000.00 funded by Coronavirus State and Local Recovery Funds distributed by the U.S. Treasury. Both Bills require the Administration to submit a resolution to obtain the approval.

The Bills differ with respect to the number of Councilmembers needed to proceed to a hearing. Bill No. 112-21 allows three or more County Councilmembers to request, within two days after receipt of the resolution, that a hearing be scheduled. Bill No. 111-21 allows the County Council to schedule a hearing within two days after receipt of the resolution, thereby requiring four affirmative votes.

Both Bills require that a hearing be held not more than ten business days from the date of receipt of the resolution. Bill No. 112-21 provides that the failure of three or more members to request a hearing within two business days constitutes approval of the appropriation. Bill No. 111-21 provides that the failure of the County Council to schedule a hearing within two business days constitutes approval of the appropriation.

Both Bills require that the Controller provide reports on the 20th day of each month to the County Council describing all approvals and expenditures for grants funded by Coronavirus State and Local Recovery Funds. Both Bills require the Controller to provide a final report on January 31, 2027.

Both Bills provide that Sections 1 and 2 of the Bills remain in effect until December 31, 2024, after which they are no further force or effect.

¹ This Legislative Summary provides a synopsis of the bills as introduced. It does not address subsequent amendments to the bills.