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## MEMORANDUM

To: Members, Anne Arundel County Council

From: Lori L. Blair Klasmeier, Deputy County Attorney /s/

Via: Gregory J. Swain, County Attorney /s/

Date: November 18, 2019

Subject: Bill No. 91-19: Personnel – Positions in the Classified Service (Fire Fighter II)

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### Legislative Summary

This summary was prepared by the Anne Arundel County Office of Law for use by members of the Anne Arundel County Council during consideration of Bill No. 91-19, which increases 20 positions in the Fire Fighter II classification in the Fire Department.

**Purpose.** The purpose of this bill is to increase 20 Fire Fighter II positions for the classification in the Fire Department to accommodate additional positions created under the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (“SAFER”) Grant from FEMA to the County.

**Background.** As provided in § 6-1-110(a) of the County Code, with certain exceptions that are not applicable here, “the number and classification of positions, including the number of positions in each classification, in an office or department of County government that are approved as part of the annual budget and appropriation ordinance, shall not be changed during a fiscal year except as approved by ordinance of the County Council.”

The County is the recipient of a SAFER Grant from FEMA that is sufficient to fund 70 new Fire Fighter II positions. By the terms of the grant, the grant cannot be used to fund existing positions, but must be used to create and fill new positions. Fifty new Fire Fighter II positions were created and funded in the FY20 current expense budget. These positions are identified in the budget as being funded through the SAFER grant.

### Summary.

**Section 1** of the bill increases the approved Fire Fighter II positions in the Fire Department by 20.

**Section 2** of the bill provides that it will take effect 45 days from the date it becomes law.

If there are any questions, please let me know.

cc: Honorable Steuart Pittman, County Executive  
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