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Legislative Summary

To: Members, Anne Arundel County Council

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Subject: Bill No. 52-24 – Budget and Finance – Grants Special Revenue Fund –
Conditional Appropriation of Grants

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. 52-24.

Background

The Grants Special Revenue Fund (the “Fund”) was established in 2008 through the passage of Bill No. 29-08, which added § 4-11-113 to the Code. The section has since been renumbered as § 4-11-114. Revenues attributable to federal, State, and private grants, as well as required matching funds, are paid into and appropriated out of the Fund.

Section 4-11-114 also provides that, if funds available for a particular grant exceed the appropriation for that grant in a fiscal year, the excess funds may be considered appropriated and the budget may be amended without legislation if certain conditions are met: (1) there is an award that confirms the funds are available for appropriation; and (2) there are sufficient funds in the budget of the agency administering the grant to satisfy the requirement for any County match.

Purpose

The purpose of Bill No. 52-24 is to add a provision allowing grants not appropriated in a fiscal year to be considered appropriated and allowing the budget to be amended without legislation if certain specified conditions are met.

Bill No. 52-24

SECTION 1.

Note: This Legislative Summary provides a synopsis of the bill as introduced. It does not address subsequent amendments to the bill.

This section renumbers § 4-11-114(c), (d), and (e) to be subsections (d), (e), and (f), and adds a new subsection (c). New subsection (c) provides that a grant that is not included in an appropriating ordinance may be deemed appropriated if: (1) there is a grant award confirming that the funds are available for appropriation; (2) there are sufficient appropriated funds in the County budget for any required match; and (3) the County Council is presented with a resolution to approve the appropriation and does not request a hearing within two business days of the presentation or, if requested, does not hold the hearing within 10 business days.

Newly renumbered subsections (d) and (f) are revised to update internal numbering. Therefore, pursuant to subsection (f), if the conditions of subsection (c) are met, the budget may be amended to include the new grant.

SECTION 2.

This section provides that the Ordinance shall take effect 45 days from the date that it becomes law.

The Office of Law is available to answer any additional questions. Thank you.

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