

COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND
Legislative Session 2018, Legislative Day No. 8

Bill No. 35-18

Mr. Julian J. Jones, Jr., Chairman
By Request of County Executive

By the County Council, April 16, 2018

A BILL
ENTITLED

Revenue Stabilization Reserve Account – Minimum Level

FOR the purpose of providing for a minimum level of reserves in the Revenue Stabilization Account; prohibiting the level from being at the minimum for more than two fiscal years; altering the fund balance in the Account at which the Director of Budget and Finance may transfer funds into the account without the approval of the County Executive and County Council; and generally relating to the Revenue Stabilization Reserve Account.

By repealing and reenacting, with amendments
Section 10-8-101
Subtitle 8. Revenue Stabilization Reserve Account
Article 10. Finance
Baltimore County Code, 2015

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.
[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.
~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from bill.
Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

1 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE
2 COUNTY, MARYLAND, that the Laws of Baltimore County shall read as follows:

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4 Article 10. Finance

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6 § 10-8-101.

7 (a) There is a Revenue Stabilization Reserve Account within the general fund.

8 (b) The Revenue Stabilization Reserve Account is not subject to the lapse provisions of § 713
9 of the Charter.

10 (c)(1) THERE IS ESTABLISHED A MINIMUM LEVEL OF RESERVES IN THE ACCOUNT
11 EQUAL TO 7% OF THE BUDGETED GENERAL FUND REVENUE FOR THE
12 CURRENT FISCAL YEAR.

13 (2) FUNDS IN THE ACCOUNT MAY NOT REMAIN AT 7% FOR MORE THAN
14 TWO (2) CONSECUTIVE FISCAL YEARS.

15 (D)(1) (i) The Director of Budget and Finance shall transfer to the account any unreserved
16 and unexpended revenue existing at the close of the fiscal year.

17 (ii) The amount to be transferred shall be made on or before September 30 following
18 the fiscal year for which the transfer is made.

19 (2) If the balance in the Account is equal to [5%] 10% or greater of the budgeted general
20 fund revenue for the current fiscal year, the Director may transfer funds to the Account
21 with the approval of the County Executive and the County Council.

22 (3) Notwithstanding paragraph (2) of this subsection, interest or other income from
23 investment of the Revenue Stabilization Reserve Account, or any portion of the

1 Account, shall be credited to the Account at the close of each fiscal year prior to any
2 transfer under paragraph (2) of this subsection.

3 [(d)] (E)(1) In this subsection, "deficit" means that funds available for expenditure in the
4 general fund during a fiscal year were less than the actual expenditures incurred for that
5 year.

6 (2) If a deficit exists in the general fund at the close of any fiscal year, the Director of
7 Budget and Finance shall notify the County Executive and the County Council of the
8 deficit and shall request that sufficient funds, to the extent available, be transferred from
9 the Account to eliminate the deficit.

10 (3) If the County Executive and the County Council approve the transfer, the Director of
11 Budget and Finance shall transfer the sum approved to the appropriate general fund
12 revenue account.

13 (4) The transferred sum may not exceed the amount of the deficit.

14 [(e)] (F) Funds in the account may not be used for any other purpose except upon a specific
15 written recommendation of the County Executive and the approval of a majority plus one of
16 the County Council.

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18 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that this Act, having passed by the
19 affirmative vote of five members of the County Council, shall take effect July 1, 2018.