



FREDERICK COUNTY COUNCIL

Local Government Fiscal and Policy Note

CONTACT INFORMATION AND GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

Bill Number/Reference:	23-24
Bill Title:	Amendment to Frederick County Employees Retirement Plan – Vesting
Local Government Agency:	Finance Division
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Due Date:	December 5, 2023
Date Submitted:	December 4, 2023

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Date:

Please respond to the questions below. If you prefer to provide responses or additional information in a separate file or document, send the file or document in a separate e-mail to rcherney@frederickcountymd.gov with the bill number/reference in the subject line.

1.	Describe the impact of this proposed legislation on your agency (operations, revenues, expenditures, etc). If there is no impact, <u>please explain why</u> .
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The proposed legislation would amend the Frederick County Employees Retirement Plan, effective July 1, 2024, to provide for full vesting for all participants after the participant earns five Years of Eligibility Service and to eliminate the requirement of earning ten Years of Eligibility Service for participants with a date of hire on or after July 1, 2012.

According to the Plans' actuarial analysis, the estimated additional cost to the County in Fiscal Year 2025 for the Employees Retirement Plan is \$309,000. Amounts will be distributed as the County's share of payroll contributions to all departments and funds.

2.	Please indicate whether the proposed legislation will affect small businesses in Frederick County, and if it will, please provide any information you may have which could be useful in determining the economic impact on small businesses.
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N/A – This legislation will not have an impact on small businesses in Frederick County.

FISCAL IMPACT SUMMARY – SHOW (DECREASE) IN PARENTHESES

REVENUES

3.	Analysis of estimated increase (or decrease) in government revenues . Please estimate below any anticipated increase (or decrease) in revenues resulting from this legislation. Please be aware of any delayed effective dates in the bill or other factors that may cause revenue increases/decreases to begin in later years.
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Source	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
TOTAL \$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$

	Please explain how the above estimated increase(s) or decrease(s) were arrived at, including any calculations and/or assumptions made. Please also explain any variation if the revenue increase(s)/decrease(s) are not constant.
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N/A – This legislation will not have an impact on County revenues.

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<u>EXPENDITURES</u>						
4.	Analysis of estimated increase (or decrease) in government expenditures . Please estimate below any anticipated increase (or decrease) in expenditures resulting from this legislation. Please be aware of any delayed effective dates in the bill or other factors that may cause expenditure increases/decreases to begin in later years.					
A. Salaries & Wages		FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
FTE Employees - _____ # of positions Fringe Benefits Increase in the County's Actuarially Determined Contribution						
		\$309,000	\$309,000	\$309,000	\$309,000	\$309,000
TOTAL (Salaries, wages & benefits)		\$	\$309,000	\$309,000	\$309,000	\$309,000
Please provide an explanation of the need for the number and type of any personnel listed above, including (1) what specific provision(s) of the bill necessitate additional staff; (2) what the duties of each type employee will be; and (3) why existing personnel cannot absorb the additional work. Please also certify the wage/salary rate and % fringe rate (if differing rates apply) for each personnel classification.						
B. Other Operating Expenses		FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
Technical/Special Fees, Grants/Subsidies Communications-Phone, Postage Travel, Food, Auto, Fuel & Utilities Contractual Services Supplies Equipment-Replacement Equipment-Additional Land & Structures, Fixed Charges Other (Please Specify on Extra Page(s))						
		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
TOTAL (Expenditures)		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
On the next page, please provide brief descriptions/breakdowns of the above "Other Operating Expenses."						
Please explain below any additional calculations or assumptions made in estimating the "Other Operating Expenses" that will help us to understand the amounts and timing of the expenses.						
<p>According to the Plans' actuarial analysis, the estimated additional cost to the County in Fiscal Year 2025 for the Employees Retirement Plan is \$309,000. Amounts will be distributed as the County's share of payroll contributions to all departments and funds. Future year increases are assumed to be the same.</p>						

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C. Operating Expense Descriptions/Breakdowns

Please provide below a short description of the specific purpose of each expense listed under 4B. If any amount(s) listed under 4B represent(s) a total of multiple expenses, provide a breakdown of the fiscal 2021 amount with a short description of each expense (for example, if \$2,500 is listed for Communications – Phone, Postage, a statement such as “\$1,500 for cellphone charges for two new inspectors and \$1,000 for postage for mailings to permittees to notify them of changes to inspection requirements.”)

Fiscal 2024 Expenditures

Technical/Special Fees, Grants & Subsidies description/breakdown	\$
Communications – Phone, Postage description/breakdown	\$
Travel, Food, Auto Operations, Fuel & Utilities description/breakdown	\$
Contractual Services description/breakdown	\$
Supplies description/breakdown	\$
Equipment-Replacement description/breakdown	\$
Equipment-Additional description/breakdown	\$
Land & Structures, Fixed Charges description/breakdown	\$
Other (Please Specify) description/breakdown	\$

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ADDITIONAL POLICY IMPLICATIONS/CONCERNS

Please submit BY E-MAIL to: Ragen Cherney, Legislative Director/Chief of Staff
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