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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE  
Third Reader - Revised

House Bill 729  
Appropriations

(Calvert County Delegation)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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Calvert County - County Budget - Changes to Adopted Budget

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This bill alters the Public Local Laws of Calvert County to remove the requirement that the Calvert County Commissioners may only change an adopted budget by resolution. Instead, the county commissioners may change an adopted budget *in accordance* with provisions of local law pertaining to changing the adopted budget, the Maryland Constitution, State law, or other local laws. The bill also increases, from \$100,000 to \$150,000, the designated threshold under which a resolution by the county commissioners is required to change an adopted budget after compliance with applicable publication and hearing requirements.

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Fiscal Summary

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** None. Calvert County finances are not affected.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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Analysis

**Bill Summary/Current Law:** Under current law, any change to the adopted budget involving funds totaling more than \$100,000 may only be made by resolution approved by the county commissioners after compliance with the publication and hearing requirements applicable to the original proposed budget. However, even changes to the adopted budget involving amounts under \$100,000 are subject to resolution based on a separate provision of local law requiring the county commissioners to change an adopted budget via resolution.

Under the bill, a change to the adopted budget involving not more than \$150,000 may be made without resolution provided the change is *in accordance* with all other provisions of local law pertaining to budget changes, the Maryland Constitution, State law, or other local laws. All other changes to the adopted budget would still require a resolution.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

**Information Source(s):** Calvert County; Department of Legislative Services

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