

SENATE BILL 973

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By: **Senators Miller, Bailey, and Ellis**

Introduced and read first time: February 18, 2019

Assigned to: Rules

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland – Membership and Funding**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the membership of the Tri-County Council for Southern
4 Maryland; altering, beginning in a certain fiscal year, the amount of money that the
5 county commissioners of Calvert County, Charles County, and St. Mary's County are
6 required to appropriate each year to the Council, subject to certain provisions;
7 providing, beginning in a certain fiscal year, that any increase in certain county
8 appropriations may not take effect until the county commissioners of Calvert County,
9 Charles County, and St. Mary's County give certain approval; and generally relating
10 to the Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
12 Article – Economic Development
13 Section 13-601(a) and (c)
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2018 Replacement Volume)

16 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
17 Article – Economic Development
18 Section 13-603(a) and 13-611
19 Annotated Code of Maryland
20 (2018 Replacement Volume)

21 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
22 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

23 **Article – Economic Development**

24 13-601.

25 (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (c) "Council" means the Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland.

2 13-603.

3 (a) The Council consists of:

4 (1) the members of the General Assembly representing the region, as
5 voting members;

6 (2) the commissioners of Calvert, Charles, and St. Mary's counties, as
7 voting members;

8 (3) one voting member appointed by the president of the Southern
9 Maryland Municipal Association;

10 (4) **[one] TWO** voting **[member] MEMBERS** at large from each county **WHO**
11 **ARE BUSINESS OWNERS IN THE RESPECTIVE COUNTY BUSINESS COMMUNITY**,
12 appointed by the commissioners of the **RESPECTIVE** county **[with the concurrence of the**
13 **members of the General Assembly representing the county]**;

14 (5) one nonvoting member from each county, appointed jointly by the
15 economic development commission and the planning and zoning commission of the county;
16 and

17 (6) one nonvoting member appointed by the Department and the
18 Department of Planning.

19 13-611.

20 (a) The State and Calvert, Charles, and St. Mary's counties may jointly finance
21 the Council and its activities.

22 (b) (1) The State may provide financial support to the Council to assist in
23 carrying out the activities of the Council.

24 (2) (i) On or before August 1 of each year, the Council shall submit its
25 proposed work programs and operating budget for the following fiscal year to the
26 Department.

27 (ii) The submission shall include supporting schedules to show how
28 the budget is financed, and to provide for review and recommendations.

29 (iii) After review, the Department shall forward the submission and
30 any recommendations to the Department of Budget and Management for consideration.

31 (3) The Governor shall include in the State budget for the following fiscal

1 year an appropriation to partially support the Council.

2 (c) (1) **[The] TO FOSTER COOPERATIVE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT**
3 **IN THE REGION, THE** county commissioners of Calvert, Charles, and St. Mary's counties
4 shall **EACH** appropriate money [each year for] **TO** the Council [to foster cooperative
5 planning and development in the region], **SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF**
6 **PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, as follows:**

7 (i) **[Calvert County – \$7,000] \$135,000 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020;**

8 (ii) **[Charles County – \$9,000] \$150,000 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021;**
9 and

10 (iii) **[St. Mary's County – \$9,000] \$165,000 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022**
11 **AND EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER.**

12 (2) **FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER,**
13 **ANY INCREASE IN AN APPROPRIATION SPECIFIED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS**
14 **SUBSECTION MAY NOT TAKE EFFECT UNTIL THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF**
15 **CALVERT, CHARLES, AND ST. MARY'S COUNTIES GIVE APPROVAL IN ADVANCE OF**
16 **THE INCREASE.**

17 (3) Calvert, Charles, and St. Mary's counties may appropriate any other
18 money for the Council as they consider necessary and appropriate.

19 (d) The Council may accept additional money from any other public or private
20 source.

21 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June
22 1, 2019.