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Resolution in Support of Legislation to Improve the Process for Review of Legislation with
Local Fiscal Impact

WHEREAS, each year the General Assembly considers thousands of pieces of legislation, many of which have a significant impact on local governments; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the need for localities to have an opportunity to review and analyze legislation that may require additional expenditures of local funds or reduce local revenues, Virginia Code sets out a process for the Commission on Local Government to develop local fiscal impact statements for such bills, with the assistance of local volunteers; and

WHEREAS, under the current process, the large volume of bills and the rapid pace of the legislative session limit the time that is available for the review of bills with implications for local government finances; and

WHEREAS, the local volunteers who assist with the fiscal impact review process take on this responsibility in addition to their regular duties, often during the same time as local budgets are being finalized; and

WHEREAS, prior to 2010, legislation that had a local fiscal impact was required to be introduced by the first day of the General Assembly session, which allowed some additional time for the legislation to be reviewed by the Commission on Local Government and local staff, but this requirement was eliminated in the 2010 session, compressing the opportunity for review of legislation in subsequent General Assembly sessions; and

WHEREAS, additional time to review legislation would allow for a more thorough understanding of the potential ramifications of bills affecting local finances; and

WHEREAS, a robust analysis of legislation affecting local governments benefits policymakers, as localities work in partnership with the state to deliver critical services to Virginia residents;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Board of Supervisors of Carroll County expresses its support for legislation that would provide additional time for review and analysis of legislation with a fiscal impact on localities, as well as direct further consideration of additional ways to improve the review process.

Approved this 6th day of January 2020

BOS Chairman