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# **Education and Economic Development Subcommittee**

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**Additional Pages**

**March 2025**



**D25E03**  
**Interagency Commission on School Construction**

**Budget Amendment**

Add the following language to the general fund appropriation:

, provided that \$50,000 of this appropriation made for the purpose of administrative expenses may not be expended until the Interagency Commission on School Construction (IAC) submits a report to the budget committees on the agency’s actions to update facility mapping standards as specified in § 5–310.1 of the Education Article and Chapters 166 and 167 of 2024 (Education – School Mapping Data Program – Established). This report shall include information on the process by which IAC developed the facility mapping standards for the uniform mapping of the physical attributes of public schools in the State, in cooperation with local school systems. The report shall be submitted by July 15, 2025, and the budget committees shall have 45 days from the date of the receipt of the report to review and comment. Funds restricted pending the receipt of the report may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund if the report is not submitted to the budget committees.

**Explanation:** Chapters 166 and 167 of 2024 require IAC to adopt facility mapping standards as specified in Section 5-310.1 of the Education Article. Due to a delay in the development of these standards, this language restricts funds pending a report from IAC regarding the agency’s actions to complete these standards in compliance with the statute.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Report on development of facility mapping standards	IAC	July 15, 2025

**D28**  
**Maryland Stadium Authority**

**Budget Amendment**

**D28A03.69 Racing and Community Development Financing Fund**

	<u><b>Funds</b></u>	
1. Reduce appropriation to the Racing and Community Development Financing Fund (RCDFE). The fund supports renovation of Pimlico Race Course and the purchase and construction of a training facility to support Pimlico. Resources received by the RCDFE at the end of fiscal 2026 total \$527 million, including \$400 million in lottery bonds, \$85 million in annual pay-as-you-go capital appropriations (from fiscal 2023 through 2026), \$35 million from the Racetrack Facility Renewal Account, and \$7 million in interest earnings (through December 2024). The appropriation is supported by lottery revenues. Unappropriated lottery revenues are deposited into the General Fund.	-17,000,000	SF

**P00**  
**Maryland Department of Labor**

**Budget Amendment**

**Supplemental Budget No.1**

**P00G01.15 Cyber Maryland Program**

Amend the appropriation for the purposes indicated:

	<b><u>Funds</u></b>	<b><u>Positions</u></b>
1. Delete funds for Cyber Workforce Grants due to the State's fiscal condition and the availability of other funds for this purpose. This action leaves funds added in this item for the Baltimore Cyber Range.	-2,000,000 GF	
<b>Total Change</b>	<b>-2,000,000</b>	<b>0.00</b>

**P00**  
**Maryland Department of Labor**

**Budget Amendment**

**P00H01.01 Office of Unemployment Insurance**

Add the following language to the general fund appropriation:

, provided that since the Maryland Department of Labor (MD Labor) has had four or more repeat audit findings in the most recent fiscal compliance audit for Unemployment Insurance issued by the Office of Legislative Audits (OLA), \$250,000 of this agency's administrative appropriation may not be expended unless:

- (1) MD Labor has taken corrective action with respect to repeat audit findings related to procedures to ensure that individuals were not filing claims using a foreign Internet Protocol address, regular claims and adjudications processed by the claims center as well as output reports of manual wage entries, and controls over reissued debit cards on or before November 1, 2025; and
- (2) A report is submitted to the budget committees by OLA listing the repeat audit findings related to procedures to ensure that individuals were not filing claims using a foreign Internet Protocol address, regular claims and adjudications processed by the claims center as well as output reports of manual wage entries, and controls over reissued debit card along with a determination that each of those repeat finding was corrected.

The budget committees shall have 45 days from the receipt of the report to review and comment to allow for funds to be released prior to the end of fiscal 2026.

Further provided that MD Labor shall submit a report to the budget committees detailing steps taken to address a finding related to the establishment of procedures to match State higher education institution enrollment records to identify claimants and efforts to work with OLA to resolve this finding. The report shall be submitted to the budget committees by May 1, 2026.

**Explanation:** The Joint Audit and Evaluation Committee (JAEC) has requested that budget bill language be added for each unit of State government that has four or more repeat audit findings in its most recent fiscal compliance audit. Each agency is to have a portion of its administrative budget withheld pending the adoption of corrective action by the agency and a determination by OLA that each finding was corrected. OLA shall submit a report to the budget committees on the status of repeat findings.

If OLA reports that an agency failed to completely resolve or make adequate progress toward resolving those repeat audit findings, JAEC requests that \$250,000 in general funds is withheld from each agency's appropriation in the fiscal year following the OLA report until more

satisfactory progress has been made toward resolution of those repeat findings. This language applies that restriction for three of the repeat findings. However, for the remaining repeat audit finding, the language requires MD Labor to submit a report on the efforts undertaken to work with OLA to resolve the finding related to the establishment of procedures to match State higher education institution enrollment records to identify claimants but does not require that finding to be resolved to have the funds released.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Status of corrective actions related to the most recent fiscal compliance audit for Unemployment Insurance	OLA	45 days before the release of funds
Steps taken to resolve a repeat finding related to the establishment of procedures to match higher education enrollment records	MD Labor	May 1, 2026

**P00**  
**Maryland Department of Labor**

**Budget Amendment**

**Supplemental Budget No.1**

**P00G01.07 Division of Workforce Development**

Amend the appropriation for the purposes indicated:

	<b><u>Funds</u></b>	<b><u>Positions</u></b>
1. Delete 8.0 new positions added in Supplemental Budget No. 1 for the Office of Strategic Initiatives as existing vacant positions can be reclassified to serve these roles.		-8.00
<b>Total Change</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-8.00</b>



**P00**  
**Maryland Department of Labor**

**Budget Amendment**

**Supplemental Budget No.1**

**P00H01.01 Office of Unemployment Insurance**

Amend the appropriation for the purposes indicated:

	<b><u>Funds</u></b>	<b><u>Positions</u></b>
1. Delete 15.0 new positions in Supplemental Budget No. 1 for the Office of Unemployment Insurance. This action leaves the funding that would have supported the new positions, which can be used to support contractual full-time equivalents and contractual services to support this purpose. In addition, if regular positions are needed, existing vacant positions can be reclassified to serve these roles.		-15.00
<b>Total Change</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-15.00</b>

**P00**  
**Maryland Department of Labor**

**Budget Amendment**

**P00J01.01    Division of Paid Leave**

Add following language to the special fund appropriation:

, provided that the appropriation made for the purpose of funding the Family and Medical Leave Insurance (FAMLI) program shall be reduced by \$15,183,330 contingent on the failure of legislation delaying the implementation of the FAMLI program.

**Explanation:** Supplemental Budget No. 1 reduces the entire special fund appropriation contingent on the enactment of legislation delaying the FAMLI program implementation. However, if the legislation fails, the original appropriation is maintained. This language reduces the special fund appropriation for the Division of Paid Leave by \$15,183,330 contingent on the failure of legislation delaying the implementation of the FAMLI program, reflecting the amount of the allowance that is greater than is needed to support the program's operation in fiscal 2026.

**R00A01  
Headquarters  
Maryland State Department of Education**

**Budget Amendment**

**Supplemental Budget No. 1**

**R00A01.03 Office of the Deputy for Teaching and Learning**

Amend the appropriation for the purposes indicated:	<u><b>Funds</b></u>	<u><b>Positions</b></u>
<p>1. Delete 13.0 positions in the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) in four programs including R00A01.03, the Office of the Deputy for Teaching and Learning; R00A01.04, the Division of Early Childhood; R00A01.05, the Office of the Deputy for Organizational Effectiveness; and R00A01.06, the Office of the Deputy for Operations. This action leaves funding for these positions to assist with reclassifying existing vacant positions. MSDE is authorized to allocate this reduction across the specified programs.</p>		-13.00
<b>Total Change</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-13.00</b>

**R00A02**  
**Aid to Education**  
**Maryland State Department of Education**

**Budget Amendment**

**R00A02.01 State Share of the Foundation**

Strike the following language from the special fund appropriation:

~~, provided that this appropriation shall be reduced by \$73,128,727 contingent upon the enactment of legislation delaying implementation of the collaborative time per pupil amount.~~

**Explanation:** This action strikes language that would have reduced \$73.1 million of the special fund appropriation from the Blueprint for Maryland’s Future Fund in the Maryland State Department of Education – Aid to Education – State Share of Foundation Program budget, R00A02.01, contingent on legislation delaying the collaborative time per pupil amount. This action is consistent with actions in HB 504, as amended, to retain current law for the collaborative time per pupil amount.

**R00A02**  
**Aid to Education**  
**Maryland State Department of Education**

**Budget Amendment**

**R00A02.02    Compensatory Education**

Strike the following language from the special fund appropriation:

~~, provided that this appropriation shall be reduced by \$31,299,669 contingent upon the enactment of legislation delaying implementation of the collaborative time per pupil amount.~~

**Explanation:** This action strikes language that would have reduced \$31.3 million of the special fund appropriation from the Blueprint for Maryland’s Future Fund in the Maryland State Department of Education – Aid to Education – Compensatory Education budget, R00A02.02, contingent on legislation delaying the collaborative time per pupil amount. This action is consistent with actions in HB 504, as amended, to retain current law.

**R00A02**  
**Aid to Education**  
**Maryland State Department of Education**

**Budget Amendment**

**R00A02.24 Limited English Proficient**

Strike the following language from the special fund appropriation:

~~provided that this appropriation shall be reduced by \$9,750,947 contingent upon the enactment of legislation delaying implementation of the collaborative time per pupil amount.~~

**Explanation:** This action strikes language that would have reduced \$9.8 million of the special fund appropriation from the Blueprint for Maryland’s Future Fund in the Maryland State Department of Education – Aid to Education – Limited English Proficient budget, R00A02.24, contingent on legislation delaying the collaborative time per pupil amount. This action is consistent with actions taken in HB 504, as amended, to retain current law for the collaborative time per pupil amount.

**R00A02**  
**Aid to Education**  
**Maryland State Department of Education**

**Budget Amendment**

**R00A02.55 Teacher Development**

Amend the appropriation for the purposes indicated:

**Funds**

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| 1. | Delete Blueprint for Maryland's Future special funds for Collaborative Time Innovation Demonstration Grants, consistent with actions taken in HB 504, as amended. | -9,000,000 SF |
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**Total Change**

**-9,000,000**

**R00A02**  
**Aid to Education**  
**Maryland State Department of Education**

**Budget Amendment**

**R00A02.63 Education Effort Adjustment**

Strike the following language from the special fund appropriation:

~~, provided that this appropriation shall be reduced by \$9,876,396 contingent upon the enactment of legislation delaying implementation of the collaborative time per pupil amount.~~

**Explanation:** This action strikes language that would have reduced \$9.9 million of the special fund appropriation in the Maryland State Department of Education – Aid to Education – Education Effort Adjustment budget, R00A02.63, contingent on the enactment of legislation delaying the collaborative time per pupil amount. This action is consistent with actions in HB 504, as amended, to retain current law for the collaborative time per pupil amount.



**R00A03**  
**Funding for Educational Organizations**  
**Maryland State Department of Education**

**Budget Amendment**

**Supplemental Budget No. 1**

**R00A03.07 Nonpublic School Health and Security**

Add the following language to the special fund appropriation:

Further provided that this appropriation shall be funded with special funds from the Cigarette Restitution Fund only.

**Explanation:** This action requires the appropriation for the Nonpublic School Health and Security Program, R00A03.07, to be funded with special funds from the Cigarette Restitution Fund only.

**R62I0010**  
**MHEC – Student Financial Assistance**

**Budget Amendment**

**R62I00.56 Teacher Development and Retention Program**

Add the following language:

\$8,000,000 in general funds is reduced from the fiscal 2025 appropriation for program R62I00.56 Teacher Development and Retention Program within the Maryland Higher Education Commission that was made for the purpose of the Teacher Development and Retention Program.

**Explanation:** This action reduces the fiscal 2025 general fund appropriation of the Teacher Development and Retention Program due to lower projected expenditures. The fiscal 2025 appropriation is \$10.0 million, however, the Maryland Higher Education Commission awarded less than \$20,000 in fiscal 2025 to date.

**R99E**  
**Maryland School for the Deaf**

**Budget Amendment**

**Technical Correction to a Department of Legislative Services Recommendation**

Add the following language to the general fund appropriation:

, provided that this appropriation for the Maryland School for the Deaf shall be reduced by \$633,033 contingent on the enactment of SB 429 or HB 504 delaying the implementation of the collaborative time per pupil amount.

**Explanation:** This action specifies that \$633,033 in general funds for the Maryland School for the Deaf in R99E01.00 is reduced contingent on the enactment of SB 429 or HB 504 delaying the collaborative time per pupil amount as funds are not required if funds to implement collaborative time are provided in the fiscal 2026 budget.

**T00**  
**Department of Commerce**

**Budget Amendment**

**T00F00.31 Child Care Capital Support Revolving Loan Fund**

Add the following language to the special fund appropriation:

, provided that, contingent on the enactment of SB 611/HB 859 promoting access to health insurance for child care professionals, \$250,000 of this appropriation made for the purpose of the Child Care Capital Support Revolving Loan Fund may not be expended for that purpose but instead may be transferred by budget amendment to D78Y01.01 Maryland Health Benefit Exchange (MHBE) to be used only for the purpose of conducting a targeted outreach campaign to help child care workers enroll in health insurance and conducting a survey of the landscape and availability of health insurance among child care providers. Further provided that MHBE shall submit a report to the budget committees on their survey findings by January 1, 2026. Funds not expended for this restricted purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall be canceled.

**Explanation:** This language transfers funding to MHBE for the purpose of promoting access to health insurance or childcare professionals and for conducting a survey on the landscape and availability of such access, contingent on the enactment of legislation.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Report on a survey of the landscape and availability of health insurance among childcare providers	MHBE	January 1, 2026

**T00**  
**Department of Commerce**

**Budget Amendment**

**Supplemental Budget No. 1**

**T00F00.01 Managing Director of Business and Industry Sector Development**

Amend appropriation for the purposes indicated:	<u><b>Funds</b></u>
1. Reduce funds realigned from the Dedicated Purpose Account for the Certified Sites Program due to the State's fiscal condition. This action leaves \$3.5 million for this program.	-3,500,000 GF
<b>Total Change</b>	<b>-3,500,000</b>

**T00**  
**Department of Commerce**

**Budget Amendment**

**Supplemental Budget No. 1**

**T00F00.01 Managing Director of Business and Industry Sector Development**

Amend appropriation for the purposes indicated:	<u><b>Funds</b></u>
1. Reduce funds realigned from the Dedicated Purpose Account for the Strategic Infrastructure Revolving Loan Fund due to the State's fiscal condition. This action leaves \$7.5 million for this purpose.	-2,500,000 GF
<b>Total Change</b>	<b>-2,500,000</b>

**T00**  
**Department of Commerce**

**Budget Amendment**

**Supplemental Budget No. 1**

**T00A00.08 Division of Administration and Technology**

Amend appropriation for the purposes indicated:	<u><b>Funds</b></u>
1. Delete funds realigned from the Dedicated Purpose Account for Economic Agenda Information Technology (IT) Investments allocated for a customer management system and other IT tools in the Department of Commerce.	-800,000 GF
<b>Total Change</b>	<b>-800,000</b>

**T00**  
**Department of Commerce**

**Committee Narrative**

**T00G00.05 Maryland State Arts Council**

**Report on the Use of Grant Funds:** The committees request that the Department of Commerce (Commerce) and Board of Public Works (BPW) each submit a report on the dollar amount of grant funds by year for fiscal 2024 through 2026 provided to the Baltimore Mayor’s Office of Art and Culture or to the Baltimore Office of Promotion and the Arts (BOPA). Commerce should report on funds provided either directly and through funding provided to the Maryland State Arts Council or any other funding. BPW should report on funds provided through direct grants or for which the entities are subrecipients of other grants. The reports should include detail on how those funds have been used by the recipients, including details on expenses for which employees were reimbursed.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Reports on grant funds provided to the Baltimore Mayor’s Office of Art and Culture or to BOPA	Commerce BPW	January 15, 2026



**D28A03**  
**Maryland Stadium Authority**

**Budget Amendment**

**D28A03.78 Major Sports and Entertainment Event Program Fund**

Add the following language to the special fund appropriation:

, provided that \$1,650,000 of this appropriation made for the purpose of the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association Conference Basketball Championships may be expended only for that purpose. Funds not expended for this restricted purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall be canceled.

**Explanation:** The language restricts \$1.65 million so that those funds can only be used to support the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association Conference Basketball Championships.