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And the State Capital Budget (SB 283)  
And Related Recommendations

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The Honorable Joseline A. Peña-Melnyk  
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Dear President Ferguson and Speaker Peña-Melnyk:

We are pleased to submit the reports of the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee and House Appropriations Committee dealing with the final actions taken on Senate Bill 282 and Senate Bill 283. Senate Bill 282 is the State operating budget, making appropriations for support of the State government, for aid to local governments, and for other purposes during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, and for deficiency appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026. Senate Bill 283 is the State capital budget, authorizing general obligation debt for State facilities and for grants to local governments and nonprofit organizations for construction of and improvements to facilities and infrastructure.

These reports incorporate detailed statements of all reductions and additions made to the appropriations and also contain expressions of legislative intent and policy guidelines that are an integral part of the action taken on the budgets. Explanations of reductions, additions, and other actions are provided where the rationale may not be obvious.

Sincerely,

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## Acronyms

ACA: Affordable Care Act  
ACP: Alternative Compliance Payments  
AFCU: Audit and Finance Compliance Unit  
AHEAD: Achieving Healthcare Efficiency through Accountable Design  
AI: artificial intelligence  
AIB: Accountability and Implementation Board  
ASO: Administrative Services Organization  
ATCC: Alcohol Tobacco and Cannabis Commission  
BCCC: Baltimore City Community College  
BHA: Behavioral Health Administration  
Blueprint: Blueprint for Maryland's Future  
BON: Board of Nursing  
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CFO: chief financial officer  
Commerce: Department of Commerce  
Comptroller: Comptroller of Maryland  
CRF: Cigarette Restitution Fund  
CSA: Child Support Administration  
CSU: Coppin State University  
CTB: Consolidated Transportation Bond  
CTP: *Consolidated Transportation Program*  
CUR: current unrestricted fund  
DBM: Department of Budget and Management  
DDA: Developmental Disabilities Administration  
DGS: Department of General Services  
DHCD: Department of Housing and Community Development  
DHS: Department of Human Services  
DJS: Department of Juvenile Services  
DLS: Department of Legislative Services  
DMIL: Military Department  
DNR: Department of Natural Resources  
DoIT: Department of Information Technology  
DoSEM: Department of Social and Economic Mobility  
DPA: Dedicated Purpose Account  
DPSCS: Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services  
DSP: Department of State Police  
DVMF: Department of Veterans and Military Families  
ECI: Eastern Correctional Institution  
EV: electric vehicles  
FAMLI: Family Medical Leave Insurance

FEO: Funding for Educational Organizations  
FF: federal fund  
FIA: Family Investment Administration  
FSU: Frostburg State University  
GF: general fund  
GOC: Governor’s Office for Children  
GOCPP: Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention and Policy  
HBCU: historically Black colleges and universities  
HPBC: Health Professional Boards and Commissions  
HSCRC: Health Services Cost Review Commission  
HSMCC: Historic St. Mary’s City Commission  
IAC: Interagency Commission on School Construction  
IST: Incompetent to Stand Trial  
IT: internet technology  
IWIF: Injured Workers’ Insurance Fund  
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LDO: Local Department Operations  
LEA: local education agency  
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MCPA: Medical Care Programs Administration  
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MD FiRST: Maryland First Responder Radio System Team  
MD Labor: Maryland Department of Labor  
MD THINK: Maryland Total Human-services Integrated Network  
MDA: Maryland Department of Agriculture  
MDE: Maryland Department of the Environment  
MDEM: Maryland Department of Emergency Management  
MDH: Maryland Department of Health  
MDOA: Maryland Department of Aging  
MDOD: Maryland Department of Disabilities  
MDOT: Maryland Department of Transportation  
MDP: Maryland Department of Planning  
MDTA: Maryland Transportation Authority  
MEA: Maryland Energy Administration  
MEDCO: Maryland Economic Development Corporation  
MEMSOF: Maryland Emergency Medical Systems Operations Fund  
MES: Maryland Environmental Service  
MFR: Managing for Results

MGA: Maryland General Assembly  
MHA: Maryland Hospital Association  
MHBE: Maryland Health Benefit Exchange  
MHEC: Maryland Higher Education Commission  
MIA: Maryland Insurance Administration  
MICUA: Maryland Independent College and University Association  
MIEMSS: Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems  
MISC: miscellaneous  
MITDP: Major Information Technology Development Programs  
MLGCA: Maryland Lottery and Gaming Control Agency  
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MPA: Maryland Port Administration  
MPBC: Maryland Public Broadcasting Commission  
MPTSC: Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission  
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MSD: Maryland School for the Deaf  
MSDE: Maryland State Department of Education  
MSLA: Maryland State Library Agency  
MSU: Morgan State University  
MTA: Maryland Transit Administration  
MTROA: Maryland Thoroughbred Racetrack Operating Authority  
MVA: Maryland Vehicle Administration  
NBC: National Board Certification  
NCR: Not Criminally Responsible  
NORC: Naturally Occurring Retirement Communities  
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OAH: Office of Administrative Hearings  
OBBBA: One Big Beautiful Bill Act  
OCO: Office of Correctional Ombudsman  
ODHH: Office of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing  
OHCQ: Office of Health Care Quality  
OHEP: Office of Home Energy Programs  
OLA: Office of Legislative Audits  
OPD: Office of the Public Defender  
OPEGA:  
PAYGO: pay-as-you-go  
PCP: Primary Care Program  
PGCC: Prince George's Community College  
PGCPS: Prince George's County Public Schools  
PHA: Public Health Administration  
PHPA: Prevention and Health Promotion Administration  
POS: Program Open Space  
PSC: Public Service Commission  
PTAAB: Property Tax Assessment Appeals Board  
RCI: Roxbury Correctional Institution

RGGI: Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative  
SAPP: State Aid for Police Protection  
SBE: State Board of Elections  
SDAT: State Department of Assessments and Taxation  
SEIF: Strategic Energy Investment Fund  
SF: special fund  
SFRF: State Fiscal Relief Fund  
SHA: State Highway Administration  
SMCM: St. Mary's College of Maryland  
SMWOBA: Small, Minority, and Women-Owned Business Account  
SNAP: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program  
SOAR: Supporting Older Adults with Resources  
SSA: Social Services Administration  
SU: Salisbury University  
TCA: Temporary Cash Assistance  
TDAP: Temporary Disability Assistance Program  
TEDCO: Maryland Technology Development Corporation  
TSO: The Secretary's Office  
TU: Towson University  
UBalt: University of Baltimore  
UEF: Uninsured Employers' Fund  
UMB: University of Maryland, Baltimore Campus  
UMBC: University of Maryland Baltimore County  
UMCP: University of Maryland, College Park Campus  
UMES: University of Maryland Eastern Shore  
UMGC: University of Maryland Global Campus  
UMMS: University of Maryland Medical System  
UPMC: University of Pittsburgh Medical Center  
USM: University System of Maryland  
USMO: University System of Maryland Office  
USMS: US Marshall Service  
VEIP: Vehicle Emissions Inspection Program  
WCC: Workers' Compensation Commission  
WMATA: Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority  
WNADA: West North Avenue Development Authority

## Net Changes

<u>Agency</u>	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Special Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Higher Ed Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>	<u>Positions</u>
<b>2027 Budget Request</b>						
Aid to Community Colleges	-\$20,990,480	\$0	\$0	\$0	-\$20,990,480	0.0
Board of Public Works	-4,000,000	0	0	0	-4,000,000	0.0
Department of Aging	0	0	-219,373	0	-219,373	0.0
Department of Agriculture	-200,000	0	0	0	-200,000	0.0
Department of Commerce	-19,000,000	-625,000	0	0	-19,625,000	0.0
DGS PAYGO	-3,000,000	0	0	0	-3,000,000	0.0
Department of Information Technology	-61,595,926	0	0	0	-61,595,926	0.0
Department of Planning	-1,500,000	0	0	0	-1,500,000	0.0
Department of the Environment	0	-11,100,000	0	0	-11,100,000	0.0
DHS Administration	-3,136,368	0	-722,997	0	-3,859,365	0.0
DHS Family Investment	-377,639	0	-252,013,211	0	-252,390,850	0.0
DHS Office of Home Energy Programs	-46,229	0	0	0	-46,229	0.0
DPSCS Corrections	-3,000,000	0	0	0	-3,000,000	0.0
Judiciary	-7,333,156	-6,164,842	0	0	-13,497,998	-3.0
Maryland Department of Labor	-250,000	0	0	0	-250,000	0.0
Maryland Energy Administration	0	-100,000,000	0	0	-100,000,000	0.0
MHEC	-4,717,023	0	0	0	-4,717,023	0.0
Maryland Stadium Authority	0	-27,000,263	0	0	-27,000,263	0.0
Maryland Technology Development Corporation	-250,000	0	0	0	-250,000	0.0
MDH Medical Care Programs Administration	-3,000,000	0	-5,000,000	0	-8,000,000	0.0

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<u>Agency</u>	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Special Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Higher Ed Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>	<u>Positions</u>
MDOT State Highway Administration PAYGO						
Capital	0	-10,000,000	0	0	-10,000,000	0.0
MHEC – Student Financial Assistance	-3,000,000	0	0	0	-3,000,000	0.0
MSDE Aid to Education	-820,000	0	0	0	-820,000	0.0
Office of the Attorney General	0	-100,000	0	0	-100,000	0.0
Public Service Commission	0	-100,000,000	0	0	-100,000,000	0.0
State Department of Assessments and Taxation	0	-116,423	0	0	-116,423	-1.0
State Reserve Fund	-527,737,611	-40,000,000	0	0	-567,737,611	0.0
State Support for Higher Education Institutions	-350,000	0	0	0	-350,000	0.0
Statewide Actions	209,631,692	292,812,000	31,190,991	0	533,634,683	0.0
UMCP	0	0	0	-350,000	-350,000	0.0
<b>Subtotal Fiscal 2027 Regular Budget</b>	<b>-\$454,672,740</b>	<b>-\$2,294,528</b>	<b>-\$226,764,590</b>	<b>-\$350,000</b>	<b>-\$684,081,858</b>	<b>-4.0</b>
<b>Fiscal 2027 Total Budget</b>	<b>-\$454,672,740</b>	<b>-\$2,294,528</b>	<b>-\$226,764,590</b>	<b>-\$350,000</b>	<b>-\$684,081,858</b>	<b>-4.0</b>
<b>Fiscal 2026 Deficiency Budget</b>						
DHS Family Investment	\$0	-\$59,314,476	\$0	\$0	-\$59,314,476	0.0
GOCP	0	0	-3,000,000	0	-3,000,000	0.0
MDH Medical Care Programs Administration	-54,200,000	0	-167,230,827	0	-221,430,827	0.0
Statewide Actions	54,200,000	59,314,476	0	0	113,514,476	0.0
<b>Total Fiscal 2026 Deficiency Budget</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>-\$170,230,827</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>-\$170,230,827</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>Grand Total Budget Bill</b>	<b>-\$454,672,740</b>	<b>-\$2,294,528</b>	<b>-\$396,995,417</b>	<b>-\$350,000</b>	<b>-\$854,312,685</b>	<b>-4.0</b>

**Legislative Actions on Spending**  
**(\$ in Millions)**

<b><u>Item</u></b>	<b><u>Agency</u></b>	<b><u>Purpose</u></b>	<b><u>Total</u></b>
<b>Section 39 Fiscal 2027 Additions</b>			
<b>General Fund Additions</b>			
23	BPW	Grant to Maryland Association for Boards of Education for Health Programs	\$1,000,000
44	BPW	Grant to Chesapeake Multicultural Center	500,000
52	BPW	Grant to Goodwill Industries of the Chesapeake	300,000
63	BPW	Grant to West Baltimore Redevelopment Authority	250,000
72	BPW	Grant to Historic Annapolis	200,000
92	BPW	Grant to Baltimore City Recreation and Parks for Portable Lighting at Youth Fields	100,000
93	BPW	Grant to Baltimore City for Stop Sign Safety Camera Implementation	100,000
96	BPW	Grant to Olney Civic Fund	100,000
97	BPW	Grant to Western Maryland Scenic Railroad	75,000
108	BPW	Grant for JFK Ultramarathon	50,000
111	BPW	Grant for a Baltimore City Flag Football League	45,000
156	BPW	Grant to Annapolis Immigration Justice Network Inc.	100,000
158	BPW	Grant to Lakeland Community Heritage Project, Inc.	100,000
159	BPW	Grant to Field of Firsts Foundation, Inc.	100,000
188	BPW	Grant to Montgomery County Department of Recreation for New Recreation Center	100,000
192	BPW	Grant to Team Thrill Youth Sports Organization	20,000
193	BPW	Grant to Leader Breeder	10,000
5	Commerce	Western Maryland Economic Future Investment Fund	8,000,000
16	Commerce	Maryland's Future Fund Contingent on SB 770/HB1473	1,500,000
22	Commerce	Maryland Workforce Launch Pilot Program Contingent on SB 869	1,000,000
32	Commerce	Grant to Maryland Tech Council	500,000
34	Commerce	Grant to Baltimore Center Stage	500,000
37	Commerce	Grant to Baltimore Museum of Art	500,000
43	Commerce	Grant to MEDCO for IT Project to Streamline Small Business Filing Process	500,000
47	Commerce	Add Funds for Wine and Beer Promotion Fund	400,000
48	Commerce	Grant to Chesapeake Shakespeare Company	350,000
50	Commerce	Grant to Hippodrome, Including a Facility Study	300,000
76	Commerce	Grant to Merriweather Arts and Culture Center	150,000
82	Commerce	Grant to Greater Washington Board of Trade Foundation for Business Growth Initiative	150,000
84	Commerce	Grant to FSC First for Level UP Program	100,000
85	Commerce	Grant to Metro Washington Council of Governments for Talent Capital Initiative	200,000

<u>Item</u>	<u>Agency</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Total</u>
94	Commerce	Grant to Technology Advancement Center for Cybersecurity	100,000
101	Commerce	Grant to Military Bowl	150,000
102	Commerce	Grant to Art in Ellicott City	65,000
110	Commerce	Grant to Boulanger for Women in the Arts	50,000
121	Commerce	Grant to Greater Silver Spring Chamber of Commerce	25,000
122	Commerce	Grant to Olney Chamber of Commerce	25,000
123	Commerce	Grant to Gaithersburg-Germantown Chamber of Commerce	25,000
167	Commerce	Grant to Black Enterprise Resource Center for Small Batch Manufacturing Ecosystem Project	20,000
185	Commerce	Grant to Baltimore Symphony Orchestra for Music for Maryland	250,000
69	Comptroller	Funds to Study Economic Growth Trends in Maryland Contingent on SB 770/HB 1473	200,000
128	Comptroller	25 Pins for Comptroller's Taxpayer Services Division	1,417,383
66	CSU	Coppin State University for Campus Safety	250,000
194	DGS	Grant to Revolutionary Studios (PAYGO)	4,000,000
6	DHCD	Rental Assistance for Community School Families Program	6,000,000
59	DHCD	Grant to Robert Johnson Center	250,000
73	DHCD	Grant to Humanim	200,000
77	DHCD	Add Funds for Mainstreet Improvement Program	150,000
90	DHCD	Grant to Mission First for Programming at Patuxent Commons	100,000
100	DHCD	DHCD for Growing Apprenticeships Study	75,000
104	DHCD	Grant to Maryland Community Action Partnership – Needs Assessment	60,000
113	DHCD	Grant to Port Towns Community Development Corporation	37,500
115	DHCD	Grant to Carole Highlands Neighborhood Association	37,500
116	DHCD	Grant to Parity Baltimore, Inc.	35,000
152	DHCD	Grant to Friends of White Oak	150,000
160	DHCD	Grant to Laurel Advocacy and Referral Services, Inc.	100,000
163	DHCD	Grant to Huntington City Community Development Corporation	50,000
183	DHCD	Grant to Howard County Housing Authority for Artist Flats	250,000
195	DHCD	Shift Portion of DHCD Baltimore Vacants Reinvestment Initiative from GO Bonds to PAYGO	42,210,000
88	DHS	Grant to Columbia Community Care	100,000
138b	DHS	1 New Coordinator Position to Address Hospital Overstays	125,000
157	DHS	Grant to Anne Arundel County Food Bank	100,000
165	DHS	Grant to College Park Community Food Bank, Inc.	50,000
191	DHS	Grant to Roberta's House	50,000
133	DJS	DJS for Work Related to Unmarked Graves	800,000
132	DLS	8 PINS for the Department of Legislative Services	856,686
39	DNR	Grant to Friends of Patapsco Valley State Park	500,000
75	DNR	Grant to Parks and People	150,000
144	DNR	Funds for DNR to Study Land Around Beltsville Agricultural Research Center	250,000

<u>Item</u>	<u>Agency</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Total</u>
182	DNR	Proposed Gwynns Fall State Park that Will Define the Exact Boundaries of the Proposed Park and Engage Citizens in the Planning	280,000
139	DoIT	Study Compensation of State IT and Cybersecurity Staff Contingent on HB 1335	250,000
15	GOC	Grant to Boys and Girls Clubs of Maryland	1,500,000
35	GOC	Increase Funding for Local Management Boards	2,000,000
49	GOC	Grant to Youth Service Bureaus	300,000
105	GOC	Grant to Frederick Youth Center	50,000
112	GOC	Grant to End Time Harvest Ministries, Inc.	37,500
117	GOC	Grant to Board Room Chess, Inc.	30,000
134	GOC	Grant to Latin American Youth Center, Inc.	500,000
162	GOC	Grant to Vine Corps	50,000
166	GOC	Grant to Empowering Minds of Maryland's Youth	30,000
168	GOC	Grant to Action for Kindness	20,000
137	GOCI	Grant to Office of Immigrant Affairs for Services to Provide Immigrant Services in Rural Areas	800,000
18	GOCPP	Grant to Mayland Coalition Against Sexual Assault for Rape Crisis Centers	1,000,000
19	GOCPP	Grant for Maryland Network Against Domestic Violence	1,000,000
25	GOCPP	Grant to Maryland Children's Alliance	750,000
30	GOCPP	Grant to Vehicles for Change	500,000
71	GOCPP	Maryland Crime Victims Resource Center	200,000
74	GOCPP	Funds for a Study on Violence in Correctional System	200,000
114	GOCPP	Grant to Community Advocates for Family & Youth	37,500
149	GOCPP	Grant to Change the Conversation to Support Frederick County Public Schools	150,000
177	GOCPP	Grant to Close Quarters Defense for Program for Children	500,000
53	MD Labor	Grant to MD Labor to Include a Leasing Training Academy in the EARN Program	300,000
68	MD Labor	Grant to Dwyer Workforce Development	250,000
99	MD Labor	Grant to Lincoln Technical Institute	75,000
109	MD Labor	Grant to STEM Workforce Development Initiative in Baltimore City	50,000
129	MD Labor	Grant to Consult Lemonade Corporation	100,000
130	MD Labor	Increase Funds for Baltimore Cyber Range	1,300,000
181	MD Labor	Grant to Labor to Implement SB 509 Contingent on SB 509	300,000
173	MDA	Maryland Seafood Industry Financial Assistance Fund Contingent on SB 558	2,000,000
31	MDEM	Grant to Maryland State Firefighter's Association for Voluntary Company Assistance Fund	500,000
1	MDH	Developmental Disabilities Administration to Reduce Cost Containment	23,100,000
4	MDH	1% Rate Increase for Nursing Homes	8,077,623

<u>Item</u>	<u>Agency</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Total</u>
7	MDH	Community Access Grants	5,000,000
17	MDH	Grant to Maryland Patient Safety Center	1,000,000
26	MDH	Grant to Maryland Information Network for 2-1-1	600,000
38	MDH	Professional and Volunteer Firefighter Cancer Screening Program	500,000
54	MDH	Grant to Zaching Against Cancer	250,000
61	MDH	Dementia Health Care Provider Education	250,000
62	MDH	Grant to Frederick Health for Family Connects Frederick County	400,000
67	MDH	Grant to the ALS Association	250,000
79	MDH	Grant to Easterseals for Behavioral Health	150,000
86	MDH	Grant to Camp Attaway	100,000
98	MDH	Grant to Horizon Day Camp	75,000
106	MDH	Grant to YMCA of the Chesapeake	50,000
107	MDH	Grant to Hygea Health for Residential Addiction Treatment	150,000
120	MDH	Grant to For 3 Sisters Inc. to Support People with Breast Cancer	25,000
127	MDH	Grant to CCI Health Services for Family Residency Program	1,500,000
138a	MDH	1 New Coordinator Position to Address Hospital Overstays	125,000
140	MDH	Grant to Women's Health Clinic of Maryland	250,000
147	MDH	MCHRC for a Study on Behavioral Health Services for Adolescents in Prince George's County	250,000
169	MDH	Grant to NAMI Prince George's County	10,000
171	MDH	Funds for DDA to contract for Data Analytics Support	5,000,000
175	MDH	HSCRC for Dr. First to Support CRISP	500,000
176	MDH	Medicaid Navigators	500,000
12	MDOA	Operation of the Long-Term Care Ombudsman Office	2,000,000
57	MDOA	Grant to Maryland Consumer Rights Coalition for Securing Older Adults Resources Program	250,000
65	MDOA	Grant to Gilchrist Hospice Care	250,000
164	MDOA	Grant to Neighbors Helping Neighbors College Park, Inc.	50,000
189	MDOA	Grant to Comprehensive Housing Assistance, Inc. for Senior Villages Program	100,000
190	MDOA	Grant to Senior Family Supports	75,000
45	MDOD	Boating Funds for Individuals with Disabilities and Service-disabled Veterans	400,000
13	MDOT	MTA for a Pilot Bus Route in Baltimore County	2,000,000
64	MDOT	Grant to Pride of Baltimore	250,000
89	MDOT	Grant to Neighbor Ride	100,000
136	MDOT	3 Positions for MDOT	330,000
180	MDOT	Grant to Baltimore Development Corporation for Transit Oriented Development Study	300,000
11	MDP	Development of Integrated Data Dashboard	2,000,000
20	MDP	Grant to Maryland Center for History and Culture	1,000,000
28	MDP	Grant to SHINE	500,000
124	MDP	Grant to Sandy Spring Slave Museum and African Art Gallery	10,000

<u>Item</u>	<u>Agency</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Total</u>
10	MEA	Grant to Maryland Clean Energy Center	3,000,000
83	MHEC	Create a HBCU Liaison Position at MHEC	130,000
161	MHEC	Grant to Goucher College for Research and Grant Writing	65,000
135	MHEC	Increase Funding for Next Generation Scholars Program	450,000
184	MHEC	Grant to Prince George's County Community College to Study the Feasibility of Establishing an Aerospace Aviation Program	250,000
36	MPBC	Content Enterprises	500,000
186	MPBC	Grant for Lou Davis Documentary	150,000
58	MSA	Grant to Evaluate the Physical Condition of Baltimore Symphony Orchestra's Facilities	300,000
145	MSA	Study Feasibility of Establishing a Child Care Center at Old Annapolis Post Office	250,000
2	MSDE	MSDE to Reduce Waitlist for Child Care Scholarships	20,000,000
24	MSDE	Grant to Anne Arundel County Public Schools for a Pilot Program for High Acuity Students	1,000,000
29	MSDE	Grant to Maryland Science Center	500,000
33	MSDE	Grant to NorthBay Education	500,000
40	MSDE	Grant to Cal Ripken Sr. Foundation	500,000
41	MSDE	Funds to Implement AI Ready Schools Act of 2026 Contingent on SB 720/HB 1057	500,000
51	MSDE	Grant to Thread	300,000
60	MSDE	Grant to Living Classrooms Foundation	250,000
78	MSDE	Grant to Autism Society of Maryland	150,000
81	MSDE	Grant to Chesapeake Bay Outward Bound School	150,000
87	MSDE	Grant to Glenwood Academy	100,000
91	MSDE	Grant to Water's Edge Eastern Shore	100,000
95	MSDE	Grant to AthLife Foundation	100,000
103	MSDE	Grant to Assateague Coastal Trust	65,000
118	MSDE	Grant to Arts for Learning Maryland	25,000
119	MSDE	Grant to Ohana of Howard County	25,000
131	MSDE	Enhance the Child Care Scholarship Program IT System	1,000,000
142	MSDE	Grant to Living Classroom Foundation for Sail250	250,000
146	MSDE	Grant to Maggie McIntosh School Arts Fund	250,000
150	MSDE	Grant to Prince George's County Child Resource Connect	150,000
174	MSLA	Grant to Enoch Pratt Library	550,000
3	OAG	Maryland Legal Services Corporation for Access to Counsel	10,000,000
80	SDAT	Department of Assessments and Taxation to Waive Fees for Federal Employees Who Lost Jobs	150,000
154	SDAT	Increase Funds for Homeowner Protection Program	100,000
143	Secretary of State	Grant to Sister States of Maryland	250,000
148	State Archives	Maryland Reparations Commission	200,000
172	State Archives	Funds for Enhancements at State Archives	2,750,000
8	TEDCO	Grant to TEDCO for Maryland Innovation Initiative	5,000,000

<u>Item</u>	<u>Agency</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Total</u>
9	TEDCO	Grant to TEDCO for Maryland Growth Initiative Contingent on SB 763/HB 1596	4,000,000
27	TEDCO	Grant to TEDCO for Stem Cell Research	550,000
178	TEDCO	Grant to TEDCO for Regional Innovation Office	500,000
179	TEDCO	Grant to TEDCO For UpSurge-UpRise Baltimore	420,000
55	TU	Grant to Maryland Center for Community Schools	250,000
56	TU	Grant to Dr. Nancy Grasmick Leadership Institute	300,000
14	Ubalt	Schaefer Center for Public Policy	1,500,000
151	UMB	Grant to University of Maryland School of Medicine Center for Infant Child Loss	150,000
46	UMCES	Horn Point Lab	400,000
70	UMCP	TerpsExceed Program	200,000
141	UMCP	Grant to Judge Williams Jr. Center for Education, Justice, and Ethics	250,000
155	UMCP	Grant for Partnership for Action Learning in Sustainability	100,000
21	UMGC	Maryland Completion Scholarships	1,000,000
42	USMO	Implement the Maryland Artificial Intelligence Partnership Contingent on SB 597	500,000
187	WNADA	Grant to Baltimore Arts Realty Corporation for Smart Garment Center	150,000
<b>Total General Fund Appropriation</b>			<b>\$209,631,692</b>
<b>Additions</b>			
153	DNR	Additional Spending from Waterway Improvement Fund	\$125,000
170a	MSA	Grant to MEDCO for mixed use Development Including Soccer Stadium at UMCP	18,000,000
170b	MSA	Grant to the Velocity Companies for Improvements Along Blue Line Corridor	4,000,000
170c	MSA	Grant to Atlantic Pacific Companies for Addison Park Development Project	2,000,000
170d	MSA	Grant to Prince George's County Redevelopment Authority to Support Artspace in Mount Rainier	1,500,000
170e	MSA	Grant to Town of Colmar Manor for a Community Center and Town Hall	750,000
170f	MSA	Grant to Town of Cottage City to Convert a Firehouse to Community Outreach Center	750,000
125	MSDE	Prekindergarten Expansion Grant Program	10,000,000
126	MSDE	Child Care Credential Program	5,687,000
<b>Total Special Fund Appropriation</b>			<b>\$42,812,000</b>
<b>Federal Fund Additions</b>			
1	MDH	Developmental Disabilities Administration to Reduce Cost Containment	\$23,100,000
4	MDH	1% Rate Increase for Nursing Homes	8,090,991

<u>Item</u>	<u>Agency</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>Total Federal Fund Appropriation</b>			<b>\$31,190,991</b>
<b>Total Fiscal 2027 Section 39 Additions</b>			<b>\$283,634,683</b>
<b>Section 38 Fiscal 2027 Additions</b>			
<b>Special Fund Appropriation</b>			
6	Comptroller	Fund HVAC System Study in Study in Public Schools Contingent on Legislation	\$150,000
4	IAC	Fund HVAC Upgrades in Public Schools Contingent on Legislation	9,850,000
2	MEA	MEA Grant Program Operated as a Reverse Auction for New Renewable Energy and Storage Capacity Contingent on Legislation	100,000,000
5	MEA	MEA Residential and Commercial Energy Storage Program Contingent on Legislation	2,000,000
1	PSC	Downpayment on Empower Maryland Residential Programming Costs Contingent on Legislation	100,000,000
3	PSC	Partially Offset Ratepayer Costs for the Limited Income Discount Program Contingent on Legislation	38,000,000
<b>Total Fiscal 2027 Section 38 Additions</b>			<b>\$250,000,000</b>
<b>Section 37 Fiscal 2026 Additions</b>			
<b>General Fund Additions</b>			
3	DGS	Maryland Advanced Manufacturing Grant Program	\$3,000,000
2	DHCD	Shift DHCD Rental Housing from GO Bonds to PAYGO	51,200,000
<b>Total General Fund Appropriation</b>			<b>\$54,200,000</b>
<b>Additions</b>			
1	DoIT	Major Information Technology Development Projects (Fund Swap from General Funds)	\$59,314,476
<b>Total Special Fund Appropriation</b>			<b>\$59,314,476</b>
<b>Total Fiscal 2026 Additions</b>			<b>\$113,514,476</b>



## Items in Fiscal 2027 Budget

Budget Code	Agency	Contingency Language	Positions	Amount	Fund	Senate Bill	House Bill	Note	Status/ Study
A15O00.01	Payments to Civil Divisions of the State	Reduces funds contingent on legislation level funding the Disparity Grant at the fiscal 2026 level. The contingency was not met.		\$26,996,721	GF	284	392	C	
B75A01.06	MGA – DLS	Requires DLS OPEGA to conduct a program evaluation of MDH DDA and submit a report by December 15, 2026.						O	Study
B75A01.07	MGA – DLS	Requires DLS, in consultation with MHEC, DBM, and segments of higher education to submit a report evaluating options for relocating the Office of Student Financial Assistance by December 1, 2026.						O	Study
C00A00.04	Judiciary	Restricts funds for attorney fees for required representation at initial appearances before District Court commissioners consistent with the holding of the Supreme Court of Maryland in <i>DeWolfe v. Richmond</i> .		\$8,200,000	GF			F	
C00A00.04	Judiciary	Requires the Judiciary to submit a report on the costs and utilization of the Appointed Attorney Program by December 15, 2026.						O	Status
C00A00.06	Judiciary	Requires the Judiciary to submit a report with performance measures for all courts by December 15, 2026.						O	Study

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C: Items in fiscal 2027 budget contingent on enactment of legislation.

R: Items in fiscal 2027 budget contingent on review of the Legislative Policy Committee or budget committees.

F: Items in fiscal 2027 budget – funds restricted for a particular or other purpose.

O: Items in fiscal 2027 budget – other restrictions/contingencies/reports.

Status: Brief review

Study: Comprehensive review

## Items in Fiscal 2027 Budget

Budget Code	Agency	Contingency Language	Positions	Amount	Fund	Senate Bill	House Bill	Note	Status/ Study
C00A00.06	Judiciary	Requires the Judiciary to submit a report with allocations and performance data for each type of Problem-Solving Court by December 15, 2026.						O	Study
C00A00.06	Judiciary	Requires the Judiciary to submit a report on judgeship needs for fiscal 2028 by December 15, 2026.						O	Status
C00A00.06	Judiciary	Requires the Judiciary to submit a report on efforts to fill long-term vacant positions by July 1, 2026.						O	Status
C00A00.12	Judiciary	Requires the Judiciary to submit a report on the status of MITDPs by December 15, 2026.						O	Status
C00A00.12	Judiciary	Requires the Judiciary to submit a report on Land Records Improvement Fund revenues and expenditures along with a forecast for future years by December 15, 2026.						O	Status
C00A00.13	Judiciary	Requires the Judiciary to submit a report on private home detention monitoring participation, expenditures, and anticipated costs by December 15, 2026.						O	Status
C80B00	OPD	Restricts funding for panel attorney fees to be used for that purpose only.		\$11,477,415 \$358,100 \$350,000	GF SF FF			F	

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C80B00.01	OPD	Requires OPD to submit a report on the increase in Juvenile Court matters and strategies to improve operations by November 15, 2026.						O	Status
C80B00.02	OPD	Requires OPD to submit two reports by August 15, 2026, and January 15, 2027, on panel attorney caseloads and expenditures.						O	Status
C80B00.02	OPD	Restricts funds provided in a deficiency appropriation for panel attorney fees to be used for that purpose only.		\$8,530,154	GF			F	
C80B00.03	OPD	Restricts funds provided in a deficiency appropriation for panel attorney fees to be used for that purpose only.		\$36,531	GF			F	
C81C00.01	OAG	Requires the Maryland Legal Services Corporation to submit a report on Access to Counsel in Evictions program operations and future costs by November 15, 2026.						O	Status
C90G00.01	PSC	Requires PSC to submit two reports on monthly data on residential utility terminations and arrearages by July 15, 2026, and December 15, 2026.						O	Status
C90G00.01	PSC	Requires PSC to submit two reports providing electricity prices in PJM Interconnection states by July 30, 2026, and January 15, 2027.						O	Status
C96J00	UEF	Requires UEF and DBM to submit a report on UEF's operational needs by October 1, 2026.		\$500,000	SF			O	Study

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D05E01.02	BPW – Contingent Fund	Specifies the uses of the contingent fund.						O	
D05E01.10	BPW – Miscellaneous Grants to Private Nonprofit Groups	Reduces fiscal 2026 general funds and makes a special fund deficiency appropriation contingent on the enactment of legislation expanding the allowable uses of the SEIF. The contingency was met.		\$1,500,000 \$1,500,000	GF SF	284	392	C	
D05E01.10	BPW – Miscellaneous Grants to Private Nonprofit Groups	Reduces general funds and makes a portion of the special fund appropriation contingent on the enactment of legislation expanding the allowable uses of the SEIF. The contingency was met.		\$1,500,000 \$1,500,000	GF SF	284	392	C	
D05E01.10	BPW – Miscellaneous Grants to Private Nonprofit Groups	Specifies the use of the general fund appropriation for grants, which includes the \$1,500,000 contingently reduced and \$150,000 added in Supplemental Budget No. 2.		\$9,108,765	GF			O	
D05E01.10	BPW – Miscellaneous Grants to Private Nonprofit Groups	Specifies the use of the special fund appropriation for grants, which includes the \$1,500,000 contingent appropriation.		\$11,500,000	SF			O	

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D05E01.10	BPW – Miscellaneous Grants to Private Nonprofit Groups	Requires the Maryland Zoological Society to submit audited financial statements for fiscal 2026 by November 1, 2026.						O	Status
D05E01.10	BPW – Miscellaneous Grants to Private Nonprofit Groups	Requires the Maryland Zoological Society to submit quarterly reports showing monthly attendance figures for fiscal 2027 by visitor group.						O	Status
D11A04.01	ODHH	Restricts funds until ODHH submits two reports on the development and implementation of licensing requirements for sign language interpreters by July 1, 2026, and December 15, 2026.		\$50,000	GF			R	Status
D11A04.01	ODHH	Restricts funds until ODHH submits a report on vacant positions by August 15, 2026.		\$50,000	GF			R	Status
D13A13.01	MEA	Restricts funds until MEA submits a report detailing funding with the submission of the fiscal 2028 budget.		\$250,000	SF			R	Status

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D13A13.01	MEA	Restricts funds until MEA submits a report providing explanations on fund cancellations at fiscal 2026 closeout as well as details on encumbrances and spending by programmatic activity and fund source for fiscal 2025 and 2026 actual expenditures.		\$100,000	SF			R	Status
D13A13.01	MEA	Requires DBM to submit a report on revenue assumptions, fund balance, and use of the SEIF with the submission of the fiscal 2028 budget.						O	Status
D13A13.01	MEA	Requires MEA to submit a report on federal funds available for energy-related purposes and their usage, including an update on the status of the implementation of home energy rebate programs funded through the Inflation Reduction Act by December 31, 2026.						O	Status
D13A13.01	MEA	Requires MEA to submit a report outlining the details of the reverse auction grant program for new and renewable energy by December 31, 2026.						O	Status
D13A13.08	MEA	Makes a portion of the special fund appropriation contingent on the expansion of allowable uses.		\$13,000,000	SF	284	392	C	
D21A01.01	GOCPP	Restricts funds until GOCPP submits a report on the Victims of Crimes Act grant program by November 1, 2026.		\$100,000	GF			R	Study

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D21A01.01	GOCPP	Expresses intent that GOCPP provide the victim notification program of the Maryland Coalition Against Sexual Assault with certain information related to sexual assault evidence kits.						O	
D21A01.01	GOCPP	Requires GOCPP to submit a report on outcome MFR measures by November 15, 2026.						O	Status
D21A01.02	GOCPP	Restricts a portion of grant funding for the Baltimore City State’s Attorney’s Office until the State’s Attorney’s Office submits a report on youth prosecution outcomes by October 1, 2026.		\$500,000	GF			R	Study
D21A01.03	GOCPP	Requires that supplemental funds provided through the SAPP Program be distributed to law enforcement agencies only after the agency attests it is compliant with the Maryland Sexual Assault Kit Initiative Victim Notification Protocol.		\$47,132,583	GF			F	
D21A01.03	GOCPP	Restricts a portion of SAPP supplemental funding to be used for GOCPP to provide grants for law enforcement agencies to encrypt communications systems, including in-vehicle technology.		\$6,000,000	GF			F	

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D21A03.01	GOCPP	Restricts funds until GOCPP submits the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board Annual Report by November 1, 2026.		\$100,000	GF			R	Study
D24A01.01	DoSEM	Reduces general funds and makes a special fund appropriation contingent on legislation authorizing the use of Cannabis Business Assistance Fund for general operating expenses.		\$2,279,883 \$2,279,883	GF SF	284	392	C	
D24A01.02	DoSEM	Restricts funds until DoSEM submits a report on Minority Business Enterprise certification processing time improvements within 30 days after the average processing time decreases to six months or less.		\$100,000	SF			R	Status
D24A01.02	DoSEM	Requires DoSEM to submit a report on the amount of TTF funding used to support Office of Minority Business Enterprises operations by August 1, 2026.						O	Status
D24A01.03	DoSEM	Reduces general funds and makes a portion of the special fund appropriation contingent on legislation authorizing the use of Cannabis Business Assistance Fund for general operating expenses.		\$2,720,117 \$2,720,117	GF SF	284	392	C	

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D25E03.02	IAC	Makes a special fund PAYGO appropriation added in Supplemental Budget No. 2 to fund public school HVAC upgrades in Baltimore City contingent on legislation.		\$9,000,000	SF	841	1532	C	
D26A07.03	MDOA	Restricts NORC program funding to be distributed to the same grant recipients and in the same amounts as NORC program grants in fiscal 2026.		\$1,300,000	GF			F	
D26A07.03	MDOA	Requires MDOA to submit a report on the implementation of the SOAR program by June 1, 2026.						O	Status
D26A07.03	MDOA	Requires MDOA to include MFR goals relating to the SOAR program beginning with the submission of the fiscal 2028 budget.						O	Status
D26A07.03	MDOA	Requires MDOA to submit a report on the condition of senior center facilities by September 1, 2026.						O	Status
D27L00.01	MCCR	Requires MCCR to submit a report on measures implemented to reduce case backlogs by November 1, 2026.						O	Status
D28A03.76	MSA	Requires MSA to fund a report that examines the redevelopment of Ripken Stadium. The report is due by November 1, 2026.						O	Study
D38I01.01	SBE	Requires SBE to submit quarterly reports on all MITDPs starting July 15, 2026.						O	Status

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D40W01.01	MDP	Restricts funds until MDP submits a report on permits that impact the business community by September 30, 2026.		\$250,000	GF			R	Study
D40W01.03	MDP SDAT	Restricts funds until MDP submits a report on applying a split-rate or land value tax near rail stations by December 1, 2026. SDAT is required to provide data for the report to MDP by August 1, 2026.		\$150,000	GF			R	Study
D40W01.04	MDP	Reduces general funds and makes a special fund appropriation contingent on the enactment of legislation authorizing the use of the SEIF on programs related to climate change mitigation and resiliency.		\$131,529 \$136,591	GF SF	284	392	C	
D40W01.08	MDP	Reduces general funds and makes a portion of the special fund appropriation contingent on the enactment of legislation adding the Jefferson Patterson Park and Museum to the POS formula. This contingency was not met.		\$135,313 \$332,797	GF SF	284	392	C	
D40W01.12	MDP	Requires MDP to submit a report on utilization of the Historic Revitalization Tax Credit's commercial programs.						O	Study

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D50H01.05	Military Department	Restricts funds until the Military Department and DGS submit a report on the timeline for Freestate ChalleNGe Academy reopening and facility renovations by September 1, 2026.		\$250,000	GF			R	Status
D50H01.05	Military Department	Requires the Military Department to include additional MFR measures for the Tricare Premium Reimbursement Program with the fiscal 2028 budget submission.						O	Status
D52A01.01	MDEM	Reduces general funds and federal funds and makes a special fund appropriation contingent on legislation expanding the allowable uses of the SEIF.		\$304,583 \$1,470,113 \$1,165,530	GF SF FF	284	392	C	
D52A01.01	MDEM	Makes a special fund appropriation contingent on legislation expanding the allowable uses of the 911 Trust Fund. The contingency was not met.		\$3,232,157	SF	284	392	C	
D52A01.01	MDEM	Requires MDEM to submit a report on the status of various federal fund sources, including timing of receiving federal fund awards and contingency plans if federal funds are not made available as anticipated by November 15, 2026.						O	Status

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D52A01.01	MDEM	Requires MDEM to submit a report on the Resilient Maryland Revolving Loan Fund along with the status of awards from the federal Safeguarding Tomorrow Revolving Loan Fund by October 1, 2026.						O	Status
D52A01.01	MDEM	Requires MDEM to submit a report on the State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program by November 1, 2026.						O	Status
D52A01.01	MDEM	Requires MDEM, in collaboration with MIEMSS, to submit a report on efforts to support apprenticeships for first responders by November 15, 2026.						O	Status
D52A01.01	MDEM	Requires MDEM, MDE, and MDOT to submit a report on efforts to mitigate the impact of future flooding along Georges Creek in Allegany County, the federal government’s involvement, and feasibility of implementing recommendations in the draft Georges Creek Task Force Action Report by December 1, 2026.						O	Status
D52A01.01	MDEM	Makes a fiscal 2026 deficiency appropriation contingent on legislation expanding the allowable uses of the SEIF.		\$400,000	SF	284	392	C	

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D55P00.05	DVMF	Requires DVMF to submit quarterly reports on the status of Charlotte Hall Veterans Home operations, staffing, and federal ratings starting July 1, 2026.						O	Status
D55P00.11	DVMF	Requires DVMF to submit a progress report on the Maryland Joins Forces initiative by December 1, 2026.						O	Status
D70J00.42	Maryland Auto	Requires Maryland Auto to submit quarterly financial statements starting on August 15, 2026.						O	Status
D70J00.42	Maryland Auto	Requires Maryland Auto to submit a report on the status of the Insured Division by October 1, 2026.						O	Status
D70J00.47	Maryland Auto	Requires Maryland Auto to submit a report on the Uninsured Division's claims activity by December 1, 2026.						O	Status
D74A01.01	OCO	Requires OCO to submit a report on the MFR goals, objectives, measures, and data by July 1, 2026.						O	Status
D78Y01.01	MHBE	Requires MHBE to submit a report on costs and spending forecasts of the State Reinsurance and State Subsidy programs by September 30, 2026.						O	Status
D80Z0.01	MIA	Requires MIA to submit two reports by July 10, 2026, and January 10, 2027, on the status of the Insurance Tracking System MITDP.						O	Status

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D80Z0.01	MIA	Requires MIA to submit a report on the ACA segregated account funding data by January 1, 2027.						O	Status
D80Z0.01	MIA	Requires MIA to submit a report on the Maryland Auto assessment by December 30, 2026.						O	Status
D91A01.01	WNADA, DBM	Requires WNADA and DBM to include budget detail in the fiscal 2028 budget submission.						O	Status
E00A02.01	Comptroller of Maryland	Requires General Accounting Division to perform certain actions related to statewide fiscal compliance.						O	
E00A08.01	Comptroller of Maryland	Reduces general funds and makes a special fund appropriation contingent on legislation expanding the allowable uses of the SEIF.		\$125,051 \$125,051	GF SF	284	392	C	
E50C00.04	SDAT	Restricts funds until SDAT submits a report on the status of the Cloud Revenue Integrated System information technology project along with appropriations and expenditures by fiscal year for the project by November 1, 2026.		\$50,000	GF			R	Status
E80E00.01	PTAAB	Restricts funds until PTAAB submits a report on how the agency is transitioning from paper-based processes to an electronic format by September 1, 2026.		\$50,000	GF			R	Status

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E80E00.01	PTAAB	Requires PTAAB to submit a report on the number of vacancies and backlogged cases for each local board by August 1, 2026.						O	Status
F10A01.01	DBM – Office of the Secretary	Restricts funding until DBM submits a report by September 15, 2026, on the expenditure of federal funds available through the American Rescue Plan Act award for the SFRF program.		\$100,000	GF			R	Status
F10A01.01	DBM – Office of the Secretary	Restricts funding until OLA, in conjunction with State Chief Information Security Officer, submits a report by May 1, 2027, on efforts to remediate repeat audit findings identified in six State agencies in calendar 2025.		\$250,000	GF			R	Study
F10A01.01	DBM – Office of Budget Analysis	Requires DBM to submit subobject detail by program for Comptroller objects 08 and 12 in electronic format on the tenth day of the 2027 legislative session						O	Status
F10A01.01	DBM – Office of Budget Analysis	Requires DBM to submit a report on apprenticeship position capacity within State agencies by September 1, 2026.						O	Status
F10A01.01	DBM – Office of Budget Analysis	Requires DBM to submit a report by September 1, 2026, detailing deficiency appropriations, guidelines, monitoring, and trends.						O	Study

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F10A01.01	DBM – Office of Budget Analysis	Requires DBM to submit a report by September 15, 2026, evaluating the feasibility of sharing savings with State agencies related to the Government Modernization Initiative.						O	Study
F10A01.06	DBM – AFCU	Makes an appropriation added in Supplemental Budget No. 2 contingent on SB 858 or HB 1369.	9	\$2,288,120	SF	858	1369	C	
F10A01.06	DBM – AFCU	Makes a deficiency appropriation added in Supplemental Budget No. 2 contingent on SB 858 or HB 1369.	9	\$216,971	GF	858	1369	C	
F10A02.01	DBM – Office of Personnel Services and Benefits	Restricts funding until DBM submits a report on or before November 1, 2026, on the status of corrective actions related to the most recent fiscal compliance audit.		\$100,000	GF			R	Study
F10A02.01	DBM – Office of Personnel Services and Benefits	Requires DBM to submit a report by October 1, 2026, on fiscal 2026 closeout data for the Employee and Retiree Health Insurance Account.						O	Status
F10A02.01	DBM – Office of Personnel Services and Benefits	Requires DBM to submit four quarterly reports starting September 15, 2026, on the performance of the State’s medical, dental, and prescription drug plans.						O	Status
F10A02.01	DBM – Office of Personnel Services and Benefits	Requires DBM to submit a report by December 15, 2026, discussing initiatives, savings, and payments made to the vendor for the Government Modernization Initiative.						O	Status

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F10A02.01	DBM – Office of Personnel Services and Benefits	Requires DBM, DSP, and DPSCS to submit a report by December 1, 2026, on the activities, findings, and recommendations of a workgroup on centralized background checks.						O	Study
F50A01.01	DoIT	Requires DoIT to include information on out-year funding and cost estimates for MITDPs with the fiscal 2028 budget submission.						O	Status
F50B04.01	DoIT	Requires DoIT, in coordination with each Executive Branch agency, to submit a report on the utilization of artificial intelligence use by each agency by December 1, 2026.						O	Status
F50B04.02	DoIT	Restricts funds until DoIT submits a confidential report on cybersecurity governance by December 15, 2026.		\$500,000	GF			R	Status
F50B04.08	DoIT	Requires DoIT to submit a report on Maryland Benefits by December 1, 2026.						O	Status
H00A01.01	DGS	Restricts funds until DGS, in coordination with DBM, submits a status report on the State’s asset maximization strategies by December 1, 2026.		\$100,000	GF			R	Status

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H00A01.01	DGS	Restricts funds until OLA submits a report on the status of corrective actions related to the most recent fiscal compliance audit for DGS – Office of the Secretary. The report is due 45 days before the release of funds.		\$100,000	GF			R	Status
H00A01.01	DGS	Requires DGS to submit reports on the status of agencies relocating from State Center in Baltimore City along with funding and expenditures by October 1, 2026, and April 1, 2027.						O	Status
H00D01.01	DGS	Restricts funds until OLA submits a report on the status of corrective actions related to the most recent fiscal compliance audit for DGS – Office of the State Procurement. The report is due 45 days before the release of funds.		\$250,000	GF			R	Status
H00D01.01	DGS	Requires DGS, in consultation with MDOT, DoIT, DoSEM, the Comptroller, and BPW, to submit a report on the timeliness of payments to contractors by December 1, 2026.						O	Study
H00D01.01	DGS	Requires DGS, in consultation with MDOT, DoIT, DoSEM, the Comptroller, and BPW, to submit a report on the feasibility of establishing a State Procurement Ombudsman by December 1, 2026.						O	Study

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H00E01.01	DGS	Restricts funds until DGS submits a letter confirming the location of the women’s prerelease facility. The letter is due 30 days after confirmation of the location and initial of the women’s prerelease facility project at the selected location.		\$500,000	GF			R	Status
H00G01.01	DGS	Makes a fiscal 2027 special fund appropriation contingent on legislation expanding the allowable uses of the SEIF.		\$20,000,000	SF	284	392	C	
H00G01.01	DGS	Requires DGS to submit a report on the projects supported through the SEIF and utilization of SEIF funds by June 1, 2027.						O	Status
H00G01.01	DGS	Requires DGS to submit a report on the critical maintenance backlog projects by December 15, 2026.						O	Status
H00H01.03	DGS – PAYGO	Specifies projects for which funding was added in Supplemental Budget No. 2.		\$6,388,665	GF				

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J00	MDOT	Requires MDOT to notify the budget committees of proposed changes to the transportation capital program with submission of the draft and final versions of the CTP. Additionally, notification is required as needed throughout the budget year if certain changes to projects are made. Reports are due 45 days prior to the release of funds, as needed.						O	Status
J00A01.01	MDOT – TSO	Restricts funds until TSO and MDTA submit a report on resolving customer issues related to toll billing and collections by November 1, 2026.		\$500,000	SF			R	Status
J00A01.01	MDOT – TSO	Restricts funds until TSO and MDTA submit a report on efforts to collect outstanding toll debt by October 1, 2026.		\$250,000	SF			R	Status
J00A01.01	MDOT – TSO	Requires TSO to submit a report on apprenticeships in MDOT by December 1, 2026.						O	Status
J00A01.01	MDOT – TSO	Requires TSO to submit a report on the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise recertification process by September 1, 2026.						O	Status
J00A01.01	MDOT – TSO	Requires TSO to submit a report on regional transportation authorities as potential capital project partners by October 1, 2026.						O	Status

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J00A01.01	MDOT – TSO	Requires TSO to submit a report on TTF revenue sources by August 1, 2026.						O	Status
J00A01.02	MDOT – TSO	Specifies a certain level of special funds that may be expended for operating grants-in-aid unless a report is submitted to the budget committees 45 days prior to the expenditures of funds.		\$7,201,128	SF			R	Status
J00A01.03	MDOT – TSO	Prohibits MDOT from expending funds for any system preservation or minor projects over \$500,000 that are not included in the fiscal 2026 to 2031 CTP without review and comment by the budget committees. Notification is required 45 days prior to the expenditure of funds.						R	Status
J00A01.03	MDOT – TSO	Requires TSO to submit a report on the MDOT solar implementation project by December 1, 2026.						O	Status
J00A01.04	MDOT – WMATA	Requires WMATA to submit a letter on ensuring accurate budget information submission by July 1, 2026.						O	Status

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J00A04.01	MDOT – Debt Service Requirements	Limits the amount of CTB debt and nontraditional debt outstanding at the end of fiscal 2026 unless MDOT submits a report to the budget committees providing the needs and justification for increasing CTB or nontraditional debt. The report is due 45 days prior to the publication of a preliminary official statement.						O	Status
J00A04.01	MDOT – Debt Service Requirements	Requires MDOT to submit information on nontraditional debt outstanding and anticipated debt service payments with the annual September and January financial forecasts.						O	Status
J00B01.01	MDOT – SHA	Requires SHA to submit a report on the interchange at Greenbelt Metro by September 1, 2026.						O	Status
J00B01.01	MDOT – SHA	Requires SHA to submit a report on information related to bike lanes on Old Georgetown Road (MD 187) by December 1, 2026.						O	Status
J00B01.02	MDOT – SHA	Requires SHA to submit two reports by July 1, 2026, and December 1, 2026, on the status of the recovery of federal fund reimbursements.						O	Status
J00B01.05	MDOT – SHA	Restricts a portion of the Baltimore City Highway User Revenue grant to be used only for certain traffic calming modifications.		\$100,000	SF			F	

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J00D00.01	MDOT – MPA	Requires MPA to submit quarterly progress reports starting July 1, 2026, on the Howard Street Tunnel project.						O	Status
J00D00.01	MDOT – MPA	Requires MPA to submit two reports by July 15, 2026, and December 1, 2026, on federal grants to MPA.						O	Status
J00E00.01	MDOT – MVA	Requires MVA to submit a report on insurance coverage verification by December 1, 2026.						O	Status
J00E00.01	MDOT – MVA	Requires MVA to submit a report on federal personal information requests by January 15, 2027.						O	Status
J00H01.01	MDOT – MTA	Restricts funds provided for agency administration to be used only for providing grants for Purple Line launch marketing activities.		\$500,000	SF			F	
J00H01.01	MDOT – MTA	Restricts funds until MTA submits a report on real-time audible and text-based announcement equipment in MTA vehicles by October 1, 2026.		\$150,000	SF			R	Status
J00H01.01	MDOT – MTA	Restricts funds until MTA submits a report on the status of the Workgroup on Curb Space Management by September 1, 2026.		\$150,000	SF			R	Status
J00H01.01	MDOT – MTA	Restricts funds until MTA submits a report on Purple Line station area crime prevention planning by March 1, 2027.		\$100,000	SF			R	Status

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J00H01.01	MDOT – MTA	Requires MTA to submit bimonthly reports beginning July 1, 2026, on construction progress for the Purple Line light rail project.						O	Status
J00H01.01	MDOT – MTA	Requires MTA to submit a report on the status of the Red Line and BMORE Bus Plan projects by September 1, 2026.						O	Status
J00H01.01	MDOT – MTA	Requires MTA to submit bimonthly reports beginning July 1, 2026, on the planning, design, and engineering for the Red Line project.						O	Status
J00I00.02	MDOT – MAA	Restricts funds until MAA submits a report on the noise abatement procedure at Martin State Airport by October 1, 2026.		\$100,000	SF			O	Status
J00J00.41	MDTA	Requires MDTA to submit two reports by July 1, 2026, and January 1, 2027, on the status of the reconstruction of the Francis Scott Key Bridge.						O	Status
J00J00.41	MDTA	Requires MDTA to submit a report on the status of implementation of speed cameras on Maryland Route 200 in coordination with MDOT SHA by September 1, 2026.						O	Status
K00A01.01	DNR – Secretariat	Requires DNR to report on efforts to support natural resources and outdoor recreation industry apprenticeships by December 1, 2026.						O	Study

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K00A04.01	DNR – Statewide Operations	Makes funding contingent upon enactment of legislation that includes the Heritage Conservation Fund with the POS land acquisition balance for the purposes of fund transfer to the operating fund.		\$5,598,443	SF	284	392	C	
K00A04.01	DNR – Statewide Operations	Requires DNR to report on the status of the Port of Deposit State Historical Park land transfer by December 1, 2026.						O	Status
K00A04.01	DNR – Statewide Operations	Requires DNR to report on a MOU update for Patuxent River Wildlands trail maintenance by September 1, 2026.						O	Status
K00A05.10	DNR – Outdoor Recreation Land Loan	Reduces funding contingent on the enactment of legislation adding Jefferson Patterson Park and Museum to the transfer tax POS formula. The contingency was not met.		\$332,797	SF	284	392	C	
K00A05.10	DNR – Outdoor Recreation Land Loan	Specifies the amount of funds available from the Natural Resources Development Fund for State Water and Sewer Infrastructure Improvement Fund projects.		\$7,953,000	SF			O	
K00A05.10	DNR – Outdoor Recreation Land Loan	Specifies the amount of funds available for POS State projects, POS local programs, the Heritage Conservation Fund, Rural Legacy, and capital improvements.						O	

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K00A12.05	DNR – Power Plant Assessment Program	Reduces funding contingent on the enactment of legislation expanding the allowable uses of the SEIF.		\$764,039	GF	284	392	C	
K00A12.05	DNR – Power Plant Assessment Program	Makes funding contingent on the enactment of legislation expanding the allowable uses of the SEIF.		\$794,398	SF	284	392	C	
K00A12.05	DNR – Power Plant Assessment Program	Makes funding added in Supplemental Budget No. 2 contingent on legislation authorizing the spending.		\$3,000,000	SF	841	1532	C	
K00A12.05	DNR – Power Plant Assessment Program	Requires DNR to report on solar project evaluation status by October 1, 2026.						O	Status
K00A14.02	DNR – Watershed and Climate Services	Requires DNR to submit the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays 2010 Trust Fund annual work and expenditures with the fiscal 2028 budget submission.						O	Study
K00A14.02	DNR – Watershed and Climate Services	Requires DNR, DBM, MDA, MDE, and MDP to submit Chesapeake Bay restoration spending details with the fiscal 2028 budget submission.						O	Status
K00A14.02	DNR – Watershed and Climate Services	Requires DNR, DBM, MDA, MDE, and MDP to submit a Chesapeake Bay restoration spending policy report with the fiscal 2028 budget submission.						O	Study

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K00A17.01	DNR – Fishing and Boating Services	Reduces funding contingent on the enactment of legislation eliminating the mandate for the Waterway Improvement Fund distribution to a Maryland-based historic preservation nonprofit in fiscal 2027 and 2028 only. The contingency was not met.		\$250,000	SF	284	392	C	
K00A17.01	DNR – Fishing and Boating Services	Requires DNR to report on the status of the Restorative Aquaculture Pilot Program by October 1, 2026.						O	Status
L00A11.01	MDA – Executive Direction	Restricts funding until MDA, in coordination with DGS, submits a report to the budget committees certifying that MDA has taken the steps needed to address the two repeat audit findings in MDA’s March 2025 audit.		\$250,000	GF			R	Status
L00A11.01	MDA – Executive Direction	Requires MDA to report on efforts to support agricultural industry apprenticeships by December 1, 2026.						O	Study
L00A11.01	MDA – Executive Direction	Requires MDA to report on deficiency appropriations by October 1, 2026.						O	Status
L00A12.02	MDA – Weights and Measures	Requires MDA to report on Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment charger registrations by October 1, 2026.						O	Status
L00A12.10	MDA – Marketing and Agriculture	Reduces funding contingent on the enactment of legislation eliminating the Maryland Native Plants mandate. The contingency was not met.		\$100,000	GF	284	392	C	

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L00A12.10	MDA – Marketing and Agriculture	Reduces funding contingent on the enactment of legislation reducing the CRF-mandated appropriation for the Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland to \$700,000. The contingency was not met.		\$300,000	SF	284	392	C	
L00A12.10	MDA – Marketing and Agriculture Development	Requires MDA to report on the Maryland Native Plants Program by October 1, 2026.						O	Study
L00A12.10	MDA – Marketing and Agriculture Development	Requires MDA to report on a tax credit for agricultural purchasing for finished products by December 31, 2026.						O	Study
L00A15.02	MDA – Program Planning and Development	Reduces funding contingent on the enactment of legislation modifying the mandate for the Healthy Soils Program.		\$100,000	GF	284	392	C	
L00A15.04	Resource Conservation Grants	Reduces funding contingent on the enactment of legislation modifying the mandate for the Urban Agriculture Water and Power Grant Program and Fund.		\$100,000	GF	284	392	C	
M00A01.01	MDH – Administration	Restricts funds until MDH submits a report on staffing at JLG RICA.		\$100,000	GF			R	Status
M00A01.01	MDH – Administration	Restricts funds until MDH submits a report on the department’s efforts to improve placement times of NCR and IST patients.		\$100,000	GF			R	Status

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M00A01.01	MDH – Administration	Requires MDH to submit a report by September 1, 2026, on staffing at State hospital facilities.						O	Status
M00A01.01	MDH – Administration	Requires MDH to submit a report by December 1, 2026, on voluntary non-opioid directive policy implementation.						O	Study
M00B01.03	MDH – OHCQ	Restricts funds until OHCQ submits a report on the Long Term Care Program complaint investigation backlog by November 1, 2026.		\$100,000	GF			O	Status
M00B01.03	MDH – OHCQ	Restricts funds until OHCQ submits a report on the Montgomery County MOU for survey activities by December 1, 2026.		\$100,000	GF			O	Status
M00B01.04	MDH – HPBC	Restricts funds until BOPCT and MDH submit a report on BOPCT evaluation recommendation updates by September 1, 2026.		\$100,000	SF			O	Status
M00B01.04	MDH – HPBC	Restricts funds until HPBC and MDH submit a report on the impact of fund balance transfers to the boards by December 1, 2026.		\$100,000	SF			O	Status
M00B01.04	MDH – HPBC	Restricts funds until the State Board of Pharmacy and MDH submit a letter confirming the submission of regulations related to prescription labels within 30 days of the submission of regulations.		\$100,000	SF			O	Status

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M00B01.05	MDH – HPBC	Requires HPBC to include MFR measures for total licenses and complaint rate of BON with the submission of the fiscal 2028 budget.						O	Status
M00F02.01	MDH – PHA	Reduces general funds and makes a special fund appropriation contingent on the enactment of legislation authorizing the transfer of excess special fund balance from the State Board of Physicians.		\$2,000,000 \$2,000,000	GF SF	284	392	C	
M00F03.04	MDH – PHPA	Reduces general funds and makes a special fund appropriation contingent on legislation expanding the authorized uses of the Advance Directive Program Fund.		\$1,000,000 \$1,000,000	GF SF	284	392	C	
M00F03.04	MDH – PHPA	Restricts funds until MDH submits a report on the detection and treatment of serious health conditions in children.		\$100,000	GF			R	Study
M00F03.04	MDH – PHPA	Reduces funds for tobacco cessation programs contingent on the enactment of legislation reducing the annual funding mandate for tobacco cessation programs.		\$1,580,000	GF	284	392	C	
M00L01.01	MDH – BHA	Restricts funds until OLA submits a report on the status of corrective actions related to MDH’s more recent fiscal compliance audit related to the ASO.		\$100,000	GF			R	Status

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M00L01.01	MDH – BHA	Restricts funds until MDH submits letters confirming the submission of data on provider reimbursements by July 31, 2026; October 31, 2026; January 31, 2027; and April 30, 2027.		\$500,000	GF			R	Status
M00L01.01	MDH – BHA	Restricts funds until BHA submits a report on the ongoing transition to the new ASO.		\$100,000	GF			R	Status
M00L01.01	MDH – BHA	Restricts funds until BHA submits a report on planned efforts to address the behavioral health workforce shortage.		\$100,000	GF			R	Study
M00L01.01	MDH – BHA	Requires MDH and HSCRC to submit a report by September 1, 2026, on financing options for long-acting injectable medication.						O	Study
M00L01.02	MDH – BHA	Reduces general funds and makes a special fund appropriation contingent on the enactment of legislation authorizing the transfer of excess special fund balance from the State Board of Counselors.		\$500,000 \$500,000	GF SF	284	392	C	
M00L01.02	MDH – BHA	Restricts Community Services program funding to that purpose or for transfer to Community Services for Medicaid State Fund Recipients, Medical Care Provider Reimbursements, or Medicaid Behavioral Health Provider Reimbursements.						F	

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M00L01.02	MDH – BHA	Restricts funds until MDH submits with the fiscal 2028 budget, a separate budget program for Community Services program provider reimbursements.		\$100,000	GF			R	Status
M00L01.02	MDH – BHA	Restricts funds until BHA submits a report on the timeliness of payments to local nonprofit CSAs.		\$100,000	GF			R	Status
M00L01.02	MDH – BHA	Restricts funds to be used for costs related to the certification of, and internships for, peer recovery specialists in Maryland.		\$1,000,000	GF			F	
M00L01.03	MDH – BHA	Restricts Community Services for Medicaid State Fund Recipients program funding to that purpose or for transfer to Community Services, Medical Care Provider Reimbursements, or Medicaid Behavioral Health Provider Reimbursements.						F	
M00L10.01	MDH – Administration	Requires MDH to submit a report by August 1, 2026, on staffing and patient transition at Perkins.						O	Status
M00M01.01	MDH – DDA	Restricts funds until DDA submits monthly reports on community services spending beginning September 1, 2026.		\$500,000	GF			O	Status
M00M01.01	MDH – DDA	Restricts funds until DDA submits a report on LTSS service utilization trends by September 15, 2026.		\$500,000	GF			O	Study

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M00M01.01	MDH – DDA	Restricts funds until DDA submits two reports on cost containment actions by December 1, 2026, and April 1, 2027.		\$500,000	GF			O	Status
M00M01.01	MDH – DDA	Restricts funds until DDA submits a report on a rate increase for targeted case management services by October 1, 2026.		\$100,000	GF			O	Status
M00M01.02	MDH – DDA	Requires DDA to submit a report on PCP review processing times by August 1, 2026.						O	Study
M00M01.02	MDH – DDA	Restricts funds for Community Services for that purpose only.						F	
M00M01.02	MDH – DDA	Restricts the enforcement of dedicated hours to a specific policy.						O	
M00M01.02	MDH – DDA	Restricts certain actions relating to rate reductions and State-only funded services.						O	
M00M01.02	MDH – DDA	Restricts the implementation of day-to-day administrative supports to a certain policy.						O	
M00Q01.01	MDH – MCPA	Restricts funds until MDH submits a report on Community First Choice program and Community Options Waiver spending and registry data and Eligibility Determination Division activities by August 1, 2026.		\$250,000	GF			R	Status
M00Q01.01	MDH – MCPA	Restricts funds until OLA submits a letter on the status of corrective actions related to the most recent MCPA audit 45 days before the release of funds.		\$250,000	GF			R	Status

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M00Q01.03	MDH – MCPA	Restricts funds for Medicaid provider reimbursements for that purpose, MCHP, and Medicaid Behavioral Health provider reimbursements only.						F	
M00Q01.03	MDH – MCPA	Reduces general funds and makes a portion of the special fund appropriation for Medicaid expenses contingent on the enactment of legislation authorizing distributions beyond the first \$35 million in CRF settlement funding to be used for purposes other than HBCU settlement payments.		\$8,390,332 \$8,390,332	GF SF	284	392	C	
M00Q01.03	MDH – MCPA	Reduces general funds and makes a special fund appropriation for Medicaid expenses contingent on the enactment of legislation reducing the CRF mandate for the MCHRC fund.		\$2,000,000 \$1,000,000	GF	284	392	C	
M00Q01.03	MDH – MCPA	Requires MDH and MHBE to submit two reports on OBBBA implementation and impacts on Medicaid by December 1, 2026, and June 1, 2027.						O	Status
M00Q01.03	MDH – MCPA	Requires MDH to submit a report with prescription drug claims data paid by managed care organizations and Maryland Medicaid by September 1, 2026.						O	Status

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M00Q01.03	MDH – MCPA	Requires MDH to submit a report on access to in-home dialysis services in skilled nursing facilities by November 1, 2026.						O	Status
M00Q01.07	MDH – MCPA	Restricts MCHP funds to that purpose, Medicaid provider reimbursements, or Medicaid behavioral health provider reimbursements only.						F	
M00Q01.10	MDH – BHA	Restricts Medicaid Behavioral Health Provider Reimbursements program funding to that purpose or for transfer to Community Services, Community Services for Medicaid State Fund Recipients, or Medical Care Provider Reimbursements.						F	
M00Q01.10	MDH – BHA	Requires BHA to submit a report by August 31, 2026, on reimbursable fund spending in behavioral health Medicaid.						O	Status
M00Q01.10	MDH – BHA	Restricts a deficiency appropriation for the Medicaid Behavioral Health Provider Reimbursements program funding to that purpose or for transfer to Community Services, Community Services for Medicaid State Fund Recipients, or Medical Care Provider Reimbursements.						F	

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M00R01.01	MDH – Health Regulatory Commissions	Requires MHCC, HSCRC, and MIEMSS to submit a report on on-call payments for trauma centers by June 30, 2027.						O	Status
M00R01.02	MDH – Health Regulatory Commissions	Restricts funds until HSCRC submits a report on incentives for Medicare Advantage plans under the AHEAD model by January 15, 2027.		\$250,000	SF			R	Status
M00R01.02	MDH – Health Regulatory Commissions	Requires MDH and HSCRC to submit a report with an evaluation and update on primary care programs and initiatives under the AHEAD model by November 1, 2026.						O	Study
M00R01.02	MDH – Health Regulatory Commissions	Requires HSCRC and MD Labor to submit two reports on temporary staffing contracts used by hospitals and other regulated facilities by January 1, 2027, and June 30, 2027.						O	Status
M00R01.03	MDH – Health Regulatory Commissions	Reduces funds contingent on the enactment of legislation reducing the Consortium on Coordinated Community Supports funding mandate. This contingency was not met.		\$20,000,000	SF	284	392	C	
M00R01.03	MDH – Health Regulatory Commissions	Reduces funds for MCHRC grants contingent on the enactment of legislation reducing the CRF mandate for the MCHRC Fund.		\$1,000,000	SF	284	392	C	

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N00A01.01	DHS – Administration – Office of the Secretary	Restricts funds until DHS submits a report due by September 30, 2026, on various closeout information including Assistance Payment and Foster Care Maintenance Payments spending detail, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families revenue and expenditures, special and federal fund spending by source, and reasons for reversions and cancellations.		\$750,000	GF			R	Status
N00B00.04	DHS – SSA	Restricts funds pending the submission of a report on youths placed in hospitals, hotels, and other unlicensed settings by November 15, 2026.		\$500,000	GF			R	Status
N00B00.04	DHS – SSA	Restricts funds pending the submission of a report on child welfare caseload data and filled positions assigned by jurisdiction for specified caseload types by November 1, 2026.		\$250,000	GF			R	Status
N00B00.04	DHS – SSA	Restricts funds until OLA submits a report providing the status of corrective actions related to the most recent fiscal compliance audit for DHS SSA. The report is due 45 days before the release of funds.		\$100,000	GF			R	Status
N00B00.04	DHS – SSA	Restricts funds pending the submission of a letter confirming the posting of monthly child welfare services data by January 15, 2027.		\$250,000	GF			R	Status

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N00B00.04	DHS – SSA	Restricts funds pending submission of two reports providing costs associated with hotel stays by September 30, 2026, and with submission of the fiscal 2028 allowance.		\$100,000	GF			R	Status
N00B00.04	DHS – SSA	Requires DHS to submit a report on the status of implementation of provisions of the Family First Prevention Services Act by November 1, 2026.						O	Status
N00B00.04	DHS – SSA	Requires DHS to submit a report on child fatalities where abuse or neglect are determined to be a contributing factor by January 11, 2027.						O	Status
N00G00.01	DHS – LDO – Foster Care Maintenance Payments	Restricts general funds for the Foster Care Maintenance Payments program to that use only.						F	
N00G00.01	DHS – LDO – Foster Care Maintenance Payments	Restricts general funds for the Foster Care Maintenance Payments deficiency to that use only.						F	
N00G00.01	DHS – LDO – Foster Care Maintenance Payments	Reduces funds contingent upon the enactment of legislation prohibiting the Interagency Rates Committee from increasing the rate for providers over the rates in effect on January 21, 2026.		\$5,136,043 \$64,473 \$1,289,450	GF SF FF	284	392	C	

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N00G00.03	DHS – LDO – Child Welfare Services	Restricts general funds for the Child Welfare Services program to that use only or for transfer to the Foster Care Maintenance Payments program.						F	
N00G00.06	DHS – LDO – Child Support Administration	Requires DHS to submit reports on child support performance by September 15, 2026; December 15, 2026; and February 28, 2027.						O	Status
N00G00.06	DHS – LDO – Child Support Administration	Requires DHS to submit a report reconciling the Child Support Reinvestment Fund by November 30, 2026.						O	Status
N00G00.08	DHS – LDO – Assistance Payments	Restricts funds in the Assistance Payments Program to that purpose.						F	
N00I00.04	DHS – FIA	Restricts funds until DHS submits quarterly reports due August 1, 2026; November 1, 2026; February 1, 2027; and May 1, 2027, on application processing times, application denial rates, and case closures for TCA, TDAP, SNAP, and Public Assistance to Adults.		\$250,000	GF			R	Status

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N00I00.04	DHS – FIA	Restricts funds until DHS submits a report due October 1, 2026, on the calculation of the Maryland Minimum Living Level inflationary adjustment, TCA benefit levels, effective date for benefit increases, and reason beyond October 1, 2026, if applicable.		\$100,000	GF			R	Status
N00I00.04	DHS – FIA	Restricts funds until DHS submits a report due September 1, 2026, with updates on the SNAP payment error rate penalty appeals for federal fiscal 2023 and 2024, if a penalty was issued for federal fiscal 2025, and a detailed plan including timeline for reducing the payment error rate below 10%.		\$250,000	GF			R	Status
N00I00.04	DHS – FIA	Requires DHS to submit a report on SUN Bucks program participation and administration by December 15, 2026.						O	Status
N00I00.06	DHS – OHEP	Restricts funds pending the submission of a report on application processing times and denial rates for energy assistance programs by December 31, 2026.		\$250,000	SF			R	Status
N00I00.06	DHS – OHEP	Requires DHS to submit energy assistance participation rates for vulnerable populations data for fiscal 2026 with the fiscal 2028 submission of MFR data.						O	Status

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P00G01.07	MD Labor	Reduces funds contingent on the enactment of legislation reducing the mandate for the Growing Apprenticeships and the Public Safety program.		\$360,000	GF	284	392	C	
P00G01.07	MD Labor	Reduces funds contingent on the enactment of legislation reducing the mandate for the Career Pathways for Healthcare Workers program.		\$150,000	GF	284	392	C	
P00G01.07	MD Labor	Reduces funds contingent on the enactment of legislation reducing the mandate for the Prince George’s County Re-Entry Employment Incentive grant.		\$150,000	GF	284	392	C	
P00G01.07	MD Labor	Requires MD Labor, PGCPs, PGCC, Bowie State University, and the Prince George’s County Workforce Development Board to submit a report on the workforce needs of the Sphere entertainment venue by December 15, 2026.						O	Study
P00G01.07	MD Labor	Makes a reduction in a deficiency appropriation contingent on the enactment of legislation reducing the mandate for the Growing Apprenticeships and the Public Safety program.		\$360,000	GF	284	392	C	

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Q00A.01.01	DPSCS – Administration	Restricts funds until DPSCS submits quarterly reports beginning on October 1, 2026, on hiring and attrition.		\$200,000	GF			R	Study
Q00A.01.01	DPSCS – Administration	Restricts funds until DPSCS submits a report on oversight of the medical and mental health care contract, including staffing rates, pay rates and medical grievances by October 15, 2026.		\$250,000	GF			R	Study
Q00A.01.01	DPSCS – Administration	Restricts funds until DPSCS submits a strategy for completing two MITDPs by November 15, 2026.		\$250,000	GF			R	Study
Q00A.01.01	DPSCS – Administration	Requires DPSCS to submit a report on three-year recidivism rates and the impact of incarceration on the future outcomes of returning offenders by October 15, 2026.						O	Status
Q00A.01.01	DPSCS – Administration	Requires DPSCS to submit a report with updated Justice Reinvestment Act statistics by December 1, 2026.						O	Status
Q00A.01.01	DPSCS – Administration	Requires DPSCS to submit a report on the use of deficiency appropriations by September 15, 2026.						O	Status
Q00A.01.01	DPSCS – Administration	Requires DPSCS to submit a report on requests from federal agencies seeking access to personal information by January 15, 2027.						O	Status

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Q00A.01.10	DPSCS – Administration	Restricts funds until DPSCS submits a report on overtime data and a plan to eliminate the use of mandatory overtime by November 1, 2025.		\$250,000	GF			R	Study
Q00B01.01	DPSCS – Corrections	Restricts funds to be used for DPSCS to conduct a study with UMCP on correctional industry programs and MCE reentry outcomes by December 1, 2027, and submit a report on the study by December 1, 2026.		\$150,000	GF			R	Status
Q00B01.01	DPSCS – Corrections	Requires DPSCS to submit a report on the rollout of the Reentry Passport Program by October 15, 2026.						O	Study
Q00B01.01	DPSCS – Corrections	Requires DPSCS to submit a report on the treatment of transgender incarcerated individuals by October 1, 2026.						O	Study
Q00B01.01	DPSCS – Corrections	Requires DPSCS to submit a report on support for aging and medically frail incarcerated individuals by August 15, 2026.						O	Status
Q00C01.01	DPSCS – Community Supervision	Restricts funds until DPSCS submits a report on geriatric and medical parole by November 15, 2026.		\$100,000	GF			R	Status
Q00C02.01	DPSCS – Community Supervision	Requires DPSCS to submit a report on its strategy to improve the safety of community supervision agents by October 1, 2026.						O	Status

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Q00C02.01	DPSCS – Community Supervision	Requires DPSCS to submit a report on agent caseloads by September 15, 2026.						O	Status
Q00C02.01	DPSCS– Community Supervision	Requires DPSCS to submit a report on screening and assessment tools by September 1, 2026.						O	Status
Q00N00.01	DPSCS – Administration	Restricts funds until DPSCS submits a report on the oversight of private home detention monitoring companies by September 15, 2026.		\$100,000	GF			R	Status
Q00S02.03	DPSCS – Corrections	Requires DPSCS to submit a report on prerelease programming for incarcerated women by August 1, 2026.						O	Study
Q00S02.08	DPSCS – Corrections	Restricts funds until DPSCS submits a letter confirming the inmate medical care contractor has responded to 95% or more inmate medical grievances or complaints over a three-month period.		\$250,000	GF			R	Status
Q00T04.01	DPSCS – Division of Pretrial Detention and Services	Requires DPSCS to submit a report on the structure and financial terms of the new contract with USMS to operate CDF by August 15, 2026.						O	Status
Q00T04.09	DPSCS – Division of Pretrial Detention and Services	Restricts funds until DPSCS submits a report on compliance with the <i>Duvall v. Moore</i> consent decree by July 1, 2026.		\$100,000	GF			R	Status

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R00A01.01	MSDE – Headquarters	Restricts funds until MSDE submits a report on corrective actions taken in response to OLA fiscal compliance audit findings by December 1, 2026.		\$100,000	GF			R	Study
R00A01.01	MSDE – Headquarters	Requires MSDE to submit a report on accounting practices by October 1, 2026.						O	Status
R00A01.01	MSDE – Headquarters	Requires MSDE to submit a report on State Education Agency federal stimulus funds by January 1, 2027.						O	Status
R00A01.01	MSDE – Headquarters	Requires MSDE to submit a report on the Maryland Leads program by December 1, 2026.						O	Status
R00A01.01	MSDE – Headquarters	Requires MSDE, in collaboration with AIB, to submit a report on Science of Reading and State literacy policy by October 1, 2026.						O	Study
R00A01.01	MSDE – Headquarters	Requires MSDE, in collaboration with the LEAs, to submit a report on CFO qualifications by August 1, 2026.						O	Status
R00A01.04	MSDE – Child Care Assistance Grants	Requires MSDE to submit quarterly reports starting September 15, 2026, on the Child Care Scholarship program expenditures and enrollment.						O	Status
R00A02	MSDE – Aid to Education	Prohibits transfers to other purposes.						F	
R00A02.03	MSDE – Aid to Education	Reduces funds contingent on legislation reducing the State share of teacher retirement costs.		\$36,216,177	GF	284	392	C	

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R00A02.06	MSDE – Prekindergarten	Reduces funds contingent on the enactment of legislation to limit the expansion of Tier II full-day prekindergarten eligibility.		\$3,343,967	SF	284	392	C	
R00A02.07	MSDE – Aid to Education	Requires MSDE to submit a report on the autism waiver program by October 1, 2026.						O	Status
R00A02.07	MSDE – Aid to Education	Requires MSDE to submit a report on nonpublic placements by October 1, 2026.						O	Status
R00A02.13	MSDE – Aid to Education	Reduces the appropriation for the Lacrosse Opportunities Program contingent on the passage of legislation.		\$40,000	GF	284	392	C	
R00A02.13	MSDE – Aid to Education	Reduces the appropriation for the Driver Education in Public High Schools Fund contingent on legislation repealing the mandate. The contingency was not met.		\$2,000,000	SF	284	392	C	
R00A02.13	MSDE – Aid to Education	Requires all 24 LEAs to submit reports on COVID-19 federal stimulus fund expenditures by October 1, 2026.						O	Status
R00A02.13	MSDE – Aid to Education	Reduces an appropriation added in Supplemental Budget No. 1 contingent on legislation eliminating the Open-Source Phonics program mandate. The contingency was not met.		\$150,000	GF				

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R00A02.55	MSDE – Aid to Education	Expresses legislative intent that public school counselors with NBC are subject to the same salary increase schedule as teachers with NBC.							
R00A02.60	MSDE – Aid to Education	Requires MSDE to submit a report on enrollment and counts for Blueprint for Maryland’s Future programs by October 1, 2026.						O	Status
R00A02.62	MSDE – Aid to Education	Requires MSDE to submit a report on the Maryland Comprehensive Assessment Program by October 1, 2026.						O	Status
R00A03.03	MSDE –FEO	Specifies the grantees of the general fund appropriation.		\$2,690,000	GF			O	
R00A03.04	MSDE – FEO	Specifies uses of funds and requirements related to the Aid to Non-Public Schools program.						O	
R00A03.05	MSDE – FEO	Technical changes to align annual language related to the BOOST Program with policies set in the fiscal 2026 Budget Bill.						O	
R00A03.05	MSDE – FEO	Specifies requirements related to nonpublic school participation in the BOOST program.						O	
R00A03.05	MSDE – FEO	Reserves funds under the BOOST appropriation for awards to students with special needs.		\$569,800	GF			F	
R00A03.05	MSDE – FEO	Requires MSDE to submit a BOOST program report by January 15, 2027.						O	Status

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R00A06.01	MCSS	Requires MCSS to submit a report on Safe Schools Fund utilization by September 1, 2026.						O	Status
R11A11.04	MSLA	Reduces funds contingent on legislation requiring local governments to share increased retirement costs.		\$722,970	GF	284	392	C	
R12A01.01	AIB	Requires AIB to submit a status report on Blueprint implementation by November 1, 2026.						O	Status
R30B22.02	UMCP	Reduces funds contingent on legislation eliminating the mandate for the Native Plants Program. The contingency was not met.		\$150,000	CUF	284	392	C	
R30B30.00	UMGC	Requires UMGVC to submit a report on the reintegration of UMGVC Ventures and AccelerEd into the university by December 1, 2026.						O	Study
R62I00.01	MHEC	Restricts funds until MHEC submits a report on errors related to the Guaranteed Access grant and Teaching Fellows for Maryland programs by July 15, 2026.		\$250,000	GF			R	Status
R62I00.01	MHEC	Restricts funds until MHEC submits a report on certain actions taken in response to findings in a March 2025 audit by August 15, 2026.		\$100,000	GF			R	Status
R62I00.01	MHEC	Restricts funds until MHEC submits a report on postsecondary outcomes for Next Generation Scholars senior students by December 10, 2026.		\$50,000	GF			R	Status

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R62I00.01	MHEC	Requires MHEC to submit a report on whether a public service loan forgiveness program is suitable for Maryland students, including an analysis of similar programs in other states by November 15, 2026.						O	Study
R62I00.01	MHEC – Administration	Reduces the general fund appropriation for the Title IX Representation Fund contingent on legislation.		\$250,000	GF	284		C	
R62I00.01	MHEC – Administration	Restricts funds until MHEC submits a report on Guaranteed Access and Teaching Fellows for Maryland Scholarship by July 15, 2026.		\$250,000	GF			R	Status
R62I00.01	MHEC – Administration	Restricts funds until MHEC submits a report on actions to address audit findings by August 15, 2026.		\$100,000	GF			R	Status
R62I00.01	MHEC – Administration	Restricts funds until MHEC submits a report on postsecondary outcomes for Next Generation Scholars by December 10, 2026.		\$50,000	GF			R	Status
R62I00.01	MHEC – Administration	Restricts funds until MHEC submits a report on the financial details of grant, scholarships, and loan assistance repayment programs.		\$1,000,000	GF			R	Status
R62I00.01	MHEC – Administration	Requires MHEC to submit a report on tuition exemption for incarcerated individuals by November 15, 2026.						O	Review
R62I00.01	MHEC – Administration	Requires MHEC to submit a report on public service loan forgiveness programs.						O	Review

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R62I00.01	MHEC – Administration	Reduces general funds contingent on the enactment of legislation modifying the mandate to the Title IX Representation Fund.		\$250,000	GF	284	392	C	
R62I00.01	MHEC – Administration	Reduces general funds in fiscal 2026 contingent on the enactment of legislation modifying the mandate to the Title IX Representation Fund.		\$250,000	GF	284	392	C	
R62I00.05	MHEC – Aid to Community Colleges	Specifies the distribution of funds for each community college under the John A. Cade Funding Formula.		\$438,855,046	GF			O	
R62I00.06	MHEC – Aid to Community Colleges Fringe Benefits	Reduces funds contingent on the enactment of legislation reducing the State share of community college retirement costs.		\$2,344,824	GF	284	392	C	
R62I00.10	MHEC – Student Financial Assistance	Requires MHEC to submit a report on the costs to implement lower credit completion requirements for community college students receiving Educational Excellence Awards by November 1, 2026.						O	Status
R62I00.10	MHEC – Student Financial Assistance	Requires MHEC to submit a report on the impact of credit completion requirements on financial aid awards by December 1, 2026.						O	Status
R75T00.01	Higher Education	Requires USM, MSU, and SMC to submit a report on instructional faculty workload, by December 15, 2025.						O	Status

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R75T00.01	Higher Education	Restricts special fund appropriation for USMO contingent on legislation.		\$100,000	SF	1219	739	C	
R75T00.01	Higher Education – UMCP	Reduces funds contingent on legislation eliminating the mandate for the Native Plants Program. The contingency was not met.		\$150,000	GF	284	392	C	
R75T00.01	Higher Education – BCCC	Reduces funds contingent upon the enactment of legislation reducing the funding formula percentage from 68.5% to 67.5%.		\$713,762	GF	284	392	C	
R75T00.01	Higher Education	Reduces general funds and makes a special fund appropriation contingent on legislation partially decoupling from the OBBBA.		\$6,788,391 \$6,788,391	GF SF	284	392	C	
R75T00.01	Higher Education – USMO	Makes a special fund appropriation added in Supplemental Budget No. 2 contingent on legislation authorizing spending for this purpose notwithstanding SEIF-RGGI account restrictions and on SB 739 or HB 1219.		\$100,000	SF	739	1219	C	
R95C00.00	BCCC	Reduces funds contingent upon the enactment of legislation reducing the funding formula percentage from 68.5% to 67.5%.		\$713,762	CUF	284	392	C	
R95C00.00	BCCC	Requires BCCC to submit a report on enrollment and the Mayor’s Scholars Program by December 1, 2026.						O	Study
S00A20.01	DHCD	Requires DHCD to submit a report on housing industry apprenticeships by December 1, 2026.						O	Study

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S00A20.01	DHCD	Requires DHCD to submit a report on housing production opportunities at rail mass transit stops by December 1, 2026.						O	Study
S00A24.01	DHCD	Restricts funds until DHCD submits a report on efforts to reduce vacant properties in Baltimore City by September 1, 2026.		\$3,000,000	SF			R	Status
S00A25.04	DHCD	Reduces general funds contingent on legislation expanding the allowable uses of the SEIF to include programs with certain purposes and makes the use of special funds contingent on legislation with the same effect.		\$183,673 \$191,321	GF SF	SB 284		C	
S00A29.01	DHCD	Expresses the intent of the General Assembly that community action agencies be defined as emergency providers.						O	
T00A00.01	Commerce	Restricts funds until Commerce submits a report on utilization of the SMWOBA program by October 30, 2026.		\$250,000	GF			R	Study
U00A01.15	Capital Appropriation – Comprehensive Flood Management Grant Program	Makes funding contingent on the enactment of legislation expanding the allowable uses of the SEIF.		\$9,485,000	SF	284	392	C	

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U00A04.01	MDE – Water and Science Administration	Reduces funds and makes a special fund appropriation contingent on the enactment of legislation expanding the civil and administrative penalty authority of MDE.		\$250,000 \$250,000	GF SF	108	250	C	
U00A04.01	MDE – Water and Science Administration	Restricts funding until MDE submits a report to the budget committees evaluating and recommending options to standardize the interpretation and implementation of State septic system regulations and guidance across jurisdictions.		\$250,000	GF			R	
U00A04.01	MDE – Water and Science Administration	Requires MDE to report on Potomac Interceptor oversight failures and a water quality monitoring plan by June 1, 2026.						O	Study
U00A04.01	MDE – Water and Science Administration	Requires MDE to provide Potomac Interceptor status reports monthly beginning not later than June 1, 2026.						O	Status
U00A04.01	MDE – Water and Science Administration	Requires MDE to report on nutrient credits derived from oyster restoration by October 1, 2026.						O	Status
U00A06.01	MDE – Land and Materials Administration	Requires MDE to report on a prospective Maryland Beverage Container Recycling Fund and Litter Reduction Program by December 1, 2026.						O	Study

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Study: Comprehensive review

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U00A06.01	MDE – Land and Materials Administration	Requires MDE to report on the Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation permit renewal process by October 1, 2026.						O	Study
U00A07.01	MDE – Air and Radiation Administration	Requires MDE to report on energy use intensity costs and alternatives reporting for the building energy performance standards by December 1, 2026.						O	Study
U00A10.01	MDE – Emergency and Support Services	Reduces general funds and makes a special fund appropriation contingent on the enactment of legislation expanding the allowable uses of the SEIF. The contingency was met.		\$178,267 \$183,237	GF SF	284	392	C	
U10B00.41	MES	Requires MES to submit an annual funding statement with the submission of the fiscal 2028 budget.						O	Status
V00D01.01	DJS	Requires DJS to submit a report on the substance abuse program by August 1, 2026.						O	Status
W00A01.01	DSP	Expresses legislative intent that grant funding provided to the Maryland Sheriffs’ Association be used to provide trainings to law enforcement agencies, including training on State law regarding immigration enforcement agreements.						F	
W00A01.01	DSP	Requires DSP to submit quarterly reports on personnel measures beginning by July 10, 2026.						O	Status

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W00A01.01	DSP	Requires DSP to submit a report on registered apprenticeship opportunities by December 1, 2026.						O	Study
W00A01.01	DSP	Requires DSP to submit a report on workforce diversity strategies by October 1, 2026.						O	Status
W00A01.01	DSP	Requires DSP to submit a report on federal requests for personal information by January 15, 2027.						O	Status
W00A01.04	DSP	Reduces general funds contingent on legislation expanding the use of MEMSOF for the department's Aviation program and makes the use of special funds contingent on legislation with the same effect.		\$5,500,000 \$5,500,000	GF SF	284	392	C	
Y01A02.01	State Reserve Fund – DPA	Requires the Comptroller and DBM to submit a report by July 15, 2026, identifying the purpose to which funds were returned to the DPA from fiscal 2021 to 2025 and expresses intent that the Comptroller identify these purposes annually.						O	Status
Y01A02.01	State Reserve Fund – DPA	Makes a special fund appropriation contingent on legislation expanding the allowable uses of the SEIF to include Higher Ed Research Fund and authorizes the funds to be used for any research field.		\$42,000,000	SF	284	392	C	

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Budget Code	Agency	Contingency Language	Positions	Amount	Fund	Senate Bill	House Bill	Note	Status/ Study
Y01A02.01	State Reserve Fund – DPA	Makes a special fund appropriation added in Supplemental Budget No. 2 for the Residential Energy Equity Program contingent on legislation authorizing spending for this purpose notwithstanding SEIF-RGGI account restrictions.		\$72,650,000	SF	841	1532	C	
Section 2	DBM	Modifies language to restrict the amount of appropriations that can be placed into contingency reserve to only those items restricted by the General Assembly.						O	
Section 17	DBM	Modifies language to disallow transfers to other purposes and allows OLA to track the disposition of funds in restricted statewide subobjects.						O	
Section 18	DBM	Requires the Governor’s Fiscal 2028 Budget Books to include the executive’s General Fund, transportation, Blueprint Fund, and higher education forecasts.						O	Status
Section 19	DBM	Requires across-the-board reductions to the Executive Branch to be applied to USM, SMCM, MSU, and BCCC unless otherwise stated.						O	
Section 20	DBM	Requires DBM to submit a report on components of each federal fund appropriation with the submission of the Governor’s Fiscal 2028 Budget Books.						O	Status

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Budget Code	Agency	Contingency Language	Positions	Amount	Fund	Senate Bill	House Bill	Note	Status/ Study
Section 21	DBM	Defines the policies under which federal funds shall be used in the State budget.						O	
Section 22	DBM	Requires DBM to submit agency organizational charts and special and federal fund accounting detail with the submission of the Governor's Fiscal 2028 Budget Books and a list of subprograms by September 1, 2026.						O	Status
Section 23	DBM	Requires DBM to submit a consolidated report on interagency agreements by December 1, 2026.						O	Status
Section 24	DBM	Defines the process under which budget amendments may be used.						O	
Section 25	MDH MSDE DHS	Requires MDH, MSDE, and DHS to submit a report by August 15, 2026, and monthly thereafter on appropriations and disbursements in M00Q01.03, M00Q01.10, R00A02.07, and N00G00.01.						O	Status
Section 26	DBM	Prevents State employees from being moved into positions that were abolished in the budget and allows for incumbents in abolished positions to continue State employment in another position.						O	
Section 27	IWIF	Requires IWIF to submit a report on the status of the ledger control account monthly beginning July 1, 2026.						O	Status

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Budget Code	Agency	Contingency Language	Positions	Amount	Fund	Senate Bill	House Bill	Note	Status/ Study
Section 28	DBM	Requires DBM to submit a certification of the status of positions created with non-State funding sources during fiscal 2024 through 2027 by June 30, 2027.						O	Status
Section 29	DBM	Requires DBM to submit the total number of full-time equivalents on June 30 and July 1, 2026, by July 14, 2026, and report on the creation, transfer, or abolition of regular positions with the Governor’s fiscal 2028 budget submission and as needed.						O	Status
Section 30	DBM	Requires DBM to submit an accounting of the employee and retiree health plan revenues and expenditures with the submission of the Governor’s Fiscal 2028 Budget Books.						O	Status

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Budget Code	Agency	Contingency Language	Positions	Amount	Fund	Senate Bill	House Bill	Note	Status/ Study
Section 31	DSP	Restricts funds until DSP submits the 2025 <i>Uniform Crime Report</i> that is due 45 days prior to expenditure of funds; specifies upon receipt of notification from DSP, GOCPP must withhold a portion of a delinquent jurisdiction’s SAPP grant until DSP receives certain crime data; and requires DSP and GOCPP to submit a report on jurisdictions that do not submit data by November 1, 2026, and the amount of SAPP funding that was withheld from each jurisdiction.		\$100,000	GF			R	Study/ Status
Section 32	GOC DHS DJS MDH MSDE	Restricts funds from DHS, DJS, MDH, and MSDE until GOC, DHS, DJS, MDH, and MSDE submit a report on out-of-home placements by January 1, 2027.		\$100,000 each from DHS, DJS, MDH, and MSDE	GF			R	Study
Section 33	DHS – SSA MDH	Restricts funds pending submission of a report verifying the Medicaid State Plan Amendment was submitted by December 1, 2026.		\$200,000 from each	GF			R	Status
Section 34	DoIT DGS	Restricts funds from DoIT and DGS pending a report on the implementation, procurement, and impact assessments of AI systems.		\$250,000 from each	GF			R	Status
Section 35	DNR MDE	Expresses the intent that DNR and MDE report on Deep Creek Watershed Management Plan reactivation by December 1, 2026.						O	Study

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Budget Code	Agency	Contingency Language	Positions	Amount	Fund	Senate Bill	House Bill	Note	Status/ Study
Section 36	DHS – SSA MDH	Restricts funds pending submission of a report confirming DHS and MDH have established a pediatric hospital overstay coordinator within each department by December 1, 2026.		100,000 from each	GF			R	Status
Section 38	PSC	Adds special funds from ACP-supported SEIF for grants to utilities to provide a downpayment on EmPOWER Maryland Residential Program costs contingent on legislation expanding the allowable uses of ACP-supported SEIF to include this purpose.		\$100,000,000	SF	841	1532	C	
Section 38	MEA	Adds special funds from ACP-supported SEIF for grants for new renewable energy and new energy storage capacity under a reverse auction contingent on legislation expanding the allowable uses of ACP-supported SEIF to include this purpose.		\$100,000,000	SF	841	1532	C	
Section 38	PSC	Adds special funds from ACP-supported SEIF to offset ratepayer costs associated with the Limited Income Discount Program contingent on legislation expanding the allowable uses of ACP-supported SEIF to include this purpose.		\$38,000,000	SF	841	1532	C	

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Section 38	IAC – PAYGO	Adds special funds from ACP-supported SEIF for public school HVAC upgrades in Baltimore City contingent on legislation expanding the allowable uses of ACP-supported SEIF to include this purpose.		\$9,850,000	SF	841	1532	C	
Section 38	MEA	Adds special funds from ACP-supported SEIF for additional funding for the Residential and Commercial Energy Storage Grant Program contingent on legislation expanding the allowable uses of ACP-supported SEIF to include this purpose.		\$2,000,000	SF	841	1532	C	
Section 38	Comptroller of Maryland	Adds special funds from ACP-supported SEIF to fund a study of HVAC systems in four 21 <sup>st</sup> Century School Buildings, due on December 1, 2026, including the findings, estimated costs for repairs, and recommendations for improvements.						O	Study
Section 39	MDH – DDA	Limits the types of cost containment actions that may be applied in DDA in fiscal 2027 as part of an addition of general and federal funds to reduce cost containment actions.						O	

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Section 39	DHCD	Restricts \$3,000,000 of the \$6,000,000 in general funds added for the Rental Assistance for Community School Families program to be used in Prince George's County.						O	
Section 39	TEDCO	Adds general funds for the Maryland Growth Initiative contingent on legislation establishing the initiative.		\$4,000,000	GF	763	1596	C	
Section 39	MDOT – MTA	Requires MDOT to submit a report by June 1, 2027, on the pilot bus route in Baltimore County for which \$2,000,000 in general funds were added, including data on ridership, cost effectiveness, and other efficiency measures.						O	Study
Section 39	Commerce	Adds general funds for the Maryland's Future Fund contingent on legislation establishing the fund.		\$1,500,00	GF	770	1473	C	
Section 39	Commerce	Adds general funds for the Maryland Workforce Launch Pilot Program contingent on legislation establishing the program.		\$1,000,000	GF	869		C	
Section 39	MSDE	Adds general funds for costs associated with Artificial Intelligence Ready Schools Act initiatives contingent on legislation requiring MSDE to provide certain guidance on AI to local school systems and evaluate AI tools.		\$500,000	GF	720	1057	C	

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Section 39	USMO	Adds general funds to create a statewide AI partnership and Maryland Tech Extension Hubs contingent on legislation creating the partnership and hubs.		\$500,000	GF	597		C	
Section 39	Commerce	Requires that at least \$250,000 of the \$300,000 in funds added for the Hippodrome Theatre be used for a study of facility needs by MSA.						O	
Section 39	Comptroller of Maryland	Adds general funds for the purpose of a study of economic growth trends in Maryland contingent on legislation establishing the Maryland's Future Fund.			770	1473		C	
Section 39	GOCPP	Requires GOCPP to submit a report by June 30, 2027, on the evaluation of the levels of violence within Maryland's adult prison system for which \$200,000 in general funds was added to procure a consultant to conduct.						O	Study
Section 39	DoIT	Adds general funds to procure services from a third party to conduct an independent study of compensation, salaries, recruitment, and retention of the State's IT and cybersecurity personnel contingent on legislation requiring a study.		\$250,000	GF		1335	C	

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Section 39	MSA	Expresses intent that a child care center at the Old Annapolis Post Office building and grounds that results from a comprehensive assessment and feasibility study for which \$250,000 in general funds are added prioritize placement for children of State employees who work at the Annapolis Complex.						O	
Section 39	MDH – Health Regulatory Commissions – MCHRC	Requires MCHRC to submit a study by December 1, 2026, of how to meet the need for behavioral health services for young adults in Prince George’s County for which \$250,000 in general funds is added.						O	Study
Section 39	MSA for MEDCO	Expresses intent that a project developed using \$18,000,000 in added special funds for MEDCO will include mixed use development that operates 363 days of the year and complement the growth of College Park and Prince George’s County and that the project will receive private-sector investment of at least \$40 million in project costs.						O	

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Section 39	MDH – DDA	Requires DDA to submit quarterly reports beginning July 1, 2026, on the status of the contract for data analytics support for which \$5,000,000 is added, as well as ongoing activities, and stakeholder engagement including certain stakeholders.						O	Status
Section 39	MDA	Adds general funds for the Maryland Seafood Industry Financial Assistance Fund contingent on legislation creating the fund.		\$2,000,000	GF	558	1599	C	
Section 39	MD Labor	Adds general funds to support the implementation of the Workforce Pell Grant Program contingent on legislation establishing requirements related to the program.		\$300,000	GF		509	C	
Section 39	MPBC	Expresses intent that MPBC supplement the \$150,000 in added general funds with funds and resources for non-State sources.						O	
Section 41	DPSCS – MPTSC DSP	Expresses legislative intent to require an attestation under penalty of perjury from applicants for police certification that they are not affiliated or have previously been affiliation with certain racially or ethnically motivated extremist groups.						O	

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Section 41	DPSCS – MPTSC DSP	Restricts funds until DPSCS and DSP submit a joint report on the implementation of policies and requirements related to new attestation requirements in the vetting procedures for police officers by November 1, 2026.		\$250,000 for each	GF			R	Status
Section 42	DHS MDH Commerce OPD SDAT	Restricts funding in agency budgets that submitted late budget amendments pending the submission of timely fiscal 2026 closeout budget amendments.		\$100,000 from each	GF			R	Status
Section 45	DBM	Expresses intent that DBM notify PSC by June 15, 2026, of the amount of a budget amendment authorized in the Section to fund the Strategic Energy Planning Office.						O	
Section 45	SEPO	Authorizes a budget amendment for costs and expenses associated with the Strategic Energy Planning Office.		Up to \$5,000,000	SF			R	

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**B75A01**  
**Department of Legislative Services**

**Budget Amendment**

**B75A01.04            Office of Operations and Support Services**

Add the following language to the general fund appropriation:

, provided that \$833,856 in general funds and 5.0 positions are added to this appropriation for the purpose of creating and funding 2.0 human resources positions and 3.0 information technology positions.

**Explanation:** This language adds 5.0 positions in the Department of Legislative Services, Office of Operations and Support Services, through the transfer of vacant positions from the Office of Legislative Audits. The new positions include 2.0 human resources positions and 3.0 information technology positions.

**Budget Amendment**

**B75A01.05            Office of Legislative Audits**

Add the following language to the general fund appropriation:

, provided that this appropriation shall be reduced by \$833,856 in general funds and 5.0 positions shall be abolished.

**Explanation:** This language reduces funding and 5.0 positions from the Office of Legislative Audits within the Department of Legislative Services (DLS). These positions are transferred to the Office of Operations and Support Services within DLS.

**Committee Narrative**

**B75A01.06            Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability**

**Department of Legislative Services Program Evaluation of the Developmental Disabilities Administration:** The committees request that the Department of Legislative Services (DLS) conduct a program evaluation of the Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) within the Maryland Department of Health. The evaluation should be submitted to the committees by

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December 15, 2026. The evaluation should include DDA programs and services and the provision of similar services in other states as well as options to improve program integrity and assist in ensuring the long-term sustainability of DDA programs and services.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Program evaluation of DDA	DLS	December 15, 2026

### **Committee Narrative**

**B75A01.07                      Office of Policy Analysis**

**Report on Relocating the Office of Student Financial Assistance:** The committees request that the Department of Legislative Services, in consultation with the Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC), the Department of Budget and Management, and segments of higher education, conduct a study evaluating options for removing the Office of Student Financial Assistance (OSFA) from the organizational structure of MHEC. Multiple options should be considered including, but not limited to, establishing OSFA as a separate agency in the executive branch or incorporating OSFA into another State agency. The report should include:

- a survey of the administration of student financial assistance programs in other states including organization and structure;
- revisions to statute to effectuate the recommended relocation options of OSFA; and
- estimated costs associated with the relocation options including additional personnel and other operating costs.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Report on relocating OSFA	Department of Legislative Services	December 1, 2026

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Judiciary**

**Budget Amendment**

Add the following language:

Provided that \$2,172,300 in general funds made for the purpose of providing judicial compensation enhancements are reduced to bring available funds in line with the recommendations of the Judicial Compensation Commission. The Chief Justice is authorized to allocate this reduction across programs within the Judiciary.

**Explanation:** This action reduces funds in the fiscal 2027 budget to bring judicial compensation enhancements in line with the Judicial Compensation Commission’s recommendations. This includes a \$5,900 salary increase in fiscal 2027 for all judges and a \$7,500 stipend for the Chief Judge of the Appellate Court of Maryland and administrative judges in the trial courts.

Add the following language:

Further provided that \$3,176,185 in general funds, \$164,842 in special funds, and \$37,319 in reimbursable funds of this appropriation made for the purpose of merit increases for personnel are reduced. The Chief Justice is authorized to allocate this reduction across programs within the Judiciary.

**Explanation:** This reduces the fiscal 2027 budget to remove the 1% merit increase for personnel.

**Budget Amendment**

**C00A00.03            Circuit Court Judges**

Amend appropriation for the purposes indicated:

	<u><b>Funds</b></u>	<u><b>Positions</b></u>
1. Reduce \$509,671 in general funds to abolish 3.0 new positions (N27049, N27050, and N27051) in the St. Mary’s County Circuit Court. This reduction may be allocated between the C00A00.03 Circuit Court Judges		

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program and C00A00.10 Clerks of the Circuit Court program	-435,353	GF	-2.00
 Total Change	 -435,353		 -2.00

<u>Effect</u>	<u>Allowance</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Amount Change</u>	<u>Position Change</u>
Position	427.00	425.00		-2.00
General Funds	106,735,780	106,300,427	-435,353	

**Budget Amendment**

**C00A00.04      District Court**

Add the following language to the general fund appropriation:

, provided that \$8,200,000 of this appropriation made for the purpose of providing attorneys for required representation at initial appearances before District Court commissioners consistent with the holding of the Supreme Court of Maryland in DeWolfe v. Richmond 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 revert back to the General Fund.

**Explanation:** This language restricts the use of \$8.2 million of the Judiciary’s general fund appropriation for the implementation of DeWolfe v. Richmond to that purpose only.

Amend appropriation for the purposes indicated:

	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Positions</u>
1. Reduce \$200,000 in general funds made for the purpose of telephone expenses to align with fiscal 2025 actual expenses. The Chief Justice is authorized to allocate this reduction across the Judiciary.	-200,000	GF
2. Reduce \$75,000 in general funds made for the purpose of District Court in-state and out-of-state travel to align with fiscal 2025 actual expenses.	-75,000	GF

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3. Reduce \$200,000 made for the purpose of providing attorneys for required representation at initial appearances before District Court Commissioners consistent with the holding of the Supreme Court of Maryland in DeWolfe v. Richmond to align with fiscal 2025 actual expenses.	-200,000	GF
Total Change	-475,000	0.00

<u>Effect</u>	<u>Allowance</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Amount Change</u>	<u>Position Change</u>
Position	1,673.00	1,673.00		0.00
General Funds	289,977,190	289,502,190	-475,000	

**Committee Narrative**

**Appointed Attorney Program Costs and Utilization Report:** The committees request that the Judiciary submit a report by December 15, 2026, on the Appointed Attorney Program for fiscal 2026 and 2027 year to date. The report should contain the number of initial appearances by district and county, the number of attorney shifts in the program by district and county, the waiver rate of defendants waiving their right to counsel at their initial appearance, the total annual appointed attorney shifts and hours scheduled by district, the total number of attorneys enrolled in the program, the total annual costs of the program by district, and the total number of initial appearances with an appointed attorney, private attorney, or public defender representing the defendant by district and county.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Appointed Attorney Program costs and utilization	Judiciary	December 15, 2026

**Committee Narrative**

**C00A00.06      Administrative Office of the Courts**

**Annual Court Performance Measures:** The committees request a report on the performance of the Judiciary, to be submitted by December 15, 2026, with annual court performance measures

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data for the circuit and District courts, the Supreme Court, and the Appellate Court. The report should contain the percentage of cases disposed of within 18, 24, and 30 months; the total number of rulings; and the total number of filings per month. The report should also explain the change in the total number of filings and any issues that the Judiciary is having achieving its processing goals.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Annual court performance measures report	Judiciary	December 15, 2026

**Problem-Solving Court (PSC) Performance and Funding:** The committees request a report on the work of the Judiciary’s PSCs, to be submitted by December 15, 2026. The report should show the funding allocated and performance data for all PSC types in fiscal 2026, including the average length of time that a defendant’s case is active in each type of court, the reasons defendants fail to successfully complete a program, and the average cost per defendant in each type of PSC. The report should also include the anticipated costs by PSC type and location for fiscal 2027 and 2028.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
PSC funding and performance report	Judiciary	December 15, 2026

**Judgeship Need for Fiscal 2028:** The committees request a report on judgeship needs at the Judiciary to be submitted by December 15, 2026. The report should include a detailed analysis of the Judiciary’s fiscal 2028 judgeship needs.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Judgeship need for fiscal 2028	Judiciary	December 15, 2026

**Efforts to Fill Long-term Vacant Positions:** As of December 31, 2025, the Judiciary reported 246.3 vacancies, with 40.3 positions being vacant for more than one year. The committees request that the Judiciary submit a report regarding the 40.3 long-term vacant positions by July 1, 2026, including:

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- information on the positions, including job title and identification number;
- the status of the positions, indicating if the positions have been filled as of the submission of the report;
- if applicable, candidates’ actual or anticipated start dates; and
- recruitment strategies used to fill the positions.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Efforts to fill long-term vacant positions	Judiciary	July 1, 2026

**Budget Amendment**

**C00A00.09            Judicial Information Systems**

Amend appropriation for the purposes indicated:

	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Positions</u>
1. Reduce \$750,000 in general funds made for the purpose of printing expenses to align with fiscal 2025 actual expenses. The Chief Justice is authorized to allocate this reduction across the Judiciary.	-750,000	GF
Total Change	-750,000	0.00
	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Position</u>
<u>Effect</u>	<u>Allowance</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
Position	173.00	173.00
General Funds	71,177,880	70,427,880
	-750,000	-750,000

**C00A00**

**Budget Amendment**

**C00A00.10 Clerks of the Circuit Court**

Amend appropriation for the purposes indicated:

	<u><b>Funds</b></u>		<u><b>Positions</b></u>
1. Reduce \$250,000 in general funds for postage to align with fiscal 2025 actual expenses. The Chief Justice is authorized to allocate this reduction across the Judiciary.	-250,000	GF	
2. Reduce \$509,671 in general funds to abolish 3.0 new positions (N27049, N27050, and N27051) in the St. Mary’s County Circuit Court. This reduction may be allocated between the C00A00.03 Circuit Court Judges program and C00A00.10 Clerks of the Circuit Court program.	-74,318	GF	-1.00
Total Change	-324,318		-1.00

	<u><b>Effect</b></u>	<u><b>Allowance</b></u>	<u><b>Appropriation</b></u>	<u><b>Amount Change</b></u>	<u><b>Position Change</b></u>
Position		1,495.00	1,494.00		-1.00
General Funds		141,276,681	140,952,363	-324,318	

**Budget Amendment**

**C00A00.12 Major Information Technology Development Projects**

Amend appropriation for the purposes indicated:

	<u><b>Funds</b></u>		<u><b>Positions</b></u>
1. Reduce \$6,000,000 in special funds made for the Judiciary’s Major Information Technology Development Projects to align with fiscal 2025 actual expenses. The Chief Justice is authorized to allocate this reduction across the Judiciary.	-6,000,000	SF	
Total Change	-6,000,000		0.00

**C00A00**

<u>Effect</u>	<u>Allowance</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Amount Change</u>	<u>Position Change</u>
Special Funds	18,370,000	12,370,000	-6,000,000	

**Committee Narrative**

**Major Information Technology Development Project (MITDP) Status Report:** The committees request a report on the Judiciary’s MITDPs to be submitted by December 15, 2026. The report should include actual costs for all projects in fiscal 2026 and anticipated costs for all projects through fiscal 2030, along with status updates for all projects.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
MITDP status report	Judiciary	December 15, 2026

**Land Records Improvement Fund (LRIF) Balance Report:** The committees request a report on the status of the LRIF to be submitted by December 15, 2026. The report should include the fiscal 2026 revenues and expenditures for the fund along with forecasted revenues and expenditures for fiscal 2027 through 2030. The report should also include a breakdown of the expenditures for circuit court offices.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
LRIF balance report	Judiciary	December 15, 2026

**Committee Narrative**

**C00A00.13      Pre-Trial Home Detention**

**Private Home Detention Monitoring Report:** The committees request a report providing data on private home detention funded by the Judiciary to be submitted by December 15, 2026. The report should contain the number of defendants enrolled in private home detention monitoring, total funds spent in fiscal 2026, and anticipated costs for the remainder of fiscal 2027.

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**Information Request**

**Author**

**Due Date**

Private home detention monitoring  
report  
Judiciary

December 15, 2026

**C80B00**  
**Office of the Public Defender**

**Budget Amendment**

Add the following language:

Provided that \$11,477,415 in general funds, \$358,100 in special funds, and \$350,000 in federal funds of this appropriation made for the purpose of panel attorney fees 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 reverted or canceled.

**Explanation:** This action restricts funds within the Office of the Public Defender for panel attorney fees to be used only for that purpose.

**Committee Narrative**

**C80B00.01          General Administration**

**Juvenile Court Matters Caseload Report:** The committees request that the Office of the Public Defender (OPD) submit a report by November 15, 2026, on the overall increase in Juvenile Court matters since fiscal 2021. This report should discuss the factors causing the total number of Juvenile Court matters to increase and the status of any Juvenile Court case backlog. The report should also discuss current efforts and potential strategies to improve OPD’s operations for handling Juvenile Court cases.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Juvenile Court matters caseload report	OPD	November 15, 2026

**Committee Narrative**

**C80B00.02          District Operations**

**Panel Attorney Caseload and Expenditures Reports:** The Office of the Public Defender (OPD) has had recent shortfalls involving panel attorneys that have required deficiency appropriations. The committees request two reports from OPD that provide data on the use of

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panel attorneys in fiscal 2026 and 2027 year to date. Each report should include the number of cases paneled to private attorneys by case type, overall caseloads for attorneys in each division, actual spending on panel attorneys, total funds remaining in fiscal 2027 for panel attorneys, and anticipated costs for the remainder of the year. The first report should include an overview of actual fiscal 2026 expenditures relating to panel attorneys, including fiscal 2026 deficiency appropriations, providing a breakdown of total funds used per program and whether funds were used for fiscal 2026 or 2025 purposes. The first report should also provide an explanation for the need for fiscal 2026 deficiency appropriations under OPD and current efforts and potential strategies to improve OPD operations to reduce the need for future deficiency appropriations.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Panel attorney caseload and expenditures reports	OPD	August 15, 2026 January 15, 2027

### **Fiscal 2026 Deficiency**

Add the following language to the general fund appropriation:

, provided that \$8,530,154 of this appropriation made for the purpose of panel attorney fees 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 revert to the General Fund.

**Explanation:** This language restricts a portion of the deficiency appropriation under District Operations budgeted for panel attorney fees to be used only for that purpose.

### **Fiscal 2026 Deficiency**

#### **C80B00.03            Appellate and Inmate Services**

Add the following language to the general fund appropriation:

, provided that \$36,531 of this appropriation made for the purpose of panel attorney fees 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 revert to the General Fund.

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**Explanation:** This language restricts the deficiency appropriation for Appellate and Inmate Services within the Office of the Public Defender to be used only for fees associated with panel attorneys.

**C81C**  
**Office of the Attorney General**

**Budget Amendment**

**C81C00.01                      Legal Counsel and Advice**

Amend appropriation for the purposes indicated:

	<u><b>Funds</b></u>	<u><b>Positions</b></u>
1. Reduce \$100,000 in special funds for the purpose of in-State conferences and training in the Legal Counsel and Advice Division.	-100,000	SF
Total Change	-100,000	0.00

<u><b>Effect</b></u>	<u><b>Allowance</b></u>	<u><b>Appropriation</b></u>	<u><b>Amount Change</b></u>	<u><b>Position Change</b></u>
Position	85.00	85.00		0.00
Special Funds	22,845,202	22,745,202	-100,000	

**Committee Narrative**

**Access to Counsel in Evictions (ACE) Operations and Future Costs Report:** With final implementation of the ACE program complete, the committees request a report on the status of the program at the end of fiscal 2026, including the total cost of the operation of the program, the total number of participating legal services providers, the total funding granted to each provider in fiscal 2026 and 2027, the program’s procedures for ensuring adequate coverage in each jurisdiction, the total number of cases in fiscal 2026, the results of all cases in fiscal 2026, and the number of rejected tenants and the reasons for rejection in fiscal 2026. The report should also include a breakdown of all available funding in fiscal 2027 and the estimated cost to operate the program in fiscal 2027 and 2028.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
ACE operations and future costs report	Maryland Legal Services Corporation	November 15, 2026

**C90G00  
Public Service Commission**

**Budget Amendment**

**C90G00.01            General Administration and Hearings**

Strike the following language from the special fund appropriation:

~~, provided that \$100,000,000 of this appropriation is contingent upon enactment of legislation expanding the allowable uses of the Strategic Energy Investment Fund.~~

**Explanation:** This language strikes language making a portion of the appropriation in the Public Service Commission contingent on the expansion of allowable uses.

Amend appropriation for the purposes indicated:

	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Positions</u>
1. Reduce special fund appropriation that is contingent on enactment of legislation expanding the allowable uses of the Strategic Energy Investment Fund.	-100,000,000	SF
Total Change	-100,000,000	0.00

<u>Effect</u>	<u>Allowance</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Amount Change</u>	<u>Position Change</u>
Position	82.00	82.00		0.00
Special Funds	118,300,089	18,300,089	-100,000,000	

**Committee Narrative**

**Arrearage and Termination Data:** The committees remain interested in monitoring residential utility terminations and arrearages. The committees request that the Public Service Commission (PSC) submit two reports containing residential termination and arrearage data separately by utility and month. The first report should cover data from December 2025 through May 2026 and be submitted by July 15, 2026, and the second report should cover data from June 2026 through November 2026 be submitted by December 15, 2026.

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<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Arrearage and termination data	PSC	July 15, 2026 December 15, 2026

**Residential Retail Electricity Price:** The committees are interested in comparing residential retail electricity prices in Maryland with other states that are members of PJM Interconnection. PJM coordinates the movement of wholesale electricity in thirteen states, including Maryland, and the District of Columbia. The committees request that the Public Service Commission (PSC) submit two reports providing average monthly residential retail electricity prices separately for each state with utilities that participate in PJM. The first report should cover data from January 2026 through June 2026 and be submitted by July 30, 2026, and the second report should cover data from July 2026 through December 2026 and be submitted by January 15, 2027.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Reports on average residential retail electricity price	PSC	July 30, 2026 January 15, 2027

**C96J00**  
**Uninsured Employer’s Fund**

**Budget Amendment**

**C96J00.01            General Administration**

Add the following language to the special fund appropriation:

, provided that \$500,000 of this appropriation made for the purpose of administrative expenses for the Uninsured Employers’ Fund (UEF) may not be expended until UEF submits a report in conjunction with the Department of Budget and Management to the budget committees documenting whether a third-party administrator is needed for the entire current five-year contract. The report should also provide an analysis of the agency’s current and future staffing needs and consider the possible shift of claim management functions in-house. The report shall also discuss any other plans or strategies being implemented or considered to improve the fiscal condition of the Fund to ensure that UEF can meet its obligations related to claims and operations. The report shall also discuss the status of the UEF board, noting the number of vacant and filled positions as well as the board’s work and activities to oversee the agency operations. The report shall be submitted by October 1, 2026, 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 a 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:** The budget committees are concerned about the significant increase in operating expenditures due to the procurement of a contract with a third-party administrator to perform many core functions of the agency and the solvency of UEF. The report was originally requested in the 2025 Joint Chairmen’s Report to be submitted by December 1, 2025; however, UEF has not submitted the report. This language restricts funds until UEF submits a report detailing its staffing capacity to manage claim functions in house.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
UEF operational needs	UEF Department of Budget and Management	October 1, 2026

**D05E01  
Board of Public Works**

**Committee Narrative**

**D05E01.10            Miscellaneous Grants to Private Nonprofit Groups**

**Maryland Zoo Operational Reporting:** In continuance of the practice that began in July 2008, the committees request that the Maryland Zoological Society, Inc. (MZS) submit audited financial statements for fiscal 2026 and quarterly reports showing monthly attendance figures for the zoo for fiscal 2027 by visitor group. This should include a breakdown of the kinds of passes allocated.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Audited financials	MZS	November 1, 2026
Quarterly reports showing monthly MZS attendance		July 15, 2026 October 15, 2026 January 15, 2027 April 15, 2027

**Budget Amendment**

**D05E01.15            Payments of Judgments Against the State**

Amend appropriation for the purposes indicated:

	<u><b>Funds</b></u>	<u><b>Positions</b></u>
1. Reduce the appropriation for Payments of Judgments Against the State. There is funding in the Dedicated Purpose Account for this purpose.	-4,000,000	GF
Total Change	-4,000,000	0.00

<u><b>Effect</b></u>	<u><b>Allowance</b></u>	<u><b>Appropriation</b></u>	<u><b>Amount Change</b></u>	<u><b>Position Change</b></u>
General Funds	8,620,989	4,620,989	-4,000,000	

**D11A04**  
**Office of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing**

**Budget Amendment**

**D11A04.01            Executive Direction**

Add the following language to the general fund appropriation:

, provided that \$50,000 of this appropriation made for the purpose of executive direction may not be expended until the Office of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing submits two reports to the budget committees on the development and implementation of licensing requirements for sign language interpreters. The first report shall include concerns raised during the public comment period that necessitated the pause in regulation development, any statutory changes recommended by the Governor’s working group, progress toward establishing State sign language licensing requirements and projected timeline for publishing the requirements; and an updated timeline for availability of the licensing portal for public use. The second report shall provide updates on the progress toward establishing State sign language licensing requirements and the projected timeline for publishing the requirements, and an updated timeline for availability of the licensing portal for public use. The first report shall cover the requested information as of May 31, 2026, and be submitted by July 1, 2026, and the second report shall include information as of November 30, 2026, and be submitted by December 15, 2026. The budget committees shall have 45 days from the date of the receipt of the second report to review and comment. Funds restricted pending the receipt of a report may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund if the reports are not submitted to the budget committees.

**Explanation:** Chapters 269 and 270 of 2023 (Maryland Sign Language Interpreters Act) required the State Board of Sign Language Interpreters to establish and publish licensing requirements for sign language interpreters by July 1, 2024. While proposed regulations were submitted for public comment in June 2025, the Office of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (ODHH) announced in November 2025 that the development of regulations was being paused due to concerns raised during the public comment period. This language restricts funding until ODHH submits two reports to the budget committees on the development and implementation of licensing requirements.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Updates on State sign language interpreter licensing requirements	ODHH	July 1, 2026 December 15, 2026

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Add the following language to the general fund appropriation:

Further provided that \$50,000 of this appropriation made for the purpose of executive direction may not be expended until the Office of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing submits a report on the status of all positions authorized for fiscal 2027 that were vacant as of December 31, 2025, including the date filled for any positions that have been filled, and any active recruitment efforts to fill vacant positions. The report shall be submitted to the budget committees by August 15, 2026, 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 a 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:** As of December 31, 2025, 4 positions within the Office of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (ODHH) were vacant, leading to a vacancy rate of 57.1%. All 4 vacant positions had been vacant for more than one year. This language restricts funding until ODHH submits a report to the budget committees on the status of all positions authorized in the fiscal 2027 budget that were vacant as of December 31, 2025, and any active recruitment efforts to fill vacant positions.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Report on vacant positions	DHH	August 15, 2026

**D13A13**  
**Maryland Energy Administration**

**Budget Amendment**

**D13A13.01            General Administration**

Add the following language to the special fund appropriation:

, provided that \$250,000 of this appropriation made for the purpose of administrative expenses may not be expended until the Maryland Energy Administration (MEA) submits a report to the budget committees with details on the department’s funding. The report shall provide details on the fiscal 2027 working appropriation and the fiscal 2028 allowance. The report shall detail for each budgetary program the programmatic activities by fund source within MEA. The report shall be submitted in conjunction with the release of the fiscal 2028 budget, 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 a report may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall be canceled if the report is not submitted.

**Explanation:** The General Assembly is interested in receiving MEA’s funding in detail. MEA did not provide this information in a timely manner, as requested by committee narrative in the 2025 Joint Chairmen’s Report. This language withholds funding until details on the department’s funding are provided with submission of the fiscal 2028 budget.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Report on MEA funding	MEA	With submission of the Governor’s Fiscal 2028 Budget Books

Add the following language to the special fund appropriation:

Further provided that \$100,000 of this appropriation made for the purpose of administrative expenses may not be expended until the Maryland Energy Administration (MEA) submits a report to the budget committees detailing the:

- (1) fiscal 2025 actual expenditures (including encumbrances) by programmatic activity and fund source;
- (2) the fiscal 2026 actual expenditures (including encumbrances) by programmatic activity and fund source;

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- (3) explanations including details from which programs and fund sources federal and special funds were canceled for fiscal 2026 actual expenditures; and
- (4) explanations including details from which programs and fund sources federal and special funds were encumbered in fiscal 2026 closeout.

The report shall be submitted by September 30, 2026. 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 a report may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall be canceled if the report is not submitted.

**Explanation:** MEA has delayed providing explanations on cancellations of funds at closeout as well as delaying or failing to provide details on programmatic spending by activity and fund source in recent years. This language restricts funds pending submission of a report providing explanations on fund cancellations at fiscal 2026 closeout, as well as details on encumbrances, and spending by programmatic activity and fund source for fiscal 2025 and 2026 actual expenditures.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Fiscal 2026 cancellations, encumbrances, and actual expenditures by activity	MEA	September 30, 2026

### **Committee Narrative**

**Strategic Energy Investment Fund (SEIF) Revenue, Spending, and Fund Balance:** The committees are interested in ensuring transparency in Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) and Alternative Compliance Payment (ACP) revenue assumptions and spending included in the budget as well as available fund balance and planned usages of revenues. The committees request that the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) provide an annual report on the revenue from RGGI carbon dioxide emissions allowance auctions and set-aside allowances as well as ACP revenue assumptions in conjunction with the submission of the fiscal 2028 budget as an appendix to the Governor’s Fiscal 2028 Budget Books. The report shall include information on the actual fiscal 2026, the fiscal 2027 working appropriation, and the fiscal 2028 allowance. The report shall detail:

- revenue assumptions used to calculate the available SEIF from RGGI auctions for each fiscal year, including the number of auctions, the number of allowances sold, the allowance price in each auction, and the anticipated revenue from set aside allowances;

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- revenue assumptions used to calculate the available ACP revenue for each fiscal year;
- amount of the SEIF from RGGI auction revenue available to each agency that receives funding through each required statutory allocation; dues owed to RGGI, Inc.; and transfers or diversions made to other funds;
- amount of the SEIF from ACP available to each agency including any transfers or diversion made to other funds; and
- fund balances for each SEIF subaccount, reflecting funds available to spend for the fiscal 2026 actual accounting for encumbered funds, the fiscal 2027 working appropriation, and the fiscal 2028 allowance.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Report on revenue assumptions, fund balance, and usage of SEIF revenues sourced from RGGI program auctions	DBM	With submission of the Governor's Fiscal 2028 Budget Books

**Federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) and Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) Funding for Energy-related Purposes:** The committees are interested in tracking federal funds available to the Maryland Energy Administration (MEA) from the IIJA and the IRA for energy-related purposes and the status of implementation of programming using these funds. The committees request that MEA submit a report that includes a list of all IIJA and IRA programs for which it has submitted or anticipates submitting an application, the amount of funding available from each program (if funding allocations have been announced), the status of each application submitted or date funding was awarded, and the planned uses for funding from each program. The report should also provide updates on any withheld funds and the status of the release of funds for any conditional awards. Additionally, the committees request that MEA provide an update on the implementation of the two home energy rebate programs through IRA funding, the Home Energy Performance-Based, Whole-House Rebate Program and the High-Efficiency Electric Home Rebate Program. The report should include the status of approval of MEA's application for funding by the U.S. Department of Energy; program design and implementation activities completed, including outreach to the contractor community, and, if initial rebate awards have been made at the time of report submission; the number of rebates awarded under both programs; the average amount per rebate; and the total amount of rebates awarded. If initial rebate awards have not yet been made at the time of report submission, the

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report should include an anticipated timeline of when rebates under both programs will be available to the public.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Report on federal IJIA and IRA funding and implementation of home energy rebate programs	MEA	December 31, 2026

**Usage of Additional Strategic Energy Investment Fund (SEIF) Revenues Provided to the Maryland Energy Administration (MEA):** The fiscal 2027 budget allocates \$100 million of SEIF revenue to MEA for a reverse auction grant program for new and renewable energy. The funds are contingent on the enactment of legislation authorizing the use of Alternative Compliance Payment revenues for this purpose. The committees request that MEA submit a report outlining the details of the program. The committees also request MEA to provide an update on and the planned timeline and uses for the remaining portion of the \$90 million transferred from the SEIF to the Dedicated Purpose Account in fiscal 2025.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Report on the usage of ACP revenues in the SEIF	MEA	December 31, 2026

### **Budget Amendment**

#### **D13A13.08 Renewable and Clean Energy Programs and Initiatives**

Strike the following language from the special fund appropriation:

~~, provided that \$100,000,000 of this appropriation is contingent upon enactment of legislation expanding the allowable uses of the Strategic Energy Investment Fund.~~

**Explanation:** This language strikes language making a portion of the appropriation in the Maryland Energy Administration contingent on the expansion of allowable uses.

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Add the following language to the special fund appropriation:

Further provided that \$13,000,000 of this appropriation is contingent upon enactment of legislation expanding the allowable uses of the Strategic Energy Investment Fund to include grants or loans to support the creation of new Tier 1 renewable energy sources in the State.

**Explanation:** This language makes a portion of the appropriation in the Maryland Energy Administration contingent on the expansion of allowable uses. Specifically, the programs included in this contingency are the Local Government Energy Modernization (\$7.0 million), Commercial Building (\$4.0 million) and OPEN Energy Innovation Grant Program (\$2.0 million), budgeted within the Renewable and Clean Energy Programs and Initiatives. These programs are reported as being supported by Alternative Compliance Payments, which must be used to directly benefit low- and moderate-income communities or overburdened or underserved communities.

Amend appropriation for the purposes indicated:

	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Positions</u>
1. Reduce special fund appropriation that is contingent on enactment of legislation expanding the allowable uses of the Strategic Energy Investment Fund.	-100,000,000	SF
Total Change	-100,000,000	0.00

<u>Effect</u>	<u>Allowance</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Amount Change</u>	<u>Position Change</u>
Special Funds	293,426,250	193,426,250	-100,000,000	

### Supplemental Appropriation

Strike the following language:

Amendment No. 2:

~~On page 13, in line 8, strike “\$100,000,000” and replace it with “\$70,000,000”. On page 44, in line 33, strike “\$20,000,000” and replace it with “\$17,000,000”.~~

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**Explanation:** This language strikes an amendment making a portion of the appropriation in the Maryland Energy Administration and Department of General Services contingent on the expansion of allowable uses.

**D21**  
**Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy**

**Budget Amendment**

**D21A01.01            Administrative Headquarters**

Add the following language to the general fund appropriation:

, provided that \$100,000 of the general fund appropriation made for the purpose of administration expenses may not be expended until the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy (GOCPP) submits a report to the budget committees by November 1, 2026, regarding Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) awards and funding. The report shall include:

- (1) each grant award made on July 1, 2026, for the fiscal 2027 awards, including the grant number, implementing agency, project title, start date, end date, amount of award, whether the grant is supported with general funds or federal VOCA funds, jurisdiction of implementation, and a brief description/abstract of the grant;
- (2) the total amount of grants awarded from general funds and federal VOCA funds on July 1, 2026;
- (3) the amount of unexpended funds for each open three-year VOCA grant and the reason funds are unexpended, including whether the funds are being held in reserve for future grants;
- (4) for the federal fiscal 2022 and 2023 three-year funding cycles, an identification of the respective amount of funds expended for the purpose of direct provision of services, administration, and that which went unobligated; and
- (5) a comparison of aggregate-level performance measures or outcomes measures of the VOCA program for fiscal 2022 through 2026 or as many recent years that GOCPP is able to provide.

In addition to the report submission, data shall be provided in an electronic format subject to the concurrence of the Department of Legislative Services. The budget committees shall have 45 days from the date of the receipt of the report to review and comment. Funds not expended for this restricted purpose 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.

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**Explanation:** The VOCA grant program is a major source of funding to victim services providers in the State. This language restricts \$100,000 pending the submission of information related to VOCA awards and funding in fiscal 2027. For each open three-year grant cycle (federal fiscal 2024, 2025, and 2026), GOCPP is required to include the amount of currently unexpended funds, the reason these funds remain unspent, and whether they will be held in reserve. The report is also required to provide further detail regarding the expenditure of funds for the two most recently completed funding cycles – federal fiscal 2022 and 2023. Finally, the report is required to provide a comparison of the program’s aggregate outcomes or performance measures in recent fiscal years.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Annual VOCA report	GOCPP	November 1, 2026

Add the following language to the general fund appropriation:

Further provided that it is the intent of the General Assembly that the Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention and Policy shall provide the victim notification program of the Maryland Coalition Against Sexual Assault (MCASA) with all pertinent information contained in the sexual assault evidence kit reporting system established by § 11-926.1 of the Criminal Procedure Article for the purpose of MCASA providing sexual assault survivors with notifications and support regarding their sexual assault evidence kit. This information shall be provided monthly and shall include, but not be limited to, the following: searchable documents with case numbers, tracking numbers, and the testing status of sexual assault evidence kits.

**Explanation:** This language expresses the intent of the General Assembly that the Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention and Policy provide MCASA all pertinent information contained in the office’s reporting system for sexual assault evidence kits so that MCASA may provide notification to, and otherwise support, survivors of sexual assault.

### **Committee Narrative**

**Report on Outcome Managing for Results (MFR) Measures:** The Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention and Policy (GOCPP) reported only one MFR measure related to outcomes in its fiscal 2026 and 2027 submissions. Given that its mission includes enhancing public safety and reducing crime and juvenile delinquency, its performance measures should include additional data for evaluating the extent to which its contributions result in a reduction in crime across Maryland. GOCPP may begin reporting related information through its scorecard of quantifiable safety indicators, but that scorecard has not yet been published or consistently updated. The

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committees request that, by November 15, 2026, GOCPP submit proposed MFR measures to be provided with the agency's fiscal 2028 budget.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Report on outcome MFR measures	GOCPP	November 15, 2026

### **Budget Amendment**

#### **D21A01.02            Local Law Enforcement Grants (LLE)**

Add the following language to the general fund appropriation:

, provided that \$500,000 of this appropriation made for the purpose of comprehensive violence prosecution grant funding for the Baltimore City State's Attorney's Office (SAO) within the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy may not be expended or distributed to Baltimore City SAO until Baltimore City SAO submits a report to the budget committees on its youth prosecution outcomes. The report shall provide the following information on the youth cases that Baltimore City SAO prosecutes:

- (1) the number of youths charged as adults, including a breakdown of this information by age, race, sex or gender, and most serious offense category;
- (2) the number of youths charged as juveniles, including a breakdown of this information by age, race, sex or gender, and most serious offense category;
- (3) the number of youths initially charged as adults with cases that are waived to the juvenile court;
- (4) the number of youths with cases dismissed, distinguishing between youths initially charged as adults versus juveniles;
- (5) the number of youths held pretrial and the number held pretrial in adult facilities for all or a portion of their detention;
- (6) the average length of pretrial detention for youths initially charged as adults and the average length for youths initially charged as juveniles;
- (7) the number of youths with cases dismissed after pretrial detention, distinguishing between youths initially charged as adults versus juveniles;

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- (8) the number of youths with cases resolved by plea or trial, distinguishing between youths initially charged as adults versus juveniles;
- (9) the average time from charging to disposition for youths initially charged as adults and the average length for youths initially charged as juveniles;
- (10) sentencing outcomes of youth cases, such as the percentage that result in incarceration or committed treatment compared to the percentage that result in probation for adult court youth and juvenile court youth;
- (11) the number of youths charged as adults in fiscal 2023, 2024, and 2025 who were subsequently charged as adults within one, two, and three years;
- (12) the number of youths adjudicated delinquent in fiscal 2023, 2024, and 2025 who were subsequently charged as adults within one, two, and three years; and
- (13) the number of youths convicted as an adult in fiscal 2023, 2024, and 2025 who were subsequently charged as adults within one, two, and three years.

The report shall also include data related to youth who were arrested in fiscal 2023, 2024, and 2025 but were not charged by Baltimore City SAO or otherwise the subject of a resulting delinquency proceeding. That data shall include the total number of this type of case in each fiscal year and the number of cases for which each of the following circumstances applied:

- (1) the youth had previously been arrested;
- (2) the youth had previously been convicted as an adult or adjudicated delinquent;
- (3) the youth was subsequently re-arrested within one, two, and three years;
- (4) the youth was the subject of a delinquency proceeding within the subsequent one, two, and three years and a breakdown of outcome or disposition of those delinquency proceedings; and
- (5) the youth was the subject of a criminal proceeding with the subsequent one, two, and three years and a breakdown of outcome or disposition of those delinquency proceedings.

To the extent practicable, Baltimore City SAO shall report these measures for each year from fiscal 2023 through 2026. Where comparable statewide data is available, Baltimore City SAO shall analyze its trends to determine if there is anything unique or distinguishing about its

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practices. If requested information is not available, the report shall explain why the data is unavailable and identify the barriers that exist to the data collection and submission. The report shall be submitted by October 1, 2026, 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 a 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:** This language restricts comprehensive violence prosecution grant funding to Baltimore City SAO through the Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention and Policy until Baltimore City SAO submits a report on the outcomes of its prosecution of juveniles.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Youth prosecution outcomes report	Baltimore City SAO	October 1, 2026

### **Budget Amendment**

#### **D21A01.03 State Aid for Police Protection (SAPP)**

Add the following language to the general fund appropriation:

, provided that the Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention and Policy (GOCPP) may not distribute a law enforcement agency’s share of \$47,132,583 of this appropriation made for the purpose of the State Aid for Police Protection enhancement funding until the law enforcement agency attests to GOCPP that it is in compliance with the Maryland Sexual Assault Kit Initiative Victim Notification Protocol. That attestation shall specify whether the law enforcement agency provides information that is required by the protocol to the Sexual Assault Evidence Kit Funding and Policy Committee of the Office of the Attorney General and the Maryland Coalition Against Sexual Assault Sexual Assault Kit Victim Notification Project or their designee within 15 days of receipt of the information by the law enforcement agency. Funds not expended for this restricted purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund.

**Explanation:** The fiscal 2027 allowance includes enhanced public safety aid through the State Aid for Police Protection Program (SAPP). This language requires that a portion of enhanced SAPP funding be distributed to law enforcement agencies only after agencies attest that they are in compliance with the Maryland Sexual Assault Kit Initiative Victim Notification Protocol.

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Add the following language to the general fund appropriation:

Further provided that \$6,000,000 of this appropriation made for the purpose of State Aid for Police Protection enhancement funding may not be expended for that purpose but instead may only be used for the Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention and Policy to provide grants for law enforcement agencies to encrypt communications systems, including in-vehicle technology. Funds not expended for this restricted purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund.

**Explanation:** The fiscal 2027 allowance includes \$47,132,583 in enhanced public safety aid through State Aid for Police Protection. This language requires that \$6,000,000 of this amount be used for grants to law enforcement agencies to encrypt their communications systems, including in-vehicle technology.

### **Budget Amendment**

#### **D21A03.01           Victim Services Unit**

Add the following language to the general fund appropriation:

, provided that \$100,000 of this appropriation made for the purpose of agency administration may not be expended until the Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention and Policy (GOCPP) submits the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board (CICB) Fiscal 2026 Annual Report to the budget committees. The report shall include information about the agency’s implementation of Chapter 705 of 2024 and indicate whether additional support from the General Fund may be required in fiscal 2027 to ensure a balance in the Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund. GOCPP shall also include a discussion of how it is ensuring alignment between how the number of new claims received, the number of claims paid, and value of claims paid is reported through this report and its fiscal 2028 Managing for Results submission. In addition to reporting the average number of days between the date the CICB received an application and the date of resolution, GOCPP shall also include a discussion of CICB's ability to achieve time standards set in statute. To support that discussion, GOCPP shall report the percentage of processed claims within 30 days from CICB's receipt of required documentation to final decision. The report shall be submitted by November 1, 2026, 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 a 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:** Chapter 705 of 2024 made alterations to the CICB program within GOCPP, with most provisions taking effect July 1, 2025. The legislation also authorizes the Governor, for

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fiscal 2026 and each year thereafter, to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation to the Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund (CICF). GOCPP reports similar data through its annual Managing for Results submission. This report will provide the committees with information about fiscal 2026 claims and the CICF balance prior to the 2027 legislative session, as well as the CICB's ability to meet time standards set in statute.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
CICB fiscal 2026 annual report	GOCPP	November 1, 2026

**D24**  
**Department of Social and Economic Mobility**

**Budget Amendment**

**D24A01.02 Office of Minority Business Enterprises**

Add the following language to the special fund appropriation:

, provided that \$100,000 of this appropriation made for the purpose of administration in the Office of Minority Business Enterprises within the Department of Social and Economic Mobility (DoSEM) may not be expended until DoSEM submits a report to the budget committees indicating that the average processing time for Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) certification applications has been reduced to six months or less. The report shall describe the actions taken by the department to expedite the certification process, current average processing times for initial MBE certification applications, the number of pending applications, and any operational or staffing changes implemented to support improvements in processing time. The report shall be submitted to the budget committees within 30 days of the average processing time decreasing to between four and six months, 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 a report may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall be canceled if the report is not submitted to the budget committees.

**Explanation:** The Office of Minority Business Enterprises within DoSEM is responsible for certifying MBEs that are eligible to participate in Maryland’s MBE procurement program. MBE certification enables contracts with certified firms to contribute toward the State’s minority participation goals. Currently, the certification process may take between 12 and 16 months before firms receive approval. DoSEM has indicated that it is taking steps to reduce this timeframe to between four and six months. This language restricts funding until DoSEM submits a report to the budget committees confirming that the average processing time for MBE certification applications has been reduced to this target range and providing information on the actions taken to expedite the certification process.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Report on MBE certification processing time improvements	DoSEM	Within 30 days of average processing time decreasing to 6 months or less

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### Committee Narrative

**Report on Transportation Trust Fund (TTF) Support for the Office of Minority Business Enterprises (OMBE):** OMBE, which is responsible for certification of Maryland Minority Business Enterprises, historically operated within the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) and is supported with funds from the TTF. In accordance with Chapter 605 of 2025, OMBE was transferred to the new Department of Social and Economic Mobility (DoSEM). However, State law continues to require that OMBE’s operational and administrative expenses be supported by TTF revenues. Given that TTF revenues are dedicated transportation funds, the committees request that DoSEM submit a report detailing the amount of TTF funding used to support OMBE operations. The report should include the amount of TTF funding received and how the funds were expended in fiscal 2026.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Report on TTF funding provided for OMBE	DoSEM	August 1, 2026

**D26A07**  
**Department of Aging**

**Budget Amendment**

**D26A07.01            General Administration**

Amend appropriation for the purposes indicated:

	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Positions</u>
1. Reduce funds to increase the turnover expectancy. The Maryland Department of Aging has 6 vacant positions as of December 31, 2025, after accounting for a proposed deficiency appropriation abolishing 4 vacant positions. These vacancies are higher than the 2.03 necessary vacancies to meet the budgeted turnover rate of 4.05% in the fiscal 2027 allowance.	-219,373	FF
Total Change	-219,373	0.00

	<u>Allowance</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Amount Change</u>	<u>Position Change</u>
Position	50.00	50.00		0.00
General Funds	4,144,676	4,144,676	0	
Federal Funds	4,092,448	3,873,075	-219,373	

**Budget Amendment**

**D26A07.03            Community Services**

Add the following language to the general fund appropriation:

, provided that \$1,300,000 of this appropriation made for the purpose of grants through the Naturally Occurring Retirement Communities (NORC) program shall be distributed to the same grant recipients and in the same amounts as the NORC grants provided in fiscal 2026. Funds not expended for this restricted purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund.

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**Explanation:** This language restricts funds within the Naturally Occurring Retirement Communities program to be used only to distribute grants in fiscal 2027 in the same amounts to the same recipients as in fiscal 2026.

### Committee Narrative

**Supporting Older Adults with Resources Program Implementation Plan:** In accordance with Chapters 33 and 34 of 2025, the Maryland Department of Aging (MDOA) is undergoing a process of consolidating three major community services programs into the Supporting Older Adults with Resources (SOAR) program. The legacy programs combine \$20.1 million of general funds and provide services to almost 4,000 participants to support them to live independently. The committees request that MDOA provide a report on its final transition plan for implementing the SOAR program, including:

- the status of consolidating administration of the legacy programs;
- the SOAR implementation timeline, noting the timing of completed tasks and target dates for any remaining consolidation tasks;
- details on how funding will be allocated to local Area Agencies on Aging;
- discussion and estimates of administrative cost savings from the consolidation;
- participant eligibility requirements to receive services;
- services available to participants in SOAR, including the discontinuation of any services provided in legacy programs; and
- impacts of the consolidation on legacy participants, including plans to transition legacy participants into new services and a description of how services differ for legacy participants in SOAR.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Report on the implementation of the MDOA SOAR program		June 1, 2026

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**Managing for Results (MFR) Measures for Supporting Older Adults with Resources (SOAR) Program:** Chapters 33 and 34 of 2025 consolidate Senior Care, Senior Assisted Living Subsidy, and Congregate Housing Services Program into the SOAR program beginning in fiscal 2027. The Maryland Department of Aging’s (MDOA) annual MFR submission includes indicators reflecting goals to (1) enable older adults to remain in their homes with a high quality of life for as long as possible; (2) to prevent abuse, neglect, and exploitation of older adults; (3) to empower older adults to stay active and healthy; and (4) to provide mobility to Marylanders of all ages while protecting the environment. As the SOAR program will be MDOA’s largest state-funded community services program, measures should be added to assess the program’s performance. The committees request that MDOA create new performance measures for the SOAR program, including annual participant counts, to be included in the MFR submission with the fiscal 2028 budget.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
MFR measures for the SOAR program	MDOA	With submission of the fiscal 2028 budget

**Report on the Condition of Senior Center Facilities:** The committees are interested in the condition of senior citizen activity center facilities across the State. The committees request that the Maryland Department of Aging (MDOA), in collaboration with local Area Agencies on Aging (AAA), compile information and assessments on statewide building conditions of all senior citizen activity centers to facilitate improved local government planning. MDOA should submit a report with the following information:

- a list of senior citizen activity centers across the State by jurisdiction;
- the age and condition of the facilities, including identifying facility components that are approaching the end of their useful life (roof, plumbing, HVAC, etc.);
- a summary of challenges or concerns regarding facility conditions; and
- recommendations for improving the conditions of facilities across the State, including plans to increase awareness and use of the Senior Citizens Activities Center Grant Program for projects that improve senior centers.

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<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Report on senior center facility conditions	MDOA AAA	September 1, 2026

**D27L00**  
**Maryland Commission on Civil Rights**

**Committee Narrative**

**D27L00.01          General Administration**

**Measures Implemented to Reduce Case Backlogs:** The Maryland Commission on Civil Rights (MCCR) has faced persistent challenges in case processing that have been primarily attributed to staffing limitations, contributing to delays and a backlog of cases awaiting assignment. The committees request that MCCR submit a report outlining any measures implemented to reduce case backlogs, including:

- the status of filling vacant positions related to both the new positions in fiscal 2026 and other vacant positions and the impact of filling vacant positions on the case backlog and case assignment timeliness;
- a discussion of how MCCR determines the classification of new positions and why positions focused on education and outreach were recruited in calendar 2025 despite MCCR’s case backlog;
- metrics tracking case resolution outcomes, including average processing time, number of cases closed, and proportion of cases resolved within established benchmarks;
- a discussion of operational improvements, including any changes in workflow, investigator caseloads, or coordination with involved parties and any impacts these changes have had on case backlogs; and
- current average staff to caseload ratios by case type and a comparison to the staff to caseload ratios held at similar offices in other jurisdictions

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Report on measures implemented to reduce case backlogs	MCCR	November 1, 2026

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

**Supplemental Appropriation**

**D28A03.41            General Administration**

Amend the following language:

16. D28A03.41 General Administration

To become available immediately upon passage of this budget to supplement the appropriation for fiscal year 2026 to provide funds for Maryland Five Star as Fair Hill and the Maryland Cycling Classic.

Object. 12 Grants, Subsidies and Contributions    1,500,000

General Fund Appropriation    1,500,000

**Explanation:** The language adds the Maryland Cycling classic to the list of events funded.

**Committee Narrative**

**D28A03.76            Sports Entertainment Facilities Financing Fund**

**Ripken Stadium Study:** The committees are interested in the progress of the redevelopment of Ripken Stadium in the City of Aberdeen. The fiscal 2027 capital budget authorizes \$5 million to the City of Aberdeen for the renovation and expansion of the stadium and to transform the complex into a world class youth sports and entertainment destination. The City, in conjunction with Unrivaled Sports, is planning a substantial enhancement to the site to add sports facilities and amenities to create the largest youth sports complex on the East Coast, operating as Ripken Experience Aberdeen.

As part of State support for publicly owned minor league baseball stadiums, the Maryland Stadium Authority (MSA) has issued tax-exempt bonds using the Sports Entertainment Facilities Financing Fund under Economic Development Article 10-657.5. Ripken Stadium receives \$36 million in bond proceeds to be used for renovations to the stadium required by minor league baseball’s governing organization.

The committees request MSA review the City’s plans, including renovation to existing facilities, new construction, and a long-range master plan. Further, to ensure the facilities are adequately

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maintained and refurbished, the City shall submit a long-term operating and maintenance agreement with Unrivaled Sports to the MSA for review and approval.

The committees request MSA submit a report that includes the following by November 1, 2026:

- summary of its review of the City’s plans for the project, total anticipated costs, and development timeline;
- summary of its review of the long-term operating and maintenance agreement;
- review of the economic impact studies and analyses submitted by the City or Unrivaled relating to the development of the project and the ongoing operations;
- review of the reports submitted by the City or Unrivaled regarding future expansion opportunities, including hotels and other amenities;
- identify the amount of funds available under MSA’s various programs that could be used for the project, including the Sports Entertainment Facilities Fund and any restrictions on use of those funds; and
- provide any other recommendations to ensure success of the project and to maximize benefits to the state and region.

Finally, it is the intent of the Committees that the City and Unrivaled Sports provide financial assistance to the MSA to offset MSA’s costs in completing the work.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Ripken Stadium Study	MSA	November 1, 2026

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**D28A03.77 Prince George’s County Blue Line Corridor Facility Fund**

Amend appropriation for the purposes indicated:

	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Positions</u>
1. Delete the appropriation for the Blue Line Corridor. These deleted funds are added back for specific projects in Section 39 of the budget bill.	-27,000,263 SF	
Total Change	-27,000,263	0.00

<u>Effect</u>	<u>Allowance</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Amount Change</u>	<u>Position Change</u>
Special Funds	27,000,263		0 -27,000,263	

## **D38I01**

# **State Board of Elections**

### **Committee Narrative**

#### **D38I01.01            General Administration**

**Quarterly Reports on all Major Information Technology Development Projects (MITDP):** The State Board of Elections (SBE) is implementing four ongoing MITDPs for a statewide pollbook system replacement, new voting system, Voter Registration and Election Administration Modernization Project, and a new Campaign Reporting Information System. The committees remain interested in monitoring the progress of SBE's implementation of the MITDPs. The committees request that SBE submit quarterly reports on all MITDP activities and expenditures separately for each of the four projects through their completion. Each report should include the following for each project:

- a description of activities undertaken during the quarter, including dates, identification of achieved milestones or delays, and an assessment of how any delays affect the overall project timeline and the anticipated timeline for full statewide deployment of the system;
- actual project spending by month for the quarter, cumulative project expenditures to date, including total spending since project inception and remaining estimated funding by fund source;
- any changes to the project's approved cost baseline, including explanations for increases or decreases in total estimated project costs;
- a discussion of any technical or operational issues encountered during development, testing, or implementation for elections, specifying the election in which the system was used, impacts on election administration, and corrective actions taken;
- an assessment of future risks to the project timeline and planned mitigation strategies; and
- identification of key upcoming milestones and external dependencies, including vendor deliverables, federal certification requirements, and coordination with local boards of elections, that could affect project readiness for upcoming election cycles.

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<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Quarterly report on all MITDPs	SBE	July 15, 2026 October 15, 2026 January 15, 2027 April 15, 2027

**D40W01**  
**Department of Planning**

**Budget Amendment**

**D40W01.01            Operations Division**

Add the following language to the general fund appropriation:

, provided that \$250,000 of this appropriation made for the purpose of administration may not be expended until the Department of Planning submits a report to the budget committees on permits that impact the business community, including identifying places where permitting overlaps agencies unnecessarily, a review of the processing time to issue permits, and recommendations for metrics around permitting that should be included in the State’s Managing for Results performance review. The department shall consult with the Maryland Coordinated Permitting Review Council, the Department of Legislative Services, the Maryland Association of Counties, the Maryland Municipal League, and any other relevant departments or stakeholders in developing the report. The report shall be submitted by September 30, 2026, 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 a 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:** This language restricts funds for administrative purposes in the Maryland Department of Planning (MDP) until the department submits a report on permits that impact the business community. The committees request that MDP work in conjunction with the Maryland Coordinated Permitting Review Council, the Department of Legislative Services, the Maryland Association of Counties, the Maryland Municipal League, and any other relevant departments or stakeholders to develop the report.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Report on permits that impact the business community and metrics around permitting that should be included in the State’s Managing for Results performance review	MDP	September 30, 2026

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### Budget Amendment

#### D40W01.03 Planning Data and Research

Add the following language to the general fund appropriation:

, provided that \$150,000 of this appropriation made for the purpose of administration may not be expended until the Maryland Department of Planning (MDP) submits a report to the budget committees on the feasibility, fiscal impacts, and policy design for applying a split-rate or land value tax within defined areas adjacent to rail stations served by MARC, MTA Metro SubwayLink, MTA Light RailLink, or the Purple Line. MDP shall consult with the State Department of Assessments and Taxation (SDAT), the Maryland Department of Transportation, and the Department of Legislative Services in preparing the report. SDAT shall provide MDP with assessment and sales data necessary to complete the report no later than August 1, 2026. The report shall include the following:

- (1) estimated fiscal impacts on affected local jurisdictions of applying a higher tax rate to land than to improvements within defined station areas, assuming all additional revenue accrues to the local jurisdiction, including distributional effects by property type and modeling of net revenue effects at a range of land-to-improvement rate differentials, and a review of published evidence on whether split-rate taxation near transit increases or decreases housing production;
- (2) the estimated cost to SDAT of implementing a station area-only split-rate subclass, distinct from the statewide costs analyzed in the fiscal note for HB 78 and SB 457, and a review of property tax assessment appeal rates in Pennsylvania municipalities that have implemented split-rate taxation;
- (3) a review of the circumstances under which Pittsburgh's split-rate tax was repealed in 2001, the role of deferred reassessments in that outcome, and the extent to which Maryland's triennial reassessment cycle may mitigate comparable risks in a Maryland station-area pilot; and
- (4) any statutory changes required to authorize a pilot program and a ranked identification of station areas suitable for an initial pilot with ranking criteria stated.

The report shall be submitted by December 1, 2026, 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 a 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.

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Information Request	Author	Due Date
Report on the possibility of applying a split-rate or land value tax adjacent to rail stations	MDP	December 1, 2026

### Budget Amendment

#### D40W01.04 Planning Coordination

Amend the following language on the general fund appropriation:

, provided that this appropriation shall be reduced by \$131,529 contingent upon enactment of legislation expanding the allowable uses of the Strategic Energy Investment Fund to include programs and applicable initiatives related to State climate change mitigation and climate change resiliency efforts.

**Explanation:** This language adds specificity to contingent language on the general fund appropriation so that it more closely matches the applicable Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act provision.

Amend the following language on the special fund appropriation:

, provided that \$136,591 of this appropriation is contingent upon enactment of legislation expanding the allowable uses of the Strategic Energy Investment Fund to include programs and applicable initiatives related to State climate change mitigation and climate change resiliency efforts.

**Explanation:** This language adds specificity to contingent language on the special fund appropriation so that it more closely matches the applicable Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act provision.

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### Budget Amendment

#### D40W01.12 Maryland Historic Revitalization Tax Credit

Strike the following language from the general fund appropriation:

~~, provided that this appropriation shall be reduced by \$1,500,000 contingent upon the enactment of legislation reducing the mandate for the Small Commercial Historic Revitalization Tax Credit.~~

**Explanation:** This action strikes contingent language that is not necessary for the General Assembly to reduce funds directly.

Amend appropriation for the purposes indicated:

	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Positions</u>
1. Reduce funding for the Maryland Historic Revitalization Tax Credit program's small commercial tax credits.	-1,500,000	GF
Total Change	-1,500,000	0.00

<u>Effect</u>	<u>Allowance</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Amount Change</u>	<u>Position Change</u>
General Funds	18,500,000	17,000,000	-1,500,000	

### Committee Narrative

**Report on Historic Revitalization Tax Credit Utilization:** The committees request that the Maryland Department of Planning (MDP) report on the demand for and utilization of the Maryland Historic Revitalization Tax Credit's competitive commercial and small commercial tax credit programs. The report should include information on initial tax credit certificates issued annually for fiscal 2023 through 2026, including, for each program, the number of applications received and the amount of funding requested, and the number and value of initial certificates issued. The report should also include fund balances of the Reserve Fund and Small Commercial Project Trust Account.

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<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Report on Historic Revitalization Tax Credit competitive commercial and small commercial programs	MDP	October 30, 2026

**D50H01**  
**Military Department**

**Budget Amendment**

**D50H01.05          State Operations**

Add the following language to the general fund appropriation:

, provided that \$250,000 of this appropriation made for the purpose of administrative expenses may not be expended until the Military Department, in collaboration with the Department of General Services, submits a report to the budget committees on the Freestate Challenge Academy (FCA), including the expected timeline for reopening FCA, detailed facility assessment report, and estimated total costs, funding sources, and actual spending for facility renovations. The report should also discuss the Military Department’s plan and timeline to increase personnel at FCA in preparation for reopening the program. The Military Department shall submit the report to the budget committees by September 1, 2026, 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 a 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:** In September 2025, the FCA program was shut down due to plumbing issues at the facility. The FCA program remains closed with no timeline for reopening. The fiscal 2027 budget abolishes 47 of 50 regular positions dedicated to this program and reduces the operating budget by \$8.7 million, or 96.6%, as compared to the fiscal 2026 working appropriation. This language restricts funds pending submission of a report from the Military Department and the Department of General Services (DGS) on the timeline for reopening FCA and details on facility renovations.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Report on FCA reopening and facility renovations	Military Department Department of General Services	September 1, 2026

**Committee Narrative**

**Managing for Results (MFR) Measures for Tricare Premium Reimbursement Program:** Chapter 612 of 2023 established the Tricare Premium Reimbursement Program in the Military Department, which officially launched in November 2023. The committees request that the Military Department, beginning with the fiscal 2028 MFR submission, include new measures

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for the Tricare Premium Reimbursement Program that track program progress. The measures should include for each year:

- the number of Maryland National Guard (MDNG) members eligible to participate in the program;
- the number of eligible MDNG members enrolled in the program;
- the program participation rate;
- average reimbursement claims submitted;
- average grant amounts; and
- average premium amounts for each of the coverage plans.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
MFR measures for Tricare Premium Reimbursement Program	Military Department	With submission of the fiscal 2028 budget

**D52**  
**Maryland Department of Emergency Management**

**Budget Amendment**

**D52A01.01 Maryland Department of Emergency Management**

Amend the following language on the general fund appropriation:

, provided that this appropriation shall be reduced by \$304,583 upon enactment of legislation expanding the allowable uses of the Strategic Energy Investment Fund to include programs and applicable initiatives related to resiliency efforts defined and implemented by the Maryland Department of Emergency Management, including the annual report by the Office of Resilience.

**Explanation:** This language adds specificity to contingent language on the general fund appropriation to more closely align with the applicable Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act provision.

Amend the following language on the special fund appropriation:

, provided that \$1,470,113 of this appropriation is contingent upon enactment of legislation expanding the allowable uses of the Strategic Energy Investment Fund to include programs and applicable initiatives related to resiliency efforts defined and implemented by the Maryland Department of Emergency Management, including the annual report by the Office of Resilience.

**Explanation:** This language adds specificity to contingent language on the special fund appropriation to more closely align with the applicable Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act provision.

Amend the following language on the federal fund appropriation:

, provided that this appropriation shall be reduced by \$1,165,530 upon enactment of legislation expanding the allowable uses of the Strategic Energy Investment Fund to include programs and applicable initiatives related to resiliency efforts defined and implemented by the Maryland Department of Emergency Management, including the annual report by the Office of Resilience.

**Explanation:** This language adds specificity to contingent language on the federal fund appropriation to more closely align with the applicable Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act provision.

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**Report on Federal Fund Sources:** Approximately 74% of the fiscal 2027 allowance for the Maryland Department of Emergency Management (MDEM) is supported with federal funds. Given recent changes and reductions in federal fund availability and grant awards, the committees request MDEM to submit a report on the status of various federal fund sources, including preparedness, mitigation, and disaster grants. The report should discuss the timing of receiving federal fund awards and the department’s contingency plan to support its operations if federal funds are not made available as anticipated.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Report on federal fund sources	MDEM	November 15, 2026

**Resilient Maryland Revolving Loan Fund (RMRLF):** Of the seven projects that submitted applications for the RMRLF so far, two projects have received \$5 million each for a total of \$10 million from the RMRLF in fiscal 2025. The committees request the Maryland Department of Emergency Management (MDEM) to submit a report on the RMRLF, including:

- the status of the projects that are approved;
- status updates for any projects that are in process, under consideration, or are new projects;
- the status of the federal Safeguarding Tomorrow Revolving Loan Fund (STRLF) award;
- project applications submitted for federal funds through the STRLF;
- planned utilization of the federal funds; and
- the estimated current balance of the RMRLF.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Report on the RMRLF	MDEM	October 1, 2026

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**State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program:** The State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program (SLCGP) is funded through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act and is jointly managed federally by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency. The Maryland Department of Emergency Management (MDEM) receives the money and disburses it to local jurisdictions. In November 2025, MDEM issued a report summarizing how the SLCGP money from federal fiscal 2023 was awarded. The committees request that MDEM submit a report that provides the following information for federal fiscal 2024 and 2025:

- SLCGP grants awarded by jurisdiction and the remaining unallocated balance;
- nonfederal match expenditures by use;
- descriptions of requested projects, requested funding amounts, and actual funding awards;
- a plan for the use of any remaining unallocated funds; and
- a description of the need for further State funding beyond fiscal 2026.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Report on the SLCGP	MDEM	November 1, 2026

**Efforts to Support Apprenticeships for First Responders:** The Maryland Department of Emergency Management (MDEM) supports first responders through ongoing grant programs and financial administration and emergency coordination during major incidents. The committees request that MDEM, in collaboration with the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems (MIEMSS), submit a report describing efforts to support apprenticeship programs for first responders, including employees providing fire, rescue, and emergency medical services. The report should identify existing apprenticeship programs for first responders, noting the positions supported by apprenticeships and barriers to creating new apprenticeships and obstacles to scaling. The report should also include details on the number of existing registered apprentices; the timeline to scale by occupation; previous data on the number of participants in apprenticeship programs; and actions taken by MDEM and MIEMSS, or planned actions, to support these programs and offer additional apprenticeship opportunities.

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<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Efforts to support apprenticeships for first responders	MDEM MIEMSS	November 15, 2026

**Implementing the Georges Creek Task Force Recommendations:** The committees request that the Maryland Department of Emergency Management (MDEM), the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE), and the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) submit a report on efforts to mitigate the impact of future flooding along Georges Creek in Allegany County, including the federal government's involvement in the mitigation efforts. In addition, MDE, MDEM, and MDOT should discuss the feasibility of implementing the recommendations in the draft Georges Creek Task Force Action Report, including the expected costs and funding mechanisms.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Report on implementing the Georges Creek Task Force recommendations	MDEM MDE MDOT	December 1, 2026

### **Fiscal 2026 Deficiency**

Amend the following language on the special fund appropriation:

, provided that this appropriation is contingent upon the enactment of legislation expanding the allowable uses of the Strategic Energy Investment Fund to include programs and applicable initiatives related to resiliency efforts defined and implemented by the Maryland Department of Emergency Management, including the annual report by the Office of Resilience.

**Explanation:** This action adds specificity to contingent language on the special fund deficiency appropriation to more closely align with the applicable Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act provision.

**D55P00**  
**Department of Veterans and Military Families**

**Committee Narrative**

**D55P00.05          Veterans Home Program**

**Quarterly Reports on Charlotte Hall Veterans Home (CHVH) Facility Operations, Staffing, and Federal Ratings:** The Department of Veterans and Military Families (DVMF) oversees the operation of CHVH, the only assisted-living and skilled-nursing care for veterans and their spouses in the State. The committees are interested in how the management contractor operates CHVH and its efforts on increasing staffing and residency numbers. Additionally, the committees would like to continue to monitor the ratings from the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) surrounding nursing home facility performance. The committees request that DVMF submit quarterly reports in collaboration with the CHVH contractor on the progress of CHVH’s operations, census numbers, staffing levels, efforts to increase census and staffing numbers, the number of resident complaints, and resident complaints by type of complaint, as well as any report, rating, or fine from CMS. The reports should also include a description of corrective actions or measures taken to address the noncompliance highlighted in the Maryland Department of Health Office of Health Care Quality and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs annual survey reports. In each quarterly report, the report should note the period covered by the data and the corresponding dates.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Report on status of CHVH operations, staffing, and federal ratings	DVMF	July 1, 2026 October 1, 2026 January 1, 2027 April 1, 2027

**Committee Narrative**

**D55P00.11          Outreach and Advocacy**

**Report on the Maryland Joins Forces (MJF) Initiative and Its Progress:** MJF is an initiative that was launched in November 2023. This initiative focuses on five main areas: (1) employment; (2) food and housing insecurity; (3) education; (4) health and wellness; and (5) volunteer services. The committees are interested in monitoring the progress of this initiative and the Department of Veterans and Military Families’ (DVMF) plans to address the five focus areas identified. The committees request DVMF to submit a report highlighting the number of veterans and military

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families served by this initiative, including the number of veterans and military families who actually benefitted from this initiative, its partnerships with other organizations, and activities conducted through this initiative. The report should also include information on the effectiveness and challenges in administering this initiative, an update on establishing five pillar-based subcommittees, and development of performance indicators and goals.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Report on the MJF initiative and its DVMF progress		December 1, 2026

**D70J00**  
**Maryland Automobile Insurance Fund**

**Committee Narrative**

**D70J00.42**

**Insured Division**

**Quarterly Financial Statements for Insured and Uninsured Divisions:** Annually, the Maryland Automobile Insurance Fund (Maryland Auto) provides end-of-year financial statements, including revenue, expenditure, and surplus figures for the closed-out, preceding year; estimates for the current year beginning at closeout; and projections for the immediate year ahead. Most revenue is derived from premiums in the Insured Division and a mandated appropriation of uninsured motorist fines under Section 17-106 of the Transportation Article for the Uninsured Division. However, both divisions derive revenue from investment dividends, which depend on investment portfolio decisions as well as stock market conditions. Comparisons of estimates to closeout and projections to end-of-year estimates suggest limited ability to forecast financial conditions for the full year. Given ongoing concerns about the financial stability of the agency and surplus levels in both divisions, the committees request updated financial statements for both divisions in quarterly reports. In each quarterly report, Maryland Auto should include discussions of potential shortfalls. For the Insured Division, the report should discuss any planned or implemented rate increases, including the dates these were or are planned to be implemented and the estimated amounts to be collected from actual or projected rate increases, the number of annualized policyholders, and average premium per policy. In each quarterly report, Maryland Auto should also discuss estimated and actual amounts collected from the assessment occurring in calendar 2026. The first report should cover data for the first two quarters of calendar 2026 and include the pro forma income statements for the calendar 2025 actuals and calendar 2026 projections, and each subsequent report should cover the prior quarter.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Financial statements for Insured Division and Uninsured Division	Maryland Auto	August 15, 2026
		November 15, 2026
		March 15, 2027
		May 15, 2027

**Insured Division Report:** Due to inadequate ending surplus in calendar 2025, the Maryland Automobile Insurance Fund (Maryland Auto) is expected to require issuing another assessment. The Insured Division’s revenue is driven by premiums collected on insurance policies. The committees are requesting a report to monitor the ongoing financial situation at Maryland Auto. The report should include data on premiums earned and expenditures. The report should also



**D74**  
**Office of the Correctional Ombudsman**

**Committee Narrative**

**D74A01.01            Office of the Correctional Ombudsman**

**Status of Managing for Results (MFR) Objectives and Measures:** The Office of the Correctional Ombudsman (OCO) did not submit MFR goals, objectives, or measures with its fiscal 2027 budget. The committees request that, by July 1, 2026, OCO submit proposed MFR goals, objectives, and measures, including actual fiscal 2025 data and estimates for fiscal 2026 and 2027.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Status report on MFR objectives and measures	OCO	July 1, 2026

**D78Y01**  
**Maryland Health Benefit Exchange**

**Committee Narrative**

**D78Y01.03          Reinsurance Program**

**Reinsurance and State Subsidy Program Costs and Forecasts:** The committees are interested in monitoring the costs of the State Reinsurance Program and State Subsidy Program and future funding needs. The committees request that the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange (MHBE) submit a report that provides an updated forecast of spending and funding needs for both programs, including estimated costs through calendar 2028.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Reinsurance and State Subsidy program costs and forecasts	MHBE	September 30, 2026

**D80Z01**  
**Maryland Insurance Administration**

**Committee Narrative**

**D80Z01.01 Administration and Operations**

**Insurance Tracking System Project Status:** After significant delays beginning in calendar 2020, active development of the Insurance Tracking System Project is underway. The Maryland Insurance Administration (MIA) has begun Phase 2 of this ongoing project. The fiscal 2027 allowance includes \$8.7 million for continued Insurance Tracking System Project development. In order to continue monitoring this project and to be informed of any further delays or cost increases, the committees request that MIA submit initial and follow-up reports to update the committees, including:

- a summary of progress made on the project in the previous two quarters and projected tasks to complete in the following quarters, including a list of all identified project development benchmarks and target dates and actual completion dates for each major benchmark;
- actual project spending over the previous two quarters; and
- any updates to the estimated total project cost or anticipated project timeline.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Insurance Tracking System Major Information Technology Development Project status	MIA	July 10, 2026 January 10, 2027

**Report on Affordable Care Act (ACA) Segregated Account Funding Data:** The committees request that the Maryland Insurance Administration (MIA), in collaboration with the Prevention and Health Promotion Administration (PHPA) in the Maryland Department of Health, submit a report with data from insurers, nonprofit health services providers, and health maintenance organizations on segregated accounts established under the federal ACA. The report should include data from calendar 2025 on receipts, disbursements, ending balances, and interest for the segregated accounts.

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<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Report on ACA segregated account data	MIA PHPA	January 1, 2027

**Maryland Automobile Insurance Fund Assessment:** Due to an inadequate year ending surplus, Maryland Automobile Insurance Fund (Maryland Auto) levied an assessment on the personal private automobile insurance carriers operating in the State that was certified in calendar 2025 with a projected assessment for calendar 2026 based on the 2024 and 2025 financial results. The committees request that the Maryland Insurance Administration (MIA) submit a report with data on the total number of insurance carriers assessed through the assessment for Maryland Auto for each year. The report should include information on the market share of auto policies in Maryland for each carrier assessed, as well as information on which (if any) carriers passed along the costs related to the assessment to customers and the average cost to policyholders.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Report on Maryland Automobile Insurance Fund assessment	MIA	December 30, 2026

**D91**  
**West North Avenue Development Authority**

**Committee Narrative**

**D91A01.01          West North Avenue Development Authority**

**Anticipated Spending in the Proposed Operating Budget:** The committees request that the West North Avenue Development Authority (WNADA) and the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) program anticipated spending in the proposed fiscal 2028 budget to minimize the potential for reallocating large percentages of funds intended for grants to other purposes. The proposed budget, as shown in the Governor’s Fiscal 2028 Budget Books, should include anticipated spending by budget object. The supporting budget data should include anticipated contracts, the purposes of contracts, and the entities expected to fulfill the contracts, where known. The committees recognize that these estimates may be subject to change based on unanticipated program needs.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Anticipated spending by budget object and anticipated contracts	WNADA DBM	With the submission of the fiscal 2028 operating budget

## **E00A Comptroller of Maryland**

### **Committee Narrative**

#### **E00A02.01            Accounting Control and Reporting**

**Activities Related to Statewide Fiscal Compliance:** It is the intent of the committees that the General Accounting Division of the Comptroller of Maryland (Comptroller) perform the following actions:

- develop competency frameworks for key positions in State fiscal leadership and create internal certification programs for fiscal processes throughout State government in collaboration with the Audit and Finance Compliance Unit within the Department of Budget and Management (DBM);
- review position descriptions filed through MS-22 forms with DBM for State chief financial officers and equivalents and provide recommendations to align them with competency standards and best practices as needed;
- develop and train an analytics team of systems control accountants to supervise and review reporting analytics, review activity around use of COVID-19-related funding, and partner with the Office of State Financial Innovation within the Comptroller on modernization efforts;
- contract with a qualified external audit consulting firm to provide guidance on updating the State’s internal financial controls and Accounting Procedures Manual, including a review of federal grants; and
- collect remediation reports from each State agency that has a single or recurring audit finding related to financial statements in the most recent legislative audit cycle.

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### Budget Amendment

#### **E00A08.01 Office of Public Policy, Public Works and Investment, The Office of Public Engagement and Communications, General Accounting**

Amend the following language on the general fund appropriation:

, provided that this appropriation shall be reduced by \$125,051 upon enactment of legislation expanding the allowable uses of the Strategic Energy Investment Fund to include programs and applicable initiatives related to State climate change mitigation and climate change resiliency efforts.

**Explanation:** This language adds specificity to contingent language on the general fund appropriation to more closely align with the applicable Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act provision.

Amend the following language on the special fund appropriation:

, provided that \$125,051 of this appropriation is contingent upon enactment of legislation expanding the allowable uses of the Strategic Energy Investment Fund to include programs and applicable initiatives related to State climate change mitigation and climate change resiliency efforts.

**Explanation:** This language adds specificity to contingent language on the special fund appropriation to more closely align with the applicable Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act provision.

**E50C**  
**State Department of Assessments and Taxation**

**Budget Amendment**

**E50C00.01            Office of the Director**

Amend appropriation for the purposes indicated:

	<u><b>Funds</b></u>	<u><b>Positions</b></u>
1. Reduce special funds to delete 1.0 long-term vacant position within the Office of the Director. This position has been vacant since August 2024.	-116,423 SF	-1.00
Total Change	-116,423	-1.00

<u><b>Effect</b></u>	<u><b>Allowance</b></u>	<u><b>Appropriation</b></u>	<u><b>Amount Change</b></u>	<u><b>Position Change</b></u>
Position	29.00	28.00		-1.00
Special Funds	7,909,642	7,793,219	-116,423	

**Budget Amendment**

**E50C00.04            Office of Information Technology**

Add the following language to the general fund appropriation:

, provided that \$50,000 of this appropriation made for the purpose of administration in the Office of Information Technology may not be expended until the State Department of Assessments and Taxation submits a report to the budget committees on the status of the Cloud Revenue Integrated System (CRIS) development project as of October 1, 2026. The report shall include:

- (1) a description of CRIS project milestones achieved, remaining milestones, and the overall project schedule; and
- (2) how much funding was appropriated and spent in each fiscal year by fund type.

The report shall be submitted by November 1, 2026, and the budget committees shall have 45 days from the date of the receipt of the report to review and comment. Funds restricted pending

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the receipt of a 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:** This language restricts funds budgeted for administrative purposes until the State Department of Assessments and Taxation (SDAT) submits a report updating the budget committees on the status of the CRIS project and how much funding has been appropriated and spent in each fiscal year.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
CRIS Project Status Update	SDAT	November 1, 2026

**E80E**  
**Property Tax Assessment Appeals Boards**

**Budget Amendment**

**E80E00.01          Property Tax Assessment Appeals Boards**

Add the following language to the general fund appropriation:

, provided that \$50,000 of this appropriation made for the purpose of administration in the Property Tax Assessment Appeals Boards (PTAAB) may not be expended until PTAAB submits a report to the budget committees on how the agency is transitioning from paper-based processes to electronic processes to enhance efficiency. The report shall include:

- (1) a description of all current paper-based processes used for agency operations; and
- (2) what actions are being taken and the timeframe to move each of these processes into an electronic format.

The report shall be submitted by September 1, 2026, 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 a 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:** PTAAB reported that it relies entirely on paper-based processes for its operations. This language restricts funds budgeted for administrative purposes until PTAAB submits a report on actions being taken to move away from paper-based processes.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Report on transition from paper-based processes	PTAAB	September 1, 2026

**Committee Narrative**

**Local Property Tax Assessment Appeals Board (PTAAB) Vacancies and Backlogged Cases:** The committees request that PTAAB submit a report on the status of vacancies and backlogged cases for each local jurisdiction. The report shall include the following information for each local PTAAB as of June 30, 2026:

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- the number of vacancies; and
- the number of cases in the backlog.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Status of vacancies and backlogged cases	PTAAB	August 1, 2026

**F10A**  
**Office of the Secretary**  
**Department of Budget and Management**

**Budget Amendment**

**F10A01.01            Executive Direction**

Add the following language to the general fund appropriation:

, provided that \$100,000 of this appropriation made for the purpose of administrative expenses may not be expended until the Department of Budget and Management submits a report on the expenditure of federal funds available through the American Rescue Plan Act award for the State Fiscal Relief Fund (SFRF) program. The report shall include a table listing the amount available to the State through each SFRF grant, the amount expended for each fiscal year, and the remaining balance. The report shall identify the reasons why any funds are expected to expire prior to use. The report shall be submitted by September 15, 2026, and the budget committees shall have 45 days from the date of receipt of the report to review and comment. Funds restricted pending the receipt of a 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:** Appendix O of the Governor’s Fiscal 2027 Budget Highlights showed unexpended balances in federal SFRF monies totaling \$160 million. This language requires a full accounting of SFRF grants to increase transparency and oversight of federal fund spending and maximize utilization of available resources.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
SFRF grant balances	Department of Budget and Management	September 15, 2026

Add the following language to the general fund appropriation:

Further provided that, since six State agencies had repeat audit findings in calendar 2025 fiscal compliance reports issued by the Office of Legislative Audits (OLA) for certain repeat findings, \$250,000 of the appropriation made for the purpose of Executive Direction may not be expended until:

- (1) representatives from agencies with certain repeat audit findings in calendar 2025 have met with the State Chief Information Security Officer (SCISO) to identify and document a path for resolution of any outstanding issues, and the agency has taken corrective action

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with respect to the findings, including articulating any ongoing associated costs and a timeline for resolution if the corrective action is not complete;

- (2) SCISO submits a report to OLA by February 1, 2027, addressing corrective actions taken, a path and timeline for resolution of any outstanding issues, and any ongoing costs associated with corrective actions; and
- (3) a report is submitted to the budget committees and the Joint Audit and Evaluation Committee (JAEC) by OLA, no later than May 1, 2027, listing each repeat audit finding in accordance with item (1) that demonstrates the agencies' commitment to correct each repeat audit finding.

The budget committees and JAEC shall have 45 days to review and comment from the date of the receipt of the report. General funds restricted pending the receipt of the report may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise and shall revert to the General Fund if the report is not submitted.

**Explanation:** Audit reports from calendar 2025 identified certain repeat audit findings in State agencies. This language requires that these agencies report their plans to remediate repeat audit findings to SCISO. SCISO should review these plans and report to OLA about these agencies' plans. OLA should review the SCISO's findings and report on the commitment to resolving these repeat findings to the budget committees and JAEC. The six State agencies are the Maryland Higher Education Commission, the Department of Human Services Local Department Operations, the Maryland Department of Labor Division of Workforce Development and Adult Learning, the Department of Juvenile Services, the Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration, and the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services Information Technology and Communications Division.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Report on repeat audit findings	SCISO OLA	February 1, 2027 May 1, 2027

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**Submission of Select Budget Detail:** The committees request that the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) submit complete fiscal 2028 subobject detail by program for Comptroller Objects 08 and 12 by the tenth day of the 2027 legislation session in an electronic format subject to the concurrence of the Department of Legislative Services.

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<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Comptroller Objects 08 and 12 budget detail	DBM	Tenth day of the 2027 legislation session

**Apprenticeship Position Capacity Report:** Recognizing the importance of registered apprenticeships as a potential talent pipeline for the State and the broad support for increasing the availability of registered apprenticeships, the budget committees request that the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) survey Executive Branch agencies to determine interest and capacity for establishing registered apprenticeship positions. The committees request that DBM submit a report identifying the number of additional regular positions each Executive Branch agency is interested in adding for apprenticeship positions and the classifications associated with those positions.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Apprenticeship position capacity report	DBM	September 1, 2026

**Deficiency Appropriations, Guidelines, Monitoring and Trends:** Deficiency appropriations have increased in recent years. The Department of Budget and Management (DBM) is responsible for monitoring potential shortfalls and approving deficiency appropriations for agency budgets. Therefore, the budget committees request that DBM submit a report on deficiency appropriations, guidelines, and trends, and describing ongoing efforts and past actions taken to monitor potential shortfalls in Executive Branch agencies and limit discretionary spending that might contribute to shortfalls.

The report should provide a comparison of deficiency appropriation trends from fiscal 2017 through 2026 that includes an analysis of growth trends; discuss the policies and guidelines provided to agencies for requesting and receiving approval of deficiency appropriations; include specific descriptions of efforts to address deficiencies that were repeated from the prior year and efforts to reduce or eliminate deficiencies in the future; and address procedures for monitoring and alleviating shortfalls for specific entitlement programs, including:

- Assistance Payments;
- Foster Care payments:

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- Medical provider reimbursements;
- Maryland Children’s Health Program provider reimbursements;
- Behavioral health provider reimbursements;
- Developmental disabilities provider reimbursements;
- Autism Waiver; and
- Child Care Scholarship.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Deficiency appropriations, guidelines, DBM monitoring, and trends		September 1, 2026

**Retention of Government Modernization Initiative Savings:** In recognition of the importance of government modernization efforts, including engaging employees at all levels to identify efficiencies, the budget committees request that the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) evaluate the feasibility of establishing a mechanism to allow executive agencies that achieve verified General Fund savings through Government Modernization Initiative activities to retain and expend a portion of those savings. The analysis should consider options for allowing agencies to retain a portion of documented savings in a given fiscal year and assess appropriate limits on the total amount that may be retained annually. The report should also address potential fiscal impacts, administrative considerations, and any statutory or budgetary changes needed to implement such an approach.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Retention of Government Modernization Initiative savings	DBM	September 15, 2026

**F10A02**  
**Office of Personnel Services and Benefits**  
**Department of Budget and Management**

**Budget Amendment**

**F10A02.01                      Executive Direction**

Add the following language to the general fund appropriation:

, provided that since the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) Office of Personnel Services and Benefits (OPSB) has had four or more repeat audit findings in the most recent fiscal compliance audit issued by the Office of Legislative Audits (OLA), \$100,000 of this agency’s administrative appropriation may not be expended unless:

- (1) DBM OPSB has taken corrective action with respect to all repeat audit findings on or before November 1, 2026; and
- (2) a report is submitted to the budget committees by OLA listing each repeat audit finding along with a determination that each repeat finding was corrected.

The budget committees shall have 45 days from the date of the receipt of the report to review and comment to allow for funds to be released prior to the end of fiscal 2027. 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:** The Joint Audit and Evaluation Committee 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 actions 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.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Status of corrective actions related to the most recent fiscal compliance audit	OLA	45 days before the release of funds

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**Health Insurance Account Closeout Report:** The committees request a report on the fiscal 2026 closeout of the Employee and Retiree Health Insurance Account. This report shall include:

- the closing fiscal 2026 fund balance;
- the actual provider payments due in the fiscal year broken out by medical payments for active employees, medical payments for non-Medicare-eligible retirees, medical payments for Medicare-eligible retirees, prescription drug payments for active employees, prescription drug payments for non-Medicare-eligible retirees, and prescription drug payments for Medicare-eligible retirees;
- State employee and retiree contributions, broken out by active employees, non-Medicare-eligible retirees, and Medicare-eligible retirees;
- an accounting of rebates, recoveries, and other costs, broken out into rebates, recoveries, and other costs associated with active employees, non-Medicare-eligible retirees, and Medicare-eligible retirees;
- any closeout transactions processed after the fiscal year ended; and
- actual incurred but not received costs.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Report on fiscal 2026 closeout data for the Employee and Retiree Health Insurance Account	Department of Budget and Management	October 1, 2026

**Quarterly Medical, Dental, and Prescription Plan:** In recent years, the State has implemented different strategies to contain medical and prescription costs. In fiscal 2026, the State transitioned to a new pharmacy services vendor and the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) began reporting prescription drug costs in different categories than the previous vendor, preventing historical comparisons based on category of medication. The budget committees request that

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DBM submit quarterly reports on plan performance and reporting methodology of the State's prescription, medical, and dental plans.

- Medical and dental reports should provide utilization and cost data broken out by plans as well as actives, non-Medicare-eligible retirees, and Medicare-eligible retirees. The reports should include utilization per 1,000 plan participants; unit cost and per member costs for hospital inpatient services; hospital outpatient services; professional inpatient services; professional outpatient services; and ancillary services, provided by the State's health plans.
- Prescription reports should provide information on the highest cost prescription drugs by category of treatment; the prescription drugs accounting for the largest increases in drug spending; the top 25 most costly individual prescription drugs in generic, brand, biologics, and specialty drug categories; recent drug patent expirations; and upcoming new drug patent approvals. Additionally, the reports should include data on the cost drivers and drug trends by actives, non-Medicare retirees, and Medicare retirees.

It is the intent of the committees that the reports should provide reporting consistent with historical reporting where possible. With submission of the first quarterly report, DBM should include an analysis of the differences between the reporting methodologies of the current and previous vendor. The analysis should discuss the feasibility of returning to a reporting methodology consistent with previous reports, including identifying areas where reporting can be consistent and identifying reasons for any areas that cannot be reported consistently.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Quarterly State medical, dental, and prescription drug plan performance reports	DBM	September 15, 2026 December 15, 2026 March 15, 2027 June 15, 2027

**Government Modernization Initiative:** The committees are interested in continuing to receive more information about the Government Modernization Initiative. The committees request that the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) submit a report, due December 15, 2026, detailing the initiatives implemented, the savings achieved for each initiative, and the incentive payments provided to the vendor. The report should provide funding and payment information by fund source. The report should differentiate between one-time and ongoing savings.

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Information Request	Author	Due Date
Government Modernization Initiative	DBM	December 15, 2026

**Workgroup on Centralized Background Checks:** The committees request that the Department of Budget and Management, in collaboration with the Department of State Police (DSP) and the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services (DPSCS), establish a workgroup to study and make recommendations on centralized background checks. The workgroup should study reforming the centralized background check system. The workgroup should include, but not be limited to, subject matter experts on the criminal background check process and representatives from:

- local government agencies;
- local school systems;
- the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE);
- the Maryland Department of Health (MDH); and
- the Department of Human Services (DHS).

To make recommendations on reforming the centralized background check system for personnel within State and local agencies the workgroup should do the following:

- examine data and recommendations from the Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability and audit findings from the Office of Legislative Audits related to background checks;
- explore options to enroll appropriate employees in the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) Next Generation Identification Record of Arrest and Prosecution (RAP) Back Program;
- make recommendations for the creation of a unit to centralize the background check process and ensure that checks are standardized and conducted efficiently across State and local agencies;

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- compile information from MSDE, MDH, and DHS on the current positions which require FBI RAP Back alerts of subsequent criminal activity by employees. Information from the specified agencies should be submitted to the workgroup by September 1, 2026;
- explore opportunities to improve the background check process, including identifying strategies to remove individuals with disqualifying criminal records to prevent them from interacting with vulnerable populations, ensuring checks interface with the proper registries including the Sex Offender Registry to remove disqualified offenders from State employment, and exploring procedures to reduce background check backlogs;
- examine policies and procedures around background checks of contractors, subcontractors, and vendors working with State and local agencies; and
- ensure agencies have sufficient rules on what constitutes a disqualifying offense for each position at the agency that is subject to a background check.

The workgroup should submit a report on its activities, findings, and recommendations to the committees by December 1, 2026.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Report on the centralized background checks workgroup	DBM DSP DPSCS	December 1, 2026

**F10A05**  
**Office of Budget Analysis**  
**Department of Budget and Management**

**Budget Amendment**

**F10A05.01            Budget Analysis and Formulation**

Strike the following language from the general fund appropriation:

~~, provided that this appropriation shall be reduced by \$40,000 contingent upon the enactment of legislation removing the requirement for printed budget books.~~

**Explanation:** This action strikes language that reduces funds contingent on removing the requirement to print budget books. Fiscal 2026 and 2027 include \$40,000 each for this purpose. The Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act of 2026, however, proposes to modify this requirement so that only online publishing is required.

**F50**  
**Department of Information Technology**

**Budget Amendment**

**F50A01.01 Information Technology Investment Fund**

Amend appropriation for the purposes indicated:

	<u><b>Funds</b></u>	<u><b>Positions</b></u>
1. Delete general funds for the Department of Information Technology Statewide Permitting Platform Major Information Technology Development Project (MITDP) because the information technology project request for this MITDP was not submitted as required by § 3.5-308 of the State Finance and Procurement Article.	-500,000	GF
2. Delete general funds for the Maryland Department of Health Medicaid Pharmacy Benefits Electronic Claims System Major Information Technology Development Project and authorize a budget amendment to be processed to replace these funds with federal funds to account for the expected 90% federal fund match for this project. This action will delete general funds in the Information Technology Investment Fund for this project and authorize a budget amendment to be processed to replace these funds with federal funds.	-1,250,000	GF
3. Reduce general funds for the Information Technology Investment Fund. An equivalent amount of special fund appropriation is added to the fiscal 2026 working appropriation in a separate action. The Secretary of the Department of Information Technology is authorized to allocate this reduction among projects.	-59,314,476	GF
 Total Change	 -61,064,476	 0.00

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<u>Effect</u>	<u>Allowance</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Amount Change</u>	<u>Position Change</u>
General Funds	96,667,765	35,603,289	-61,064,476	

**Committee Narrative**

**Information on Out-year Funding and Cost Estimates for Major Information Technology Development Projects (MITDP):** Historically, the Department of Information Technology (DoIT) and the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) have submitted out-year funding and costs estimates for each MITDP split by fiscal years and fund sources in a separate MITDP appendix with the budget books. Although the Governor’s Fiscal 2027 Budget Book include a separate MITDP appendix, the appendix does not include information on the out-year funding and cost estimates split by fiscal years and fund sources. Additionally, MITDPs are primarily funded by general funds through the Information Technology Investment Fund, and the out-year funding information is required for the State’s general fund projections. The committees request that DoIT, in collaboration with DBM, include the out-year funding requirement and estimated cost for each MITDP split by fiscal years and fund sources in the MITDP appendix with the Governor’s Fiscal 2028 Budget Books.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Information on out-year funding and cost estimates for MITDPs	DoIT DBM	With submission of the Governor’s Fiscal 2028 Budget Books

**Budget Amendment**

**F50B04.01            State Chief of Information Technology**

Amend appropriation for the purposes indicated:

	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Positions</u>
1. Increase turnover expectancy for 9 new positions in Program F50B04.01 to 25% to be consistent with budgeted turnover for new positions.	-440,151	GF
 Total Change	 -440,151	 0.00

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<u>Effect</u>	<u>Allowance</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Amount Change</u>	<u>Position Change</u>
Position	42.00	42.00		0.00
General Funds	35,334,097	34,893,946	-440,151	

**Committee Narrative**

**Report on Agency Artificial Intelligence (AI) Utilization:** The committees are interested in understanding how each Executive Branch agency uses AI and mitigates risks or challenges associated with AI use. The committees request the Department of Information Technology (DoIT), in coordination with each Executive Branch agency, submit a report on the utilization of artificial intelligence (AI) by each Executive Branch agency. Each Executive Branch agency shall submit a report to DoIT by October 1, 2026, and DoIT shall submit one report that provides a summary of the information for all agencies. Each agency report to DoIT shall include:

- a description of how the agency is using or piloting AI to improve service delivery, operational efficiency, or public outcomes; and
- a description of how the agency is identifying and addressing risks or challenges associated with AI use, including impacts on residents.

It is the intent of the budget committees that the report also be submitted to the Governor and the Joint Committee on Cybersecurity, Information Technology, and Biotechnology.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Report on Agency AI Utilization	DoIT	December 1, 2026

**Budget Amendment**

**F50B04.02            Security**

Add the following language to the general fund appropriation:

, provided that \$500,000 of this appropriation made for the purpose of general administration may not be expended until the Department of Information Technology (DoIT) submits a confidential report on cybersecurity governance to the Joint Audit and Evaluation Committee, the Chair and Subcommittee Chairs of the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee, the Chair and Subcommittee

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Chairs of the House Appropriations Committee, and the Joint Committee on Cybersecurity, Information Technology and Biotechnology. The confidential report shall be produced in a manner prescribed by the State Chief Information Security Officer (SCISO) and include details from: the Maryland Department of Health, the Maryland Department of Transportation, the Department of Human Services, the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services, and the Maryland Department of State Police. In consultation with the SCISO, DoIT shall compile the data received from each department and the University System of Maryland into a consolidated confidential report.

The report shall provide an update on implementation from each of the agencies of critical systems including:

- (1) information technology system access verification and dates of most recent review of all user access and related results;
- (2) malware protection, including procedures to ensure malware protection and the date of the most recent review of malware protection controls and the related results;
- (3) multi-factor authentication, including data of the most recent review of multi-factor authentication, and related results;
- (4) personally identifiable information (PII) protection for applications exceeding 5,000 unique records, procedures for ensuring PII encryption and the date of the most recent inventory and review of PII security; and
- (5) information technology service providers cloud activity, including procedures for ensuring external security assurances (System and Organization Controls (SOC) 2 Type 2 report) are obtained, the date of the most recent SOC 2 Type 2 report for each service provider and cloud service, and significant findings.

The report shall be submitted by December 15, 2026, and the budget committees shall have 45 days from the date of the receipt of the report to review and comment. Funds restricted pending submission of a 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. It is the intent of the General Assembly that the report also be submitted concurrently to the Governor, the Chief of Staff, and Deputy Chief of Staff for the Governor.

**Explanation:** Given the rapidly increasing cybersecurity attacks, and the cost associated with those attacks, the budget committees are concerned with the status of cybersecurity protections in the State. This action requires DoIT and SCISO to review protections for large State agencies and report on significant findings to relevant decision makers.

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<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Confidential cybersecurity governance report	DoIT	December 15, 2026

**Budget Amendment**

**F50B04.05            Chief of Staff**

Amend appropriation for the purposes indicated:

	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Positions</u>
1. Increase turnover expectancy for 2 new positions in Program F50B04.05 to 25% to be consistent with budgeted turnover for new positions.	-91,299	GF
 Total Change	 -91,299	 0.00

<u>Effect</u>	<u>Allowance</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Amount Change</u>	<u>Position Change</u>
Position	27.00	27.00		0.00
General Funds	6,331,686	6,240,387	-91,299	

**Committee Narrative**

**F50B04.08            Maryland (MD) Benefits**

**Report on Maryland Benefits:** The Maryland Benefits, previously known as MD THINK, is a cloud-based platform that provides infrastructure, data, and application services to multiple State agencies. Maryland Benefits was transferred to the Department of Information Technology (DoIT) from the Department of Human Services (DHS) beginning in fiscal 2026 to support continued integration of multiple agencies and identify efficiencies for the platform. The shared platform and Eligibility and Enrollment (E&E) application were transferred to DoIT. Applications that are solely used by DHS, Child, Juvenile, and Adult Management System (CJAMS) and Child Support Management System (CSMS) are to remain with DHS. However, DHS reported that operational duties for CJAMS and CSMS are still integrated with the Maryland Benefits shared platform and are currently with DoIT. Both DoIT and DHS estimate

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separating the applications by the end of fiscal 2026. Additionally, Maryland Benefits encountered significant investment and implementation challenges before it was transferred to DoIT. The committees request DoIT to submit a report on Maryland Benefits, including:

- an update on the separation of CJAMS and CSMS applications and the reasons for delay in transition;
- an update on the implementation of the shared platform and E&E application, including program costs and/or anticipated cost overruns, expected savings, and potential challenges; and
- description of procurement process for various components of the shared platform and anticipated efficiencies and savings through contract consolidation.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Report on Maryland Benefits	DoIT	December 1, 2026

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**Department of General Services**

**Budget Amendment**

**H00A01.01          Executive Direction**

Add the following language to the general fund appropriation:

. provided that \$100,000 of this appropriation made for the purposes of Executive Direction may not be expended until the Department of General Services, in coordination with the Department of Budget and Management and the Department of Planning, submits a status report to the budget committees that provides an assessment and review of the State’s facility and real property asset inventory with recommendations for maximizing the economic efficiency and effectiveness of the State’s assets. The report shall be submitted by December 1, 2026, and include a review and assessment of master planning strategies and policies for (1) facilities programming; (2) determinations concerning purchase versus lease versus construction for office space for State agencies, including the establishment of the criteria and best practice for the development of cost-benefit analysis; and (3) an assessment of the utilization of State-owned and leased space. The budget committees shall have 45 days to review and comment after the date of submission of the report. Funds restricted pending the receipt of a 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:** The budget committees are interested in receiving a status report that provides an assessment and review of the State’s facility and real property asset inventory with recommendations for maximizing the economic efficiency and effectiveness of the State’s assets. This language restricts funds pending a status report that provides an assessment of the State’s asset maximization strategies.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Status report on maximization of State assets	Department of General Services Department of Budget and Management	December 1, 2026

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Add the following language to the general fund appropriation:

Further provided that since the Department of General Services (DGS) has had four or more repeat audit findings in the most recent fiscal compliance audit issued by the Office of Legislative Audits (OLA), \$100,000 of this agency's administrative appropriation may not be expended unless:

- (1) DGS has taken corrective action with respect to all repeat audit findings on or before November 1, 2026; and
- (2) a report is submitted to the budget committees by OLA listing each audit finding along with a determination that each 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 2027.

**Explanation:** The Joint Audit and Evaluation Committee 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 actions 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.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Status of corrective actions related to the most recent fiscal compliance audit	OLA	45 days before the release of funds

### **Committee Narrative**

**Status Report on State Center Complex Agency Relocations and Funding:** The relocation of State agencies from the State Center complex to vacant office space within Baltimore City's Central Business District started in fiscal 2022. A total of \$80 million is appropriated in the Dedicated Purpose Account (DPA) to cover moving expenses, rent, and parking for the first year at new locations; new furniture; cubicles; new information technology (IT) equipment; and relocating existing IT equipment. As of January 2026, \$41.1 million of the DPA funds appropriated for State Center agency relocation have been expended. In anticipation of the State Center agency relocation being completed by the first quarter of calendar 2027, the committees request that DGS submit two reports on the status of the State Center agency relocations and funding, which include:

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- the status of moves and new site locations for each agency moving out of the State Center complex in Baltimore City;
- the uses and timing of State Center funds appropriated into the DPA to support State agency moves and demolition; and
- any additional expenditures not reimbursed by the DPA.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Status of State Center agency relocation, funding, and expenditures	Department of General Services	October 1, 2026 April 1, 2027

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#### **H00D01.01 Procurement and Logistics**

Add the following language to the general fund appropriation:

, provided that since the Department of General Services – Office of State Procurement (OSP) has had four or more repeat audit findings in the most recent fiscal compliance audit issued by the Office of Legislative Audits (OLA), \$250,000 of this agency's administrative appropriation may not be expended unless:

- (1) OSP has taken corrective action with respect to all repeat audit findings on or before November 1, 2026; and
- (2) a report is submitted to the budget committees by OLA listing each repeat audit finding along with a determination that each repeat finding was corrected. The budget committees shall have 45 days from the date of the receipt of the report to review and comment to allow for funds to be released prior to the end of fiscal 2027.

**Explanation:** The Joint Audit and Evaluation Committee 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.

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<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Status of corrective actions related to the most recent fiscal compliance audit	OLA	45 days before the release of funds

### **Committee Narrative**

**Timeliness of Payments to Contractors:** The committees request that the Department of General Services (DGS), in consultation with the Maryland Department of Transportation, the Department of Information Technology, the Department of Social and Economic Mobility, the Comptroller of Maryland, and the Board of Public Works, submit a report on the timeliness of payment to contractors under State procurement contracts. The report should include a review of:

- the ability of units, as defined in §11-101 of the State Finance and Procurement Article, to evaluate the number of late payments on contracts that the unit is managing, including the dollar value of late payments, how many days a payment is late, and how often a late payment is eligible for interest under §15-104 of the State Finance and Procurement Article;
- the impact of prohibiting waivers of payment of interest that is due under §15-104 of the State Finance and Procurement Article;
- the most common reasons for late payments;
- the impact of authorized staff and staff vacancies on a unit's ability to submit timely payments to the Comptroller's Office for processing;
- the impact of the State's financial systems on the ability to issue timely payments;
- a unit's ability to require and enforce prompt payment to subcontractors and suppliers, including available options for issuing direct payment to a subcontractor or supplier; and
- best practices in federal procurement processes to ensure prompt payment of prime contractors, subcontractors, and suppliers.

Additionally, the report should include findings and recommendations regarding:

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- the adequacy of unit staffing levels to monitor the progress on State procurement contracts;
- the adequacy of unit staffing levels to submit timely payments to the Comptroller's Office for processing;
- upgrades to the State's financial management information systems that can provide improvements to the State's ability to issue timely payments on procurement contracts;
- whether requiring the payment of interest due to a vendor and prohibiting a party from waiving the payment of interest due under §15-104 of the State Finance and Procurement Article will create additional parity among contractors;
- the feasibility of developing methods for direct payment to subcontractors and suppliers, including any necessary alterations to the procurement process to implement such methods;
- identification of any limitations where direct payment to subcontractors or suppliers would pose legal or ethical issues;
- options to ensure subcontractors and suppliers are paid promptly by prime contractors;
- uniform processes and communication to provide notice regarding a unit's decision to withhold payment on a contract;
- additional training opportunities for procurement officers and contract managers;
- any efficiency recommendations to improve prompt payment to prime contractors, subcontractors, and suppliers;
- providing outreach and communication to prime contractors, subcontractors, and suppliers to provide information about prompt payment requirements and remedies, and to collect feedback for units on issues related to prompt payment; and
- any other matters that can improve the timeliness of payments under State procurement contracts.

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<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Report on timeliness of contractor payments	DGS	December 1, 2026

**Establishment of a State Procurement Ombudsman:** The committees request that the Department of General Services (DGS), in consultation with the Maryland Department of Transportation, the Department of Information Technology, the Department of Social and Economic Mobility, the Comptroller of Maryland, and the Board of Public Works, submit a report on the feasibility of establishing a State Procurement Ombudsman. The report should include a review of:

- existing opportunities for contractors, offerors, and bidders to provide feedback and make recommendations for the improvement of State procurement practices;
- potential strategies for outreach and communication with prime contractors, subcontractors, and suppliers to provide feedback to units on issues related to prompt payment;
- the potential benefits of a centralized office to assist contractors, subcontractors, suppliers, offerors, and bidders navigate the State procurement process; and
- ethical and legal considerations regarding the establishment of a State Procurement Ombudsman.

Additionally, the report should include findings and recommendations regarding:

- the potential benefits of establishing a State Procurement Ombudsman;
- the duties that should be assigned to a State Procurement Ombudsman;
- the recommended staffing necessary to carry out the recommended duties of a State Procurement Ombudsman;
- which State agency or department would be the most appropriate unit in which to establish a State Procurement Ombudsman;
- whether any existing duties of a unit of State government should be transferred to a State Procurement Ombudsman;

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- necessary ethics requirements to avoid conflicts of interest in carrying out the duties of a State Procurement Ombudsman; and
- whether the duties of a State Procurement Ombudsman should focus on any particular areas of State procurement, such as assistance on contracts awarded to small businesses in the State or assistance to contractors in specific types of procurements.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Report on the establishment of a State Procurement Ombudsman	DGS	December 1, 2026

### **Budget Amendment**

#### **H00E01.01 Real Estate Management**

Add the following language to the general fund appropriation:

, provided that \$500,000 of this appropriation made for the purpose of real estate management may not be expended until the Department of General Services (DGS) submits a letter to the budget committees confirming the department has identified the location of the prerelease unit for female incarcerated individuals as required by Chapter 16 of 2021. The letter shall also confirm that DGS is proceeding with the planning and design of the identified location of the prerelease facility. The letter shall specify the planned facility's capacity, including whether that capacity is expected to be sufficient to accommodate the entire female prerelease population, and the anticipated timeline for the project. The letter shall be submitted within 30 days of the department selecting the location of the prerelease facility for incarcerated female individuals and proceeding with the first phase of the project at that location. The budget committees shall have 45 days from the date of the receipt of the letter to review and comment. Funds restricted pending the receipt of the letter may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund if the letter is not submitted to the budget committees.

**Explanation:** Chapter 16 of 2021 requires DPSCS to operate a standalone comprehensive rehabilitative prerelease unit for women. The statute required DPSCS to identify a location, acquire property, and design a site plan for the facility by June 1, 2021. This language restricts funds until DGS provides a letter to the budget committees confirming that the department has selected a location for the prerelease unit and is proceeding with the project.

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<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Letter confirming the location of the women's prerelease facility	DGS	30 days after confirmation of the location and initiation of the women's prerelease facility project at that location

### **Budget Amendment**

#### **H00G01.01 Office of Design, Construction and Energy**

Amend the following language on the special fund appropriation:

, provided that \$20,000,000 of this appropriation is contingent upon enactment of legislation expanding the uses of the Strategic Energy Investment Fund to include providing grants or loans to support the creation of new Tier 1 renewable energy sources in the State.

**Explanation:** This language adds specificity to contingent language on the special fund appropriation to more closely align with the applicable Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act provision.

### **Committee Narrative**

**Report on the Use of Strategic Energy Investment Funds (SEIF):** A provision in the Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act of 2026 authorizes the Governor to use compliance fees deposited into the SEIF for grants or loans to support the creation of new tier 1 renewable energy sources in the State for fiscal 2027 through 2031. The fiscal 2027 allowance for the Department of General Services (DGS) includes \$20 million in special funds as contingent appropriation for the Office of Design, Construction, and Energy. According to DGS, this contingent appropriation will be utilized to subsidize solar installations at State-owned facilities located in underserved and overburdened communities and use the available funds to implement Energy Performance Contracts to decarbonize State facilities that currently burn natural gas and fuel oil. The committees request DGS to submit a report that identifies the projects supported through the initiative, including the state of project completeness, funds utilized for each project, and the estimated energy savings associated with each project.

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Information Request	Author	Due Date
Report on the utilization of the SEIF	DGS	June 1, 2027

**Report on the Critical Maintenance Backlog Projects:** As of January 2026, there are 246 projects in the critical maintenance backlog, which is an increase of 51 projects compared to 195 projects reported in January 2025. The committees request the Department of General Services (DGS) to submit a report on the critical maintenance backlog projects, including project title, project priority, agency currently occupying the facility, and total project cost.

Information Request	Author	Due Date
Report on the critical maintenance backlog projects	DGS	December 15, 2026

### Budget Amendment

#### H00H01.03            Miscellaneous Grants - Capital Appropriation

Amend appropriation for the purposes indicated:

	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Positions</u>
1. Delete general funds for the New Montevue Senior Living Facility project. Funding will be replaced with general obligation bond funds in the capital budget.	-3,000,000	GF
Total Change	-3,000,000	0.00

<u>Effect</u>	<u>Allowance</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Amount Change</u>	<u>Position Change</u>
General Funds	57,571,000	54,571,000	-3,000,000	

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**Maryland Department of Transportation**

**Budget Amendment**

Add the following language:

Provided that it is the intent of the General Assembly that projects and funding levels appropriated for capital projects, as well as total estimated project costs within the Consolidated Transportation Program, shall be expended in accordance with the plan approved during the legislative session. The department shall prepare a report to notify the budget committees of the proposed changes in the event that the department modifies the program to:

- (1) add a new project to the construction program or development and evaluation program meeting the definition of a "major project" under Section 2-103.1 of the Transportation Article that was not previously contained within a plan reviewed in a prior year by the General Assembly and will result in the need to expend funds in the current budget year;  
or
- (2) change the scope of a project in the construction program or development and evaluation program meeting the definition of a "major project" under Section 2-103.1 of the Transportation Article that will result in an increase of more than 10% or \$1,000,000, whichever is greater, in the total project costs as reviewed by the General Assembly during a prior session.

For each change, the report shall identify the project title, justification for adding the new project or modifying the scope of the existing project, current year funding levels, and the total project cost as approved by the General Assembly during the prior session compared with the proposed current year funding and total project cost estimate resulting from the project addition or change in scope.

Further provided that notification of project additions, as outlined in paragraph (1) above; changes in the scope of a project, as outlined in paragraph (2) above; or moving projects from the development and evaluation program to the construction program shall be made to the General Assembly 45 days prior to the expenditure of funds or the submission of any contract for approval to the Board of Public Works.

**Explanation:** This annual budget bill language requires the department to notify the budget committees of proposed changes to the transportation capital program that will add a new project that was not in the fiscal 2026 to 2031 Consolidated Transportation Program (CTP) or will increase a total project's cost by more than 10% or \$1 million, due to a change in scope. Reports are to be submitted with the draft and final versions of the CTP with each using the 2026 session

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CTP as the basis for comparison. In addition, notification is required as needed throughout the budget year if certain changes to projects are made.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Capital budget changes from one CTP version to the next	Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT)	With draft CTP With final CTP
Capital budget changes throughout the year	MDOT	45 days prior to the expenditure of funds or seeking Board of Public Works approval

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**The Secretary's Office**  
**Maryland Department of Transportation**

**Budget Amendment**

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**Executive Direction**

Add the following language to the special fund appropriation:

, provided that \$500,000 of this appropriation made for the purpose of administrative expenses within the Secretary's Office may not be expended until the Maryland Department of Transportation and the Maryland Transportation Authority (MDTA) submit a report to the budget committees outlining the processes by which MDTA uses to resolve customer issues related to toll billing and collections. The report should include a discussion of the current processes that MDTA uses to resolve these disputes, including how it communicates with its customers and legislative offices engaging with the department on their behalf during the dispute resolution process to ensure that issues have been satisfactorily addressed. The report should also include a discussion of how these processes and communications can be improved so that customers and legislative offices engaging the department on their behalf remain updated throughout the dispute resolution process and so that resolutions are achieved in a timely manner.

The report shall be submitted on November 1, 2026, 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 a report may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall be canceled if the report is not submitted to the budget committees.

**Explanation:** This language restricts funding pending a report on the processes used by MDTA to resolve toll billing and collections issues and how these processes and communications with customers can be improved.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Report on toll billing and collection issues	Maryland Department of Transportation MDTA	November 1, 2026

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Add the following language to the special fund appropriation:

Further provided that \$250,000 of this appropriation made for the purpose of administrative expenses within the Secretary’s Office may not be expended until the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) and the Maryland Transportation Authority (MDTA) submit a report to the budget committees on MDTA’s ongoing efforts to collect outstanding tolls incurred at MDTA facilities. The report shall include:

- (1) the current amounts of outstanding tolls and related fines, fees, and interest owed from in state and out-of-state motorists, delineated by motorists’ state of residence, and a breakdown of the portion of that total that has been outstanding for six months or less, six months to one year, one to three years, and three years or more;
- (2) the amount of outstanding tolls that MDTA was successful in collecting since January 1, 2026, delineated by motorists’ state of residence; and
- (3) updates on the status of the establishment of reciprocity agreements with Pennsylvania and neighboring states, the procurement of a third-party debt collector, and any other strategies that MDTA is using to collect outstanding toll debt.

The report shall be submitted on October 1, 2026, 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 a report may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall be canceled if the report is not submitted to the budget committees.

**Explanation:** This language restricts funding pending a report on MDTA’s efforts to collect outstanding tolls and civil penalties incurred at MDTA facilities, given the potential significant impacts of outstanding tolls on MDTA revenues.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Report on the collection of outstanding toll debt	MDOT MDTA	October 1, 2026

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### Committee Narrative

**Apprenticeships within the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT):** The committees are interested in learning about apprenticeships within the MDOT modes. The committees request that the Secretary’s Office (TSO) submit a report including the following information:

- existing registered apprenticeships within the MDOT modes, including contractors;
- workforce needs of the department and contractors that could be met by registered apprenticeships;
- any barriers to creating and expanding apprenticeships at MDOT or by contractors; and
- goals for scaling apprenticeships by occupation and MDOT mode.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Report on apprenticeships in MDOT	TSO	December 1, 2026

**Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Recertification:** The committees are interested in the DBE recertification process being undertaken by the Department of Social and Economic Mobility (DoSEM) and request that DoSEM and the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) Secretary’s Office (TSO) submit a report by September 1, 2026, providing an update on the recertification process. The report should include the number of DBE-certified vendors prior to the recertification process, the number of vendors that submitted application for recertification, how many of those vendors were recertified, how recertification was determined, and how many of the recertified vendors were previously certified as a Small Business Enterprise. The report should include any challenges that MDOT has faced due to the need of DBE recertification and the status of the U.S. Department of Transportation’s approval on relaunching the DBE Program, including the establishment of new DBE participation goals.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Report on DBE recertification process	DoSEM TSO	September 1, 2026

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**Regional Transportation Authorities:** The committees request that the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) Secretary’s Office (TSO) submit a report by October 1, 2026, on the potential for regional transportation authorities to be partners and/or alternative funding and construction sources on certain qualifying regional or local capital projects. The reports should consider possible structures of regional transportation authorities and how they might assist with CTP priorities and complement (but not supplant) existing MDOT and/or TTF functions as to governance, planning, financing, construction, operation, and accountability for capital transportation projects, including a review of some existing regional transportation authority models around the country; identify potential partners for possible regional transportation authorities in Maryland; and address the feasibility of those organizations funding capital projects in conjunction with MDOT.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Report on regional transportation authorities as capital project partners	TSO	October 1, 2026

**Transportation Trust Fund Revenue Sources:** Given the recent change to titling fees revenue projected to exceed motor fuel taxes in the Transportation Trust Fund (TTF) the committees are interested in better understanding the impact of the change in TTF revenue sources and request that the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) Secretary’s Office (TSO) submit a report on change in the proportion of TTF revenues from various sources. The report should include the short- and long-term implications of the shift in the balance of TTF revenue and MDOT’s plans to address any negative impacts of this shift on TTF revenue makeup.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Report on TTF revenue sources	TSO	August 1, 2026

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### Budget Amendment

#### J00A01.02 Operating Grants-In-Aid

Add the following language to the special fund appropriation:

, provided that no more than \$7,201,128 of this appropriation may be expended for operating grants in aid, except for:

- (1) any additional special funds necessary to match unanticipated federal fund attainments;  
or
- (2) any proposed increase either to provide funds for a new grantee or to increase funds for an existing grantee.

Further provided that no expenditures in excess of \$7,201,128 may occur unless the department provides notification to the budget committees to justify the need for additional expenditures due to either item (1) or (2) above, and the committees provide review and comment or 45 days elapse from the date such notification is provided to the committees.

**Explanation:** This annual language caps the level of special funds provided for operating grants-in-aid. The cap may be increased to match unanticipated federal dollars or to provide new or expanded grant funding upon notification to the budget committees.

Information Request	Author	Due Date
Explanation of need for additional special funds for operating grants-in-aid	Maryland Department of Transportation	45 days prior to expenditure

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#### J00A01.03 Facilities and Capital Equipment

Add the following language to the special fund appropriation:

, provided that no funds may be expended by the Secretary's Office for any capital project or grant with a total project cost in excess of \$500,000 that is not currently included in the fiscal 2026 to 2031 Consolidated Transportation Program, except as outlined below:

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- (1) the Secretary shall notify the budget committees of any proposed capital project or grant with a total cost in excess of \$500,000, including the need and justification for the project and its total cost; and
- (2) the budget committees shall have 45 days to review and comment on the proposed capital project or grant.

**Explanation:** This language provides legislative oversight of capital projects and grants exceeding \$500,000 that are not listed in the current Consolidated Transportation Program (CTP).

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Notification of the intent to fund a capital project or grant exceeding \$500,000 that is not listed in the current CTP	Maryland Department of Transportation	45 days prior to expenditure

### **Committee Narrative**

**Solar Implementation Project:** The committees are interested in better understanding the Solar Implementation Project and request that the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) Secretary's Office (TSO) submit a report by December 1, 2026, providing an update on the MDOT Solar Implementation project. The report should include the current status of the project including the number and location of solar panels installed, the timeline for determining the location of any additional solar panels, and the timeline for installation of the solar panels. The report should also discuss the expenditure of funds to date, including funds encumbered, as well as the timeline for planned expenditures separately by fiscal year.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Report on MDOT solar implementation project	TSO	December 1, 2026

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### Committee Narrative

#### J00A01.04 Washington Metropolitan Area Transit-Operating

**Accurate Budget Submission:** The committees are concerned about the submission of inaccurate budget information. The committees request the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) submit a letter detailing how the agency plans to ensure consistent presentation of gross expenses for all fiscal years that are included in its proposed Fiscal 2028 Annual Budget.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Letter on ensuring accurate budget information	WMATA	July 1, 2026

**J00A04**  
**Debt Service Requirements**  
**Maryland Department of Transportation**

**Budget Amendment**

**J00A04.01            Debt Service Requirements**

Add the following language:

Provided that Consolidated Transportation Bonds (CTB) may be issued in any amount, provided that the aggregate outstanding and unpaid balance of these bonds and bonds of prior issuances may not exceed \$3,372,325,000 as of June 30, 2027. The total aggregate outstanding and unpaid principal balance of nontraditional debt, defined as any debt instrument that is not a CTB or a Grant Anticipation Revenue Vehicle bond issued by the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT), exclusive of debt for the Purple Line Light Rail project, may not exceed \$819,205,000 as of June 30, 2027. The total aggregate outstanding and unpaid principal balance on debt for the Purple Line Light Rail project may not exceed \$2,506,531,397 as of June 30, 2027. Provided, however, that in addition to the limits established under this provision, MDOT may increase the aggregate outstanding unpaid and principal balance of CTB debt or nontraditional debt so long as:

- (1) MDOT provides notice to the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee and the House Appropriations Committee stating the specific reason for the additional issuance and providing specific information regarding the proposed issuance, including information specifying the total amount of CTB debt or nontraditional debt that would be outstanding on June 30, 2027, and the total amount by which the fiscal 2027 debt service payment for all CTB debt or nontraditional debt would increase following the additional issuance; and
- (2) the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee and the House Appropriations Committee have 45 days to review and comment on the proposed additional issuance before the publication of a preliminary official statement. The Senate Budget and Taxation Committee and the House Appropriations Committee may hold a public hearing to discuss the proposed increase and shall signal their intent to hold a hearing within 45 days of receiving notice from MDOT.

**Explanation:** Section 3-202 of the Transportation Article requires the General Assembly to establish the maximum debt outstanding for CTB each year in the budget bill. The level is based on the outstanding debt as of June 30, 2025, plus projected debt to be issued during fiscal 2026 and 2027 in support of the MDOT capital program. For nontraditional debt, this language limits the amount of debt outstanding at the end of fiscal 2027, exclusive of debt issued for the Purple Line Light Rail project, to the total amount that was outstanding from all previous nontraditional

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debt issuances as of December 31, 2025, plus anticipated issuances of \$130 million in new Baltimore/Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport Passenger Facility Charge Revenue Bonds in July 2026. Debt outstanding for the Purple Line Light Rail project is capped at the projected maximum debt outstanding level that will occur during the construction phase of the project. The language allows MDOT to increase the amount of CTB debt or nontraditional debt outstanding in fiscal 2027 by providing notification to the budget committees regarding the reason that the additional debt is required.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Justification for increasing CTB debt or nontraditional debt outstanding	MDOT	45 days prior to publication of a preliminary official statement

Add the following language:

The Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) shall submit with its annual September and January financial forecasts, information on:

- (1) anticipated and actual nontraditional debt outstanding as of June 30 of each year; and
- (2) anticipated and actual debt service payments for each outstanding nontraditional debt issuance from fiscal 2026 through 2036.

Nontraditional debt is defined as any debt instrument that is not a Consolidated Transportation Bond or a Grant Anticipation Revenue Vehicle bond; such debt includes, but is not limited to, Certificates of Participation; debt backed by customer facility charges, passenger facility charges, or other revenues; and debt issued by the Maryland Economic Development Corporation or any other third party on behalf of MDOT.

**Explanation:** The budget committees are interested in monitoring the use of nontraditional debt by MDOT. The information provides the budget committees with additional information on the usage and annual costs of nontraditional debt.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Nontraditional debt outstanding and anticipated debt service payments	MDOT	With the September financial forecast With the January financial forecast

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**State Highway Administration**  
**Maryland Department of Transportation**

**Budget Amendment**

**J00B01.01 State System Construction and Equipment**

Strike the following language from the special fund appropriation:

~~, provided that \$10,000,000 of this appropriation is contingent upon enactment of legislation expanding the uses of the Strategic Energy Investment Fund.~~

**Explanation:** This action strikes language that would have added \$10.0 million of the special fund appropriation from the Strategic Energy Investment Fund, contingent on legislation expanding the use of Strategic Energy Investment Fund.

Amend appropriation for the purposes indicated:

	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Positions</u>
1. Delete funding for the expanded use of the Strategic Energy Investment Fund.	-10,000,000	SF
Total Change	-10,000,000	0.00

	<u>Effect</u>	<u>Allowance</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Amount Change</u>	<u>Position Change</u>
Position		1,508.00	1,508.00		0.00
Special Funds		255,417,623	245,417,623	-10,000,000	

**Committee Narrative**

**Interchange at Greenbelt Metro:** The 2026 Consolidated Transportation Program includes \$30.0 million in fiscal 2027 to begin construction of an interchange along I-95 and I-495 at the Greenbelt Metro Station to support the relocation of the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) headquarters. With the uncertainty of that relocation, the committees request that the State Highway Administration (SHA) submit a report on the status of interchange construction at Greenbelt Metro Station and agency plans related to continuing the project if the FBI headquarters does not relocate to the area.

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<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Report on the interchange at Greenbelt Metro	SHA	September 1, 2026

**Old Georgetown Road (MD 187) Bike Lanes:** The committees request that the State Highway Administration (SHA) provide the following information regarding the bike lanes on Old Georgetown Road (MD 187) between Tilden Lane and W. Cedar Lane:

- northbound and southbound travel times during both peak and off-peak hours, including travel times for emergency and police vehicles;
- bike lane utilization counts;
- year-over-year data for crash statistics from March 15 to August 1 from 2018 to 2026 specifying the type of crash;
- specific crash data for segments of the bike lanes;
- vehicle volume counts for northbound and southbound during both peak and off-peak hours;
- an analysis of the impact of the lanes on the sidewalks including pedestrian usage with any accompanying data during peak and off-peak hours;
- information about communications with first responders and any impact of the bike lanes on first responders;
- cost information for maintenance or other fiscal impact of maintaining the bike lanes in fiscal 2024, 2025, and 2026, and year-to-date 2027;
- an analysis of pedestrian activity during both peak and off-peak hours;
- an update on communications with Montgomery County regarding dedicated bus lanes on MD-187; and
- an analysis of the cost, effectiveness, and traffic flow of switching one direction of the bike lanes to the Option 2 approach for the project considered in 2020.

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SHA is requested to submit this information by December 1, 2026.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Information related to bike lanes on Old Georgetown Road (MD 187)	SHA	December 1, 2026

### Committee Narrative

#### J00B01.02 State System Maintenance

**Federal Funding Reimbursements:** A recent fiscal compliance audit questioned the State Highway Administration’s (SHA) accounting practice of recording federal funding for projects that have yet to be reimbursed and are not guaranteed due to expenditures exceeding the initial authorized amount. The committees request that SHA submit a report on the ongoing process of collecting these federal reimbursements for fiscal 2024, 2025, and 2026 year to date. The fiscal 2024 and 2025 data should be submitted by July 1, 2026, and the fiscal 2026 data should be submitted by December 1, 2026. SHA should address how the agency will ensure that requests for reimbursements are submitted in a timely fashion and include processes being implemented to improve the processing of federal reimbursement in the future. The reports should include:

- the initial authorized amounts;
- the amount of additional reimbursement SHA requested from the federal government;
- how much of the additional reimbursement SHA was able to obtain;
- how SHA covered the amounts not reimbursed by the federal government; and
- how this affected capital spending and planning for the agency.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Report on the recovery of federal fund reimbursements	SHA	July 1, 2026 December 1, 2026

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### Budget Amendment

#### J00B01.05 County and Municipality Funds

Add the following language to the special fund appropriation:

, provided that \$100,000 of this appropriation made for the purpose of providing a grant to Baltimore City may be used only for traffic calming at the intersection of Walther Avenue and Echodale Avenue in Baltimore City. 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 restricts a portion of the Baltimore City Highway User Revenue grant to be used only for traffic calming modifications.

**J00D00**  
**Maryland Port Administration**  
**Maryland Department of Transportation**

**Committee Narrative**

**J00D00.01          Port Operations**

**Howard Street Tunnel Quarterly Reporting:** The committees are interested in monitoring the progress being made on the Howard Street Tunnel project as it nears completion and request that the Maryland Port Administration provide four quarterly reports on the status of the project, including percentage completion and any material changes to the project schedule or cost. The committees request that the first report be submitted by July 1, 2026, with subsequent reports submitted every three months thereafter.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Status reports on the Howard Street Tunnel project	MPA	July 1, 2026 October 1, 2026 January 1, 2027 April 1, 2027

**Clean Ports Program and Other Federal Grants Update:** The committees are interested in monitoring the status, receipt, and use of federal grant funding awarded to the Maryland Port Administration (MPA). The committees request that MPA submit two reports on the status of expenditures of and activities related to the two grants that it was awarded under the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s Clean Ports Program, in addition to any other federal grants awarded to MPA for which a grant agreement is in place with federal agencies as of the date of the reports. The reports should include the total amount of each federal grant award, total expenditures made to date from each grant, and the amount of federal reimbursements received by MPA through these grants as of the date of each report. The first report should be submitted July 15, 2026, and the second report should be submitted December 1, 2026.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Reports on Clean Ports Program and other federal grant awards	MPA	July 15, 2026 December 1, 2026

**J00E00**  
**Motor Vehicle Administration**  
**Maryland Department of Transportation**

**Committee Narrative**

**J00E00.01                      Motor Vehicle Operations**

**Insurance Coverage Verification:** The committees request that the Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) submit a report providing an update on the new insurance verification process that took effect January 2025. The report should include the number of insured and uninsured motorists and the percentage of insured and uninsured motorists, separately by year, for fiscal 2023 through 2026. The report should discuss trends in the rate of insured and uninsured motorists since the implementation of the new verification process and any other factors that have contributed to trends over time.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Report on insurance coverage verification	MVA	December 1, 2026

**Federal Personal Information Requests Report:** The committees request that the Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) submit a report on requests from federal agencies seeking access to personal information, a photograph of an individual, or a facial recognition search. MVA should report information contained in this request regardless of whether the request was initiated through a State or local law enforcement agency. MVA should report the following information for each federal agency that has submitted and for each calendar year 2024, calendar 2025, and calendar 2026 (through June 30, 2026):

- the number of requests received from each federal agency for personal information, a photograph of an individual, or a facial recognition search, including requests that reach MVA via a message switching system or automated mechanism;
- the number of requests received from each federal agency for personal information, a photograph of an individual, or a facial recognition search for which a valid warrant issued by a federal court or a court of this State was provided;
- the number and purpose of facial recognition searches completed for each federal agency based on personal information or a photograph of an individual provided to the federal agency by MVA;

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- the number of individuals whose personal information or photograph was provided to each federal agency by MVA, including via a message switching system or automated mechanism; and
- the number of requests denied.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Report on federal requests for personal information	MVA	January 15, 2027

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**Maryland Transit Administration**  
**Maryland Department of Transportation**

**Budget Amendment**

**J00H01.01            Transit Administration**

Add the following language to the special fund appropriation:

, provided that \$500,000 of this appropriation made for the purpose of agency administration may only be used to provide matching fund grants to partner entities selected by the Maryland Department of Transportation for Purple Line launch marketing in the three months before and three months after the opening of the Purple Line light rail, with the intention that funds not awarded to grantees in fiscal 2027 remain available for award in fiscal 2028. Funds not expended for this purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall be canceled.

**Explanation:** This language restricts funding in the administrative budget of the Maryland Transit Administration for the purpose of providing matching fund grants to partner entities selected by the Maryland Department of Transportation for Purple Line launch marketing activities during the three months before and three months after the opening of the Purple Line light rail.

Add the following language to the special fund appropriation:

Further provided that \$150,000 of this appropriation made for the purpose of agency administration in program J00H01.01 Transit Administration may not be expended until the Maryland Transit Administration (MTA) submits a report to the budget committees regarding real-time audible and text-based announcement equipment on MTA vehicles including buses, light rail vehicles, subway cars, and railcars. The report shall include:

- (1) An inventory of vehicles that are not equipped with real-time audible and text-based announcement equipment and a plan for equipping any such vehicles with real-time audible and text-based announcement equipment, including a timeline and projected costs;
- (2) An inventory of vehicles with non-operable real-time audible and text-based announcement equipment and a plan for fixing and maintaining such equipment, including the projected costs of having all repairs complete by October 1, 2027; and

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- (3) Data on the average length of time current real-time audible and text-based announcement equipment is out of service broken down by vehicle type.

The report shall be submitted by October 1, 2026, 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 a report may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall be canceled if the report is not submitted to the budget committees.

**Explanation:** This language restricts funds pending a report on real-time audible and text-based announcement equipment in MTA vehicles.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Report on real-time audible and text-based announcement equipment in MTA vehicles	MTA	October 1, 2026

Add the following language to the special fund appropriation:

Further provided that \$100,000 of this appropriation made for the purpose of administrative expenses may not be expended until the Maryland Transit Administration (MTA) submits a report to the budget committees on a Purple Line station area crime prevention plan. The report shall be submitted by March 1, 2027, and the budget committees shall have 45 days from the date of the receipt of the report to review and comment. Funds restricted for this report may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall be canceled if the report is not submitted.

**Explanation:** This language restricts funds pending a report on crime prevention planning near Purple Line stations.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Report on Purple Line crime prevention planning	MTA	March 1, 2027

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Add the following language to the special fund appropriation:

Further provided that \$150,000 of this appropriation made for the purpose of transit administration may not be expended until the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) submits a report to the budget committees on the Workgroup on Curb Space Management created by Chapter 751 of 2024. The report shall include confirmation that the workgroup has been established by the department, a list of dates of meetings of the workgroup, and a summary of workgroup activities completed to date and planned as of the date of the report. The report shall be submitted by September 1, 2026, 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 a report may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall be canceled if the report is not submitted to the budget committees.

**Explanation:** Chapter 751 of 2024 (Better Bus Service Act) established the Workgroup on Curb Space Management, to be staffed by MDOT. The workgroup is tasked with reviewing several factors relating to curb space management, including obstruction enforcement strategies for bus stops and dedicated bus lanes, current curb space regulations within transit-served areas of the State, and strategies to effectively manage curb space changes on roadways with frequent bus service; dedicated bus lanes; and parking, loading, or standing needs. The workgroup was required by Chapter 751 to submit a report with its findings and recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly by July 1, 2025; however, the workgroup has not been established, and the report has not been submitted. This language restricts funds pending a report confirming that the workgroup has been established by MDOT and providing a summary of its completed and planned activities.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Report on the Workgroup on Curb Space Management	MTA	September 1, 2026

### **Committee Narrative**

**Purple Line Status Reports:** Given schedule delays and cost overruns associated with completing construction on the Purple Line light rail project, the committees request that the Maryland Transit Administration (MTA) submit six bimonthly construction status reports for the Purple Line to the committees. The status reports shall provide:

- the completion percentages for the project as a whole and for each major category of work, including (1) the overall project; (2) utility relocations; (3) civil design; (4) systems

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design; (5) construction possession of property acquisitions; (6) civil construction; (7) rail installation; (8) systems and station construction; (9) the Glenridge Operations and Maintenance Facility; (10) rail vehicles ready to ship; and (11) Capital Crescent Trail Construction;

- the running total amount expended for construction; and
- an explanation of any material change to the total construction cost estimate or construction schedule as set forth in the revised public-private partnership as amended to add Maryland Transit Solutions as the replacement design-build contractor for the project.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Reports on Purple Line construction progress	MTA	July 1, 2026, and bimonthly thereafter ending with the May 1, 2027 report

**Status of the Baltimore Red Line and BMORE Bus Plan:** The committees request that the Maryland Transit Administration (MTA) submit a report by September 1, 2026, on the current status of the Red Line and the BMORE Bus Plan projects. The report should provide the next steps; funding needs and sources; and an updated timeline for both projects, including planned or potential synergies between the two projects.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Report on the Baltimore Red Line and BMORE Bus Plan project statuses, timelines, and funding needs	MTA	September 1, 2026

**Red Line Project Status Reports:** The committees request that the Maryland Transit Administration (MTA) submit six bimonthly status reports for the Red Line project. The reports shall provide:

- the status of completion of acquiring rights of way on the west side, downtown, and east side of the project corridor; alignment decisions; and general project planning and design;
- current and future projected funding sources and future funding needs;

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- the running total amount expended for all project phases to date; and
- an updated timeline for the next phases of the project.

The report should include details on what project design and engineering activities are occurring during the pause in the federal National Environmental Policy Act permitting process that went into effect on June 16, 2025, including the uses of funding included in the fiscal 2026 and 2027 MTA capital budget.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Report on Red Line project status	MTA	July 1, 2026, and bimonthly thereafter ending with the May 1, 2027 report

**J00I00**  
**Maryland Aviation Administration**  
**Maryland Department of Transportation**

**Budget Amendment**

**J00I00.02            Airport Operations**

Add the following language to the special fund appropriation:

, provided that \$100,000 of this appropriation may not be expended until the Maryland Aviation Administration (MAA) submits a report that provides the noise abatement procedure plan for flight school traffic pattern for aircraft departing from runway 15 at Martin State Airport. This report shall include the following:

- (1) the impact of aircraft noise on communities near Martin State Airport;
- (2) any actions MAA is currently taking to address this issue; and
- (3) a timeline for implementing the noise abatement procedure.

This report shall be submitted by October 1, 2026, and the budget committees shall have 45 days from the date of the receipt of the report to review and comment. Funds restricted for this report may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall be canceled if the report is not submitted.

**Explanation:** The budget committees are interested in efforts that MAA is taking to mitigate the impact of aircraft noise on the lives of Marylanders. This language restricts funds pending receipt of a report from MAA outlining the noise abatement procedure for flight school traffic pattern at Martin State Airport.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Rure at Martin State Airport	MAA	October 1, 2026

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**Maryland Transportation Authority**  
**Maryland Department of Transportation**

**Committee Narrative**

**J00J00.41            Operating Program (Including Debt Service) – Non-Budgeted**

**Francis Scott Key Bridge (Key Bridge) Reconstruction Project:** The committees are interested in following the progress being made on the reconstruction of the Key Bridge and request that the Maryland Transportation Authority (MDTA) provide two updates on the status of the project. The reports shall provide:

- the current status of design, engineering, federal permitting, preconstruction, and construction activities;
- the running total amount expended for the project;
- the current availability and status of seeking and receiving federal reimbursements for the project, including the total amount of federal funds that have been received; and
- any material changes to the project schedule or cost.

The committees request that the first report be submitted by July 1, 2026, and the second report be submitted by January 1, 2027.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Status reports on the Key Bridge reconstruction project	MDTA	July 1, 2026 January 1, 2027

**Implementation of Speed Cameras:** The committees request that the Maryland Transportation Authority (MDTA) submit a report on the status of the implementation of automated speed monitoring systems on Maryland Route 200 (Intercounty Connector), as authorized by Chapter 587 of 2025. The State Highway Administration (SHA), in coordination with MDTA, is leading the procurement of automated speed monitoring systems on the Intercounty Connector along with other SHA-maintained highways. The report should include the current status of the SHA procurement and a timeline for implementation.

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**Information Request**

Report on the implementation of  
speed cameras by MDTA

**Author**

MDTA

**Due Date**

September 1, 2026

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**Department of Natural Resources**

**Committee Narrative**

**K00A01.01            Secretariat**

**Efforts to Support Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation Industry Apprenticeships:** The final report of the Maryland Outdoor Recreation Economic Commission, created by executive order on October 13, 2017, included the recommendation to enhance outdoor recreation workforce development and job creation opportunities in Maryland. Recommended steps towards this goal included identification of opportunities for outdoor recreation and historic preservation training and degree programs and to promote careers in the outdoor recreation industry in coordination with the Maryland Workforce Expressway. The commission also created the Office of Outdoor Recreation within the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) that continues to promote outdoor recreation in Maryland, including the creation of the Maryland Outdoor Recreation Business Directory. In addition, the Maryland Park Service operates the Maryland Conservation Corps in partnership with the Department of Service and Civic Innovation, and the Natural Resources Police operates the Maryland Natural Resources Police Cadet program. Therefore, the committees request that DNR submit a report by December 1, 2026, detailing agency efforts, including those of the Office of Outdoor Recreation, to support apprenticeship programs within the natural resources and outdoor recreation industry. The report should identify existing natural resource and outdoor recreation apprenticeship programs, noting the positions supported by apprenticeships, as well as barriers to creating new apprenticeships and obstacles to scaling. Additionally, the report should provide details on the number of existing registered apprentices and timeline to scale by natural resources and outdoor recreation occupations; previous data on the number of participants in apprenticeship programs; and actions taken by DNR, or planned actions, to support these programs and offer additional apprenticeship opportunities.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Efforts to support natural resources and outdoor recreation apprenticeships	DNR	December 1, 2026

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### Committee Narrative

#### K00A04.01 Statewide Operations

**Port of Deposit State Historical Park Land Transfer Status Report:** Chapter 39 of 2022 required the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to establish the Port of Deposit State Historical Park and required the Bainbridge Development Corporation to transfer a portion of the Bainbridge Naval Training Center site to DNR for the park by June 1, 2023. Subsequently, Chapter 602 of 2023 changed the date by which the Bainbridge Development Corporation must transfer a portion of the Bainbridge Naval Training Center site to DNR for the park – from June 1, 2023, to June 1, 2025. The committees request that DNR submit a report by December 1, 2026, on the status of the Port of Deposit State Historical Park land transfer.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Port of Deposit State Historical Park land transfer status report	DNR	December 1, 2026

**Patuxent River Wildlands Trail Maintenance Memorandum of Understanding Update:** Language in the fiscal 2026 budget restricted Maryland Park Service (MPS) funding pending the submission of a memorandum of understanding (MOU) between MPS and a volunteer or emergency responder group to assist in the maintenance of the trails for emergency purposes at the Patuxent River Wildlands within Patuxent River State Park in Howard and Montgomery Counties. The MOU was required to be submitted by September 1, 2025. The MOU was submitted August 4, 2026, and reflected the Lisbon Volunteer Fire Company, Inc. as the counter-signatory. The committees are interested in expanding the MOU to include other potentially eligible parties. Therefore, the committees request that DNR submit an updated MOU authorizing the Lisbon Volunteer Fire Company, Inc. and other DNR-approved volunteer organizations to assist in the maintenance of the trails at the Patuxent River Wildlands. The committees request that the updated MOU be submitted by September 1, 2026.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Patuxent River Wildlands trail maintenance MOU update	DNR	September 1, 2026

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### Budget Amendment

#### K00A05.10 Outdoor Recreation Land Loan – Capital Appropriation

Amend the following language on the special fund appropriation:

~~Further provided that this appropriation shall be reduced by \$71,932,000 contingent upon the enactment of legislation allowing the transfer tax appropriation to Program Open Space Local, Rural Legacy, and the Natural Resources Development Fund to be swapped with General Obligation Bonds fiscal 2027 only.~~

Further provided that \$7,953,000 of this appropriation made for the purpose of funding Natural Resources Development Fund projects may be used only to fund State Water and Sewer Infrastructure Improvement Fund projects administered by the Maryland Environmental Service. 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 fiscal 2027 spending plan as introduced included a Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act of 2026 provision that redirected funding for three programs supported by the transfer tax – Program Open Space, Rural Legacy, and the Natural Resources Development Fund – to the General Fund and required the redirected funding to be replaced with general obligation bonds. Of this amount, \$7,953,000 was attributable to State Water and Sewer Infrastructure Improvement Fund projects administered by the Maryland Environmental Service and \$804,000 to the Cedarville State Forest – New Manning Freshwater Mussel Hatchery project under the Natural Resources Development Fund. The Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act provision was not adopted and thus this action strikes the contingent reduction and restricts \$7,953,000 intended to be used for State Water and Sewer Infrastructure Projects to that purpose.

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#### K00A12.05 Power Plant Assessment Program

**Solar Project Evaluation Status Report:** The committees are concerned that Power Plant Assessment Program evaluations of solar project certificate of public convenience and necessity (CPCN) applications are not being submitted timely to the Public Service Commission (PSC). The committees request that the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) submit a report by October 1, 2026, on the status of outstanding solar project CPCN application evaluations required to be submitted to PSC.

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Solar project evaluation status report	DNR	October 1, 2026

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#### K00A14.02 Watershed and Climate Services

**Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays 2010 Trust Fund Annual Work and Expenditure Plans:** The committees are concerned that Section 8-2A-03(d) of the Natural Resources Article requires the Governor to submit the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays 2010 Trust Fund annual work and expenditure plans to the General Assembly as part of the annual budget submission, but the Governor has not done so on a regular basis. Therefore, the committees request that the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) submit the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays 2010 Trust Fund annual work and expenditure plans with the fiscal 2028 budget submission.

Information Request	Author	Due Date
Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays 2010 Trust Fund annual work and expenditure plans	DNR	Fiscal 2028 budget submission

**Chesapeake Bay Restoration Reporting Requirements:** The committees request that the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), the Department of Budget and Management (DBM), the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE), the Maryland Department of Agriculture (MDA), and the Maryland Department of Planning (MDP) submit information on Chesapeake Bay restoration spending. The information shall include the following and is requested to be submitted with the fiscal 2028 allowance.

- **Chesapeake Bay Restoration Spending Details:** The committees request that the agencies provide an electronic disaggregated spreadsheet to the Department of Legislative Services and include as an appendix in the fiscal 2028 budget volumes the following: Chesapeake Bay restoration operating and capital expenditures by agency; fund type; and particular fund source based on programs that have over 50% of their activities directly related to Chesapeake Bay restoration for the fiscal 2026 actual, fiscal 2027 working appropriation, and fiscal 2028 allowance.

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- Chesapeake Bay Restoration Spending Policy:** The committees request that the agencies submit a report on the status of Maryland’s progress on each of the outcomes committed to in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement, with explanation of challenges and proposed next steps on those outcomes for which Maryland is behind schedule, Whole Watershed Act Fund implementation, and other Chesapeake Bay-related issues of interest or concern that the Administration should bring to the committees’ attention. The reporting on the Whole Watershed Act funding shall include the fiscal 2028 allowance describing the Whole Watershed Act funding by amount and source; the status of each project; the use of the fiscal 2027 and 2028 funding since the request for proposals is every five years; how projects will be funded over multiple years assuming uncertain appropriations to the Whole Watershed Fund each fiscal year; and preliminary outcomes of the projects selected, including State support provided to project sponsors, nutrient and sediment reductions, and any other relevant co-benefits.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Chesapeake Bay restoration spending details spreadsheet and budget volumes appendix	DNR DBM MDA MDE MDP	Fiscal 2028 allowance
Chesapeake Bay restoration spending policy	DNR DBM MDA MDE MDP	Fiscal 2028 allowance

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#### **K00A17.01 Fishing and Boating Services**

**Restorative Aquaculture Pilot Program Status Report:** Chapter 372 of 2023 required the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), by October 1, 2024, to adopt regulations to carry out a Restorative Aquaculture Pilot Program to provide financial incentives to a holder of an aquaculture lease to maintain their lease, or a part of their lease, under restorative conditions for at least four years. The regulations were required to include provisions for the verification of existing and improved conditions on aquaculture leases that are part of the pilot program. The committees request that DNR submit a report by October 1, 2026, on the status of the overall

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development of the Restorative Aquaculture Pilot Program, including the regulations that were required to be completed by October 1, 2024.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Restorative Aquaculture Pilot Program status report	DNR	October 1, 2026

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**Department of Agriculture**

**Budget Amendment**

**L00A11.01**

**Executive Direction**

Add the following language to the general fund appropriation:

, provided that \$250,000 of this appropriation made for the purpose of general operating expenses in the Office of the Secretary – Executive Direction may not be expended until the Maryland Department of Agriculture (MDA), in coordination with the Department of General Services, submits a report to the budget committees certifying that MDA has taken the steps needed to address the two repeat audit findings in MDA’s March 2025 audit. The report shall include details about the steps needed to address Finding 3 and Finding 4 and the actual steps taken to address the findings, including the systems and processes implemented to address the findings and evidence of ongoing use of these systems and processes. The report shall be submitted by July 1, 2026, 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 a 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:** MDA’s March 2025 audit included two repeat findings going back many years. Finding 3 (product registrations) has been commented upon in 5 preceding audit reports dating back to calendar 2007, and the lack of an independent supervisory review of product registrations has been commented on in 3 preceding audit reports dating back to calendar 2013. Finding 4 (equipment) concerning the lack of accountability and control over equipment has been commented on in 10 preceding audit reports dating back to 1990. This action restricts funding pending the submission of a report, in coordination with the Department of General Services (DGS), certifying that all steps have been taken to address the repeat audit findings.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Report certifying all steps taken to address March 2025 repeat audit findings	MDA DGS	July 1, 2026

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**Efforts to Support Agricultural Industry Apprenticeships:** The Maryland Department of Agriculture’s (MDA) mission is to provide leadership and support to agriculture and the citizens

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of Maryland by conducting regulatory, service, and educational activities that ensure consumer confidence, protect the environment, and promote agriculture. The Governor’s Intergovernmental Commission for Agriculture’s 2025 annual report notes the Labor, Education, and Development Subcommittee’s continuing discussion of ways to support the expansion of apprenticeship programs to create a pipeline for students to move into agricultural careers after graduation to support the needs for a broadened agricultural workforce and a more agriculturally educated generation. The subcommittee also recognized the importance of programs such as the Future Farmers of America and 4H and the breadth of agricultural careers, both on-farm and agricultural support careers, and the varied education backgrounds supporting them. These education backgrounds include veterinary medicine, agricultural engineering, agronomy, and conservation. Therefore, the committees request that MDA submit a report by December 1, 2026, detailing agency efforts, including those of the Rural Maryland Council through the Rural Maryland Prosperity Investment Fund, to support apprenticeship programs within the agriculture industry. The report should identify existing agricultural apprenticeship programs, noting the positions supported by apprenticeships, as well as barriers to creating new apprenticeships and obstacles to scaling. Additionally, the report should provide details on the number of existing registered apprentices and timeline to scale by agricultural occupation; previous data on the number participants in apprenticeship programs; and actions taken by MDA, or planned actions, to support these programs and offer additional apprenticeship opportunities.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Efforts to support agricultural industry apprenticeships	MDA	December 1, 2026

**Deficiency Appropriation Report:** The committees are concerned about the Maryland Department of Agriculture’s (MDA) use of the deficiency appropriation process to resolve concerns that should have been identified and addressed through the budget development process. Therefore, the committees request that MDA provide a report by October 1, 2026, on agency fiscal 2022 through 2026 deficiency appropriation activity, including amounts and explanations for each deficiency appropriation requested.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Deficiency appropriation report	MDA	October 1, 2026

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#### L00A12.02                      Weights and Measures

**Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment Charger Registration Report:** The committees are interested in tracking the status of Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment charger registrations. Therefore, the committees request that by October 1, 2026, the Maryland Department of Agriculture (MDA) submit a report on the results of Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment charger registrations. The report shall include information on projected and actual registrations through September 1, 2026, and projected and realized revenue.

Information Request	Author	Due Date
Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment charger registration report	MDA	October 1, 2026

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#### L00A12.10                      Marketing and Agriculture Development

**Maryland Native Plants Program Report:** The committees are interested in the status of the Maryland Native Plants Program. Therefore, the committees request that the Maryland Department of Agriculture (MDA), in collaboration with the University of Maryland Extension at the University of Maryland, College Park Campus, submit a report on the Maryland Native Plants Program by October 1, 2026. The report shall include information on Maryland Native Plants Program goals, accomplishments, target audience, marketing efforts, and overall impact.

Information Request	Author	Due Date
Maryland Native Plants Program report	MDA	October 1, 2026

**Agricultural Purchasing for Finished Product Tax Credit Report:** The committees request that the Maryland Department of Agriculture (MDA), in consultation with the Department of Commerce (Commerce), submit a report by December 31, 2026, on the potential economic and agricultural benefits of establishing a tax credit for manufacturers located in the State that purchase agricultural projects from agricultural enterprises located in the State and incorporate those products into a finished product. The report shall include the following:

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- an analysis of the potential impact of such a tax credit on demand for Maryland agricultural products from local manufacturers, the financial viability and growth of in-state agricultural producers, the competitiveness and expansion of Maryland-based manufacturers, job creation and retention within the State, and the economic benefit of value-added agriculture;
- a review of similar tax credit programs or incentives in other states, including best practices and measurable outcomes;
- options for structuring the tax credit, including eligibility criteria, credit value, caps, and verification requirements;
- an estimate of the fiscal impact to the State, including potential costs and projected economic returns with separate estimates of the costs for each option proposing different criteria, credit value, and caps; and
- any recommendations for legislative or regulatory action necessary to implement such a tax credit.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Agricultural purchasing for finished product tax credit report	MDA Commerce	December 31, 2026

### **Budget Amendment**

#### **L00A15.04          Resource Conservation Grants**

Amend appropriation for the purposes indicated:	<u><b>Funds</b></u>	<u><b>Positions</b></u>
1. Reduce funding for the Leaders in Environmentally Engaged Farming program to level fund it with fiscal 2026. The final program parameters and a spending plan have not been submitted.	-200,000	GF
Total Change	-200,000	0.00

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<b><u>Effect</u></b>	<b><u>Allowance</u></b>	<b><u>Appropriation</u></b>	<b><u>Amount Change</u></b>	<b><u>Position Change</u></b>
Position	16.00	16.00		0.00
General Funds	3,563,782	3,363,782	-200,000	

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**Office of the Secretary**  
**Maryland Department of Health**

**Budget Amendment**

**M00A01.01      Executive Direction**

Add the following language to the general fund appropriation:

Further provided that \$100,000 of this appropriation made for the purpose of administration may not be expended until the Maryland Department of Health submits a report to the budget committees on staffing of the pediatric hospital overstay unit at the John L. Gildner Regional Institute for Children and Adolescents (JLG RICA). The report shall include:

- (1) the number of staff working at the overstay unit at JLG RICA;
- (2) the number of filled and vacant positions at the unit as of June 1, 2026;
- (3) the cost of staffing the additional beds in fiscal 2026 to date as of June 1, 2026;
- (4) the intended use or amount reverted for any unspent funding that was restricted for this purpose in fiscal 2026;
- (5) the number of existing beds and the number of staffed beds in the unit as of June 1, 2026;  
and
- (6) the department's plan, including a timeline, to fill any vacancies in the unit.

The report shall be submitted by July 15, 2026, 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 a 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:** The fiscal 2026 Budget Bill restricts \$3 million in general funds to be used only to address pediatric hospital overstays. The Maryland Department of Health (MDH) indicated that it would use the funding to increase staff for additional beds at JLG RICA. In fiscal 2026, MDH transferred 31.0 vacant positions from the Thomas B. Finan Hospital Center to staff the overstay unit at JLG RICA. However, as of March 1, 2026, all of these positions remain vacant. This language restricts funds pending submission of a report on the timeline for filling vacancies, how the beds will be staffed and made available, as well as how the restricted funding has been used to expand the facility's capacity.

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Report on staffing at JLG RICA	MDH	July 15, 2026

Add the following language to the general fund appropriation:

Further provided that \$100,000 of this appropriation made for the purpose of administration may not be expended until the Maryland Department of Health (MDH) submits a report to the budget committees on the State's plan to improve placement times for individuals who are found not criminally responsible (NCR) or incompetent to stand trial (IST). The report shall include, as of June 30, 2026, by State facility and in aggregate:

- (1) the average number of days between court order and admission of NCR/IST patient in each month from January through June 2026;
- (2) the number of court orders received from the Judiciary between January and June 2026;
- (3) the number of people, as of June 30, 2026, awaiting placement in a forensic State hospital facility, including the number of days each person has been on the waitlist;
- (4) MDH's planned activities in calendar 2026 which will address the backlog of patients awaiting placement;
- (5) the amount of fines MDH incurred from local jurisdictions in fiscal 2026 for not meeting NCR/IST placement deadlines;
- (6) a description of factors preventing MDH from placing individuals in State hospital facilities timely; and
- (7) a description of factors preventing MDH from discharging patients from State hospital facilities to appropriate community settings.

The report shall be submitted by August 31, 2026, 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 a 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:** Since fiscal 2021, MDH has admitted fewer than 30% of NCR/IST patients within 10 days of a court order, and in fiscal 2025, MDH placed patients an average of 56 days following

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a court order. The fiscal 2027 budget includes a fiscal 2026 deficiency appropriation of \$1.5 million in general funds for fines related to exceeding the 10-day placement requirement. Between fiscal 2021 and 2022, the number of court orders that MDH received from the Judiciary increased by 30.2%. Since then, the numbers have increased annually. In fiscal 2025, MDH received 1,088 court orders, a nearly 67% increase since fiscal 2021. This language restricts funds pending the submission of a report on the State's plan to improve placement times for NCR and IST patients.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Report on placement of NCR and IST patients	MDH	August 31, 2026

### **Committee Narrative**

**Report on Staffing at State Hospital Facilities:** As of December 31, 2025, 90% of vacant positions in the Maryland Department of Health (MDH) Administration programs were located at State hospital facilities (494.6 vacancies). Each of the five adult psychiatric hospital facilities in the State operate at near-full capacity and maintain a waiting list. The fiscal 2026 and 2027 budgets include significant funding for overtime costs at hospital facilities. In addition, recent concern regarding pediatric hospital overstays resulted in a funding increase of \$3 million to expand bed space at the John L. Gildner Regional Institute for Children and Adolescents (JLG RICA) facility beginning in fiscal 2026. To better understand the staffing challenges at State hospital facilities and the steps MDH has taken to fill vacant positions, the committees request that the department prepare a report with data as of June 30, 2026. The report should include:

- the number of vacant and filled positions at each of the State's five adult psychiatric hospital facilities and the two youth psychiatric hospital facilities;
- the average length of employment of staff at each facility;
- the number of staff needed to avoid overtime shifts among existing employees at each facility;
- the number of MDH staff and the number of Department of Juvenile Services staff necessary to operate the proposed facility for children at JLG RICA;
- the primary reasons employees give for leaving a State hospital facility; and

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- efforts MDH has taken to improve recruitment and retention at each of the facilities.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Report on staffing at State hospital facilities	MDH	September 1, 2026

**Report on Voluntary Non-Opioid Directives Policy Implementation:** Voluntary Non-Opioid Directives (VNOD) are legal documents through which individuals request not to have an opioid medication included as a part of their medical treatment. While several states have established policies on VNOD, Maryland does not currently have a policy. The committees request that the Maryland Department of Health (MDH) submit a report by December 1, 2026, based on the experience from states that have implemented VNOD policies. The report should include:

- the statutory or administrative authority used to establish the policy in other states that have implemented VNOD policies;
- a description of the potential barriers to adoption or utilization in Maryland;
- publicly-available outcomes data in those states that have implemented VNOD policies;
- recommendations for the development and implementation of a VNOD policy in Maryland, including a proposed administrative structure, stakeholder engagement strategy, planning and implementation timelines, estimated costs, and necessary regulatory or statutory considerations;
- recommendations for specific metrics that could be used by Maryland to evaluate the effectiveness of a VNOD policy if such a policy were to be adopted, including directive execution rates, integration with and uploads to health information exchanges, and adoption or use within recovery and treatment networks;
- methods Maryland could use to collect and report the recommended data points; and
- other operational and legal considerations related to establishing and implementing a VNOD policy in Maryland.

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**Author**

**Due Date**

Report on VNOD policy implementation

MDH

December 1, 2026

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**Office of Health Care Quality**  
**Maryland Department of Health**

**Budget Amendment**

**M00B01.03**            **Office of Health Care Quality**

Add the following language to the general fund appropriation:

, provided that \$100,000 of this appropriation made for the purpose of administration may not be expended until the Office of Health Care Quality within the Maryland Department of Health submits a report to the budget committees on the current status of the contract awarded in fiscal 2025 and continuing in fiscal 2027 for subcontractor nurse surveyors to address a complaint investigation backlog in the Long Term Care program. The report shall include the current status of the backlog and timeline for fully resolving the backlog. The report shall also include the fiscal 2026 closing fund balance and the estimated fiscal 2027 closing fund balance of the State Civil Money Penalty Fees Fund and use of the Fund for the contract, including any modifications of the contract due to lower revenue attainment than anticipated. The report shall be submitted by November 1, 2026, 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 a 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.

**Explanation:** This action restricts funds within the Office of Health Care Quality (OHCQ) pending the submission of a report on the status of resolving the complaint investigation backlog in the Long Term Care program with the use of a contract for nurse surveyors, including an update on the use of the State Civil Money Penalty Fees fund for the contract.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Report on Long Term Care Program complaint investigation backlog	OHCQ	November 1, 2026

Add the following language to the general fund appropriation:

Further provided that \$100,000 of this appropriation made for the purpose of administration may not be expended until the Office of Health Care Quality (OHCQ) within the Maryland Department of Health submits a report to the budget committees with additional details on the memorandum of understanding with Montgomery County that delegates authority to conduct nursing home surveys and complaint investigations. The report shall include the responsibilities delegated to

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Montgomery County, the start date and length of delegated authority, and costs associated with conducting surveys and complaint investigations, including the amounts that are State-funded and county-funded, and any federal funds that are passed through OHCQ. The report shall also include information on whether other counties have requested authority for survey activities. The report shall be submitted by December 1, 2026, 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 a 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.

**Explanation:** A provision in the Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act of 2025 authorized Montgomery County to request and requires the Maryland Department of Health (MDH) to delegate authority for the county to conduct nursing home surveys and complaint investigations if MDH failed to comply with requirements for conducting annual surveys and completing complaint investigations in a timely manner in fiscal 2023 and 2024. This action restricts funds pending the submission of a report with details on the memorandum of understanding (MOU) with Montgomery County that delegates nursing home survey activities, including a description of whether other counties have requested authority for survey activities.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Report on Montgomery County MOU for survey activities	OHCQ	December 1, 2026

### **Budget Amendment**

#### **M00B01.04 Health Professional Boards and Commissions**

Add the following language to the special fund appropriation:

, provided that \$100,000 of this appropriation made for the purpose of administration in the State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists (BOPCT) may not be expended until BOPCT, in collaboration with the Maryland Department of Health (MDH), submits a report to the budget committees with an update on the implementation of recommendations from the Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability's evaluation of BOPCT. The report shall include the status of implementing each of the following recommendations that require action from MDH and BOPCT:

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- (1) MDH should consider developing and implementing a formal orientation and training program for new executive directors. Additionally, MDH should consider implementing an executive director mentorship program;
- (2) the smaller Health Professional Boards and Commissions (HPBC) should consider hiring a dedicated human resources liaison, shared amongst BOPCT and the other smaller HPBCs;
- (3) consider increasing the number of merit positions within BOPCT by converting contractual positions to merit positions or by transferring vacant merit positions from other HPBCs to BOPCT;
- (4) BOPCT board members should regularly review Intranet Quorum service records with the BOPCT executive director to monitor customer satisfaction and proactively address issues;
- (5) BOPCT should attempt to reduce the number of initial applications with missing components; and
- (6) BOPCT should implement one comprehensive, standardized internal tracking system for all initial applications and reengineer its process for reviewing initial applications.

The report shall be submitted by September 1, 2026, 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 a report may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall be canceled if the report is not submitted to the budget committees.

**Explanation:** The Department of Legislative Services Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability (OPEGA) published an evaluation of BOPCT in September 2025. OPEGA’s evaluation included various findings for the board relating to licensing, compliance, management, and staffing. Of the seven recommendations from the evaluation, six are directed toward MDH to consider and BOPCT to implement. BOPCT agreed with all recommendations. This language restricts funds pending the submission of a report on BOPCT’s progress in implementing the recommendations.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
BOPCT evaluation	BOPCT	September 1, 2026
recommendation updates	MDH	

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Add the following language to the special fund appropriation:

Further provided that \$100,000 of this appropriation made for the purpose of administration in the Health Professional Boards and Commissions (HPBC) may not be expended until HPBC, in collaboration with the Maryland Department of Health, submits a report to the budget committees on recent HPBC special fund balance transfers authorized in the Budget Reconciliation and Financing Acts of 2021, 2024, and 2025, specifically how the transfers have impacted HPBC operations, the ability to improve staffing, and investments in technology. The report shall be submitted by December 1, 2026, 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 a report may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall be canceled if the report is not submitted to the budget committees.

**Explanation:** In the past five years from fiscal 2022 to 2026, provisions in the Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act of 2021, 2024, and 2025 have transferred a total of \$13.0 million from HPBC special fund balances to other offices within the Maryland Department of Health (MDH). This language restricts funds pending submission of a report on the impact of special fund balance transfers on HPBC.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Impact of fund balance transfers on HPBC	HPBC MDH	December 1, 2026

Add the following language to the special fund appropriation:

Further provided that \$100,000 of this appropriation made for the purpose of administration in the State Board of Pharmacy may not be expended until the State Board of Pharmacy, in collaboration with the Maryland Department of Health, submits:

- (1) regulations to the Joint Committee on Administrative, Executive, and Legislative Review necessary to ensure that an individual who is blind, visually impaired, or otherwise print disabled has appropriate access to prescription labels, bag tags, and medical guides, as required by Chapters 279 and 280 of 2023; and
- (2) a letter to the budget committees confirming the submission of the regulations. The letter shall include the proposed regulations and estimated adoption and effective dates for the regulations.

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The letter shall be submitted within 30 days of the submission of regulations, and the budget committees shall have 45 days from the date of the receipt of the letter to review and comment. Funds restricted pending the receipt of the letter may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall be canceled if the letter is not submitted to the budget committees.

**Explanation:** Chapters 279 and 280 require the State Board of Pharmacy to adopt regulations necessary to ensure that an individual who is blind, visually impaired, or otherwise print disabled has appropriate access to prescription labels, bag tags, and medical guides. This action restricts funds for administration until the State Board of Pharmacy, in collaboration with the Maryland Department of Health (MDH), submits (1) required regulations to make prescription labels accessible for visually impaired individuals and (2) a letter confirming the submission of regulations to the Joint Committee on Administrative, Executive, and Legislative Review and providing information on the timing of when the regulations will be adopted and take effect.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Letter confirming the submission of regulations related to prescription labels	State Board of Pharmacy MDH	Within 30 days of the submission of regulations

### Committee Narrative

#### M00B01.05 Board of Nursing

**Managing for Results (MFR) Measures for Total Licenses and Complaint Rate of Board of Nursing (BON):** The Health Professional Boards and Commissions (HPBC) annual MFR submission includes performance measures relating to initial licenses, renewal licenses, and complaint investigations. In addition to reporting on the timely completion rate of complaint investigations, the MFR data includes the total number of licenses and complaint rate for the various boards. However, the fiscal 2027 MFR measures did not include the total number of licenses and complaint rate for BON, despite the board completing the most complaint investigations out of all the boards. The committees request that HPBC include the total number of licenses and complaint rate for BON in the MFR submission with the fiscal 2028 budget.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
MFR measure for the total licenses and complaint rate for BON	HPBC	With submission of the fiscal 2028 budget

**M00F03**  
**Prevention and Health Promotion Administration**  
**Maryland Department of Health**

**Budget Amendment**

**M00F03.04            Family Health and Chronic Disease Services**

Add the following language to the general fund appropriation:

Further provided that \$100,000 of this appropriation made for the purpose of administration may not be expended until the Maryland Department of Health (MDH) submits a report to the budget committees on State activities related to the detection and treatment of genetic disorders and other serious health conditions, including metachromatic leukodystrophy. The report shall include:

- (1) the list of routine newborn health screenings conducted by MDH;
- (2) a description of MDH's process to review and adjust the list of routine newborn health screenings conducted by the department;
- (3) the estimated date of completion for updating Maryland's newborn screening panel to include metachromatic leukodystrophy, in alignment with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Recommended Uniform Screening Panel; and
- (4) State programs that connect families of young children with terminal illnesses to resources for treatment or clinical trials for which they are eligible.

The report shall be submitted by October 1, 2026, 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 a 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:** The committees are interested in MDH's role in detecting serious health conditions among young children. In December 2025, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services added metachromatic leukodystrophy and Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy to the Recommended Uniform Screening Panel (RUSP). Per statute, MDH is required to include these disorders in its newborn screening panel within 18 months of being added to RUSP (June 2027). In addition, for some conditions, treatment options are unaffordable, and families may have difficulty accessing clinical trials. This language restricts funds pending the submission of a report on State activities related to the detection and treatment of genetic disorders and serious health conditions in children.

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Report on the detection and treatment of serious health conditions in children	MDH	October 1, 2026

Amend the following language on the general fund appropriation:

Further provided that this appropriation shall be reduced by ~~\$730,000~~ \$1,580,000 contingent upon the enactment of legislation ~~eliminating~~ reducing the funding mandate for tobacco use reduction activities.

**Explanation:** This action amends contingent language to increase the general fund reduction by \$850,000 to provide the proposed mandated appropriation for tobacco use reduction activities and align the language with the provision in the Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act of 2026.

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**Behavioral Health Administration**  
**Maryland Department of Health**

**Budget Amendment**

**M00L01.01          Program Direction**

Add the following language to the general fund appropriation:

, provided that since the Maryland Department of Health (MDH) has had four or more repeat audit findings in the most recent fiscal compliance audit issued by the Office of Legislative Audits (OLA), \$100,000 of this agency’s administrative appropriation may not be expended unless:

- (1) MDH has taken corrective action with respect to all repeat audit findings on or before November 1, 2026; and
- (2) a report is submitted to the budget committees by OLA listing each repeat audit finding along with a determination that each 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 2027.

**Explanation:** The Joint Audit and Evaluation Committee 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.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Status of corrective actions related to the most recent fiscal compliance audit	OLA	45 days before the release of funds

Add the following language to the general fund appropriation:

Further provided that \$500,000 of this appropriation made for the purpose of administration may not be expended until the Maryland Department of Health submits quarterly letters confirming that it has uploaded data on reimbursements to non-Medicaid providers through the Virtual Data Unit each month through March 31, 2027. The data shall include provider reimbursement spending in M00L01.02 and M00L01.03, separated by budget program and by service type within each program. The data shall be provided beginning with data from January 1, 2026, through

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June 30, 2026, submitted July 31, 2026, and every month thereafter. Funds shall be available to be released in \$125,000 increments pending receipt of each letter confirming the submission of data. The first letter shall confirm uploading of data through June 30, 2026, and be submitted by July 31, 2026. The second letter shall confirm the uploading of data for the period from July 1, 2026, through September 30, 2026, and be submitted by October 31, 2026. The third letter shall confirm the uploading of data from October 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026, and be submitted by January 31, 2027. The fourth letter shall confirm the uploading of data covering the period January 1, 2027, through March 31, 2027, and be submitted by April 30, 2027. The budget committees shall have 45 days from the date of the receipt of each confirmatory letter to review and comment. Funds restricted pending the receipt of data may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund if each letter is not submitted to the budget committees.

**Explanation:** The committees are interested in better understanding the spending on provider reimbursements by service type for spending outside of the Medicaid Behavioral Health Provider Reimbursements program. This language restricts funds pending submission of four letters confirming data submission of non-Medicaid provider reimbursements.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Submission of data on provider reimbursements	Maryland Department of Health	July 31, 2026
		October 31, 2026
		January 31, 2027
		April 30, 2027

Add the following language to the general fund appropriation:

Further provided that \$100,000 of this appropriation made for the purpose of administration may not be expended until the Behavioral Health Administration (BHA) submits a report to the budget committees on the State's transition to a new Administrative Services Organization. The report shall include, as of June 30, 2026:

- (1) the number of providers registered with Carelton;
- (2) the number of claims processed by Carelton during fiscal 2026;
- (3) the dollar value of the claims approved by Carelton during fiscal 2026;
- (4) a description of issues, challenges, or barriers faced by BHA, Carelton, or providers since January 1, 2026;

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- (5) a description of how Carelon or BHA have addressed any identified challenges; and
- (6) a description of remaining data transfer needs between Optum and Carelon.

The report shall be submitted by October 1, 2026, 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 a 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:** BHA transitioned to a new Administration Services Organization (ASO) on January 1, 2025. The Maryland Department of Health and the new contractor, Carelon, have provided two reports with information about the transition, challenges that have arisen, and how issues have been addressed. During the first year of the transition, issues with data transfer between the previous ASO and Carelon have occurred, leading to the incorrect categorization of some claims and minor delays in paying out claims. This language restricts funds pending the submission of a report with updates on the transition.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Report on the ASO transition	BHA	October 1, 2026

Add the following language to the general fund appropriation:

Further provided that \$100,000 of this appropriation made for the purpose of administration may not be expended until the Behavioral Health Administration (BHA) submits a report to the budget committees on a plan to address the State's behavioral health workforce shortage. The report shall include:

- (1) a description of workforce-related findings from BHA's white space analysis;
- (2) a description of the feasibility of implementing each of the eight recommendations from the Maryland Health Care Commission's October 2024 report, Investing in Maryland's Behavioral Health Talent, that are related to the Behavioral Health Workforce Investment Fund, including challenges to implementation;
- (3) a description of statutory or regulatory changes needed to expand the allowable uses of the Maryland Loan Repayment Programs to include loan forgiveness for behavioral health workers;

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- (4) a description of BHA’s planned activities and their cost over each of the next five fiscal years to improve recruitment and retention of behavioral health workers in the State and BHA’s prioritization of these activities;
- (5) proposed fund sources for the Behavioral Health Workforce Investment Fund; and
- (6) a description of challenges and barriers to funding or administering the fund.

The report shall be submitted by November 1, 2026, 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 a 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 286 and 287 of 2023 established the Behavioral Health Workforce Investment Fund to support the education, training, recruiting, and retaining of behavioral professionals and paraprofessionals in Maryland. The legislation also required the Maryland Health Care Commission (MHCC) to publish a behavioral health workforce study, which found that the State has 18,200 fewer behavioral health workers than needed to meet the State’s need as of calendar 2024. To date, BHA has not added money to this fund, nor implemented any recommendations from MHCC’s study. This language restricts funds pending the submission of a report on the BHA’s plan to address the State’s behavioral health workforce shortage.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Report on planned efforts to address the behavioral health workforce shortage	BHA	November 1, 2026

### Committee Narrative

**Report on Financing for Long-acting Injectable Medication:** Long-acting injectable (LAI) medications are used to treat psychosis or as mood stabilizers in individuals living with serious and persistent mental illness (SPMI). LAIs may help individuals with SPMI maintain treatment consistency and reduce hospitalization. In Maryland, LAI services are reimbursed under the hospital rate, set by the Maryland Health Services Cost Review Commission (HSCRC). The committees are interested in the feasibility of financing these treatments as outpatient Medicaid services through a State Plan Amendment (SPA) or Medicaid waiver. The committees request that the Maryland Department of Health (MDH) Medical Care Programs Administration, in conjunction with the Behavioral Health Administration and HSCRC, submit a report that includes:

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- whether MDH and HSCRC have evaluated the potential for carving LAIs out of the hospital daily rate, including any impacts on operations, the rate setting processes, and federal considerations;
- the process by which MDH could establish a SPA for LAI services for Medicaid enrollees in Maryland and how it would interact with the hospital daily rate set by HSCRC;
- the projected impact of carving out LAI services on behavioral health spending through the Medicaid program and hospital finances;
- research on the impacts of early initiation of LAIs in inpatient settings on reducing readmissions or lengths of stay in emergency departments in Maryland; and
- utilization of LAIs under current practice in Maryland.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Report on financing for long-acting injectables	MDH HSCRC	September 1, 2026

### **Budget Amendment**

#### **M00L01.02          Community Services**

Add the following language to the general fund appropriation:

Further provided that these funds are to be used only for the purposes herein appropriated, and there shall be no transfer to any other program or purpose except that funds may be transferred to programs M00L01.03 Community Services for Medicaid State Fund Recipients, M00Q01.03 Medical Care Provider Reimbursements, or M00Q01.10 Medicaid Behavioral Health Provider Reimbursements. Funds not expended or transferred shall be reverted.

**Explanation:** This language restricts the entire general fund appropriation for M00L01.02 Community Services for that purpose or for transfer for provider reimbursements in M00L01.03 Community Services for Medicaid State Fund Recipients, M00Q01.03 Medical Care Provider Reimbursements, or M00Q01.10 Medicaid Behavioral Health Provider Reimbursements.

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Add the following language to the general fund appropriation:

Further provided that \$100,000 of this appropriation is contingent on the fiscal 2028 budget submission including provider reimbursements for the uninsured and underinsured population in a separate program from the nonprovider reimbursement expenditures in the Community Services program. It is the intent of the General Assembly that beginning in fiscal 2028, provider reimbursement expenditures be budgeted in a separate program from grants, contracts, and other administrative expenses in program M00L01.02. The budget committees shall have 45 days from the date of the receipt of the fiscal 2028 budget submission to review and comment. Funds restricted pending submission of the fiscal 2028 budget may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund if the provider reimbursements for the uninsured and underinsured population are not budgeted in a separate program in the fiscal 2028 budget submission.

**Explanation:** Provider reimbursements for services utilized by the uninsured and underinsured are budgeted within the M00L01.02 Community Services program. This budget also includes funding for various behavioral health programs, services, and initiatives. This language states the intent of the General Assembly for Community Services program provider reimbursements to be budgeted separately from other Community Services program spending beginning in fiscal 2028. The separation will facilitate simpler tracking and analysis of provider reimbursement spending and service utilization.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Separate program for Community Services program provider reimbursements	Maryland Department of Health	With the submission of the fiscal 2028 allowance

Add the following language to the general fund appropriation:

Further provided that \$100,000 of this appropriation made for the purpose of Community Services may not be expended until the Maryland Department of Health submits a report on the timeliness of payments to local nonprofit core service agencies (CSA). The report shall include the following information:

- (1) the total number of nonprofit CSAs with which the Behavioral Health Administration (BHA) held a grant agreement in each of fiscal 2024, 2025, and 2026;
- (2) the number and share of nonprofit CSAs with a grant agreement in fiscal 2024, 2025, and 2026 for which BHA did not meet the required timeframe for distribution of payments;

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- (3) the number of fourth quarter invoices submitted by nonprofit CSAs in each of fiscal 2024, 2025, and 2026 that did not meet the required timeframe for distribution of payments;
- (4) the number of annual 440 reconciliations submitted by nonprofit CSAs in fiscal 2024, 2025, and 2026 that did not meet the required timeframe for distribution of payments;
- (5) a description of the current process to track and monitor the timeliness of payments to grantees; and
- (6) the steps that BHA has taken and plans to take to ensure timely payment distribution moving forward.

The report shall be submitted by January 1, 2027, 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 a 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:** Chapter 155 of 2023 established a State policy requiring State agencies to make payments under specific grant agreements with nonprofit CSAs within 37 days of the later of either (1) the payment becoming due under the grant agreement or (2) the date of receipt of a proper invoice. Interest accrues at the rate of 9% per year on any amount for which a grant-making entity has received and failed to submit a proper invoice to the Comptroller within 30 days of its receipt. This language restricts funds pending submission by BHA of a report detailing its plan to improve the timeliness of grant distribution to comply with the State policy. This information was requested in the 2025 Joint Chairmen’s Report but has not been submitted.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Report on timeliness of payments to local nonprofit CSAs	BHA	January 1, 2027

Add the following language to the general fund appropriation:

Further provided that \$1,000,000 of this appropriation made for the purpose of behavioral health investments in the Behavioral Health Administration may not be expended for that purpose and may be used only to provide funding for fees related to certification of peer recovery specialists and salary support for peer recovery specialists’ supervised practice hours required to complete certification. Funds not expended for this restricted purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund.

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**Explanation:** This action restricts funds within the Community Services program to be used only to provide funds for the first year of programs that support the certification of and internships for peer recovery specialists in the State.

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#### M00L01.03 Community Services for Medicaid State Fund Recipients

Add the following language to the general fund appropriation:

, provided that these funds are to be used only for the purposes herein appropriated, and there shall be no transfer to any other program or purpose except that funds may be transferred to programs M00L01.02 Community Services, M00Q01.03 Medical Care Provider Reimbursements, or M00Q01.10 Medicaid Behavioral Health Provider Reimbursements. Funds not expended or transferred shall be reverted.

**Explanation:** This language restricts the entire general fund appropriation for provider reimbursements in M00L01.03 Community Services for Medicaid State Fund Recipients for that purpose or for transfer to M00L01.02 Community Services, M00Q01.03 Medical Care Provider Reimbursements, or M00Q01.10 Medicaid Behavioral Health Provider Reimbursements.

### Committee Narrative

#### M00L10.01 Clifton T. Perkins Hospital Center

**Report on Staffing and Patient Transition at Clifton T. Perkins:** Clifton T. Perkins Hospital Center (Perkins) is the only maximum-security forensic hospital in Maryland. An ongoing renovation of the minimum- and medium-security sections of the hospital will equip the space to be an entirely maximum-security environment and current patients in the minimum- and medium-security units will need to be relocated to other State facilities. To accommodate the transfers, the Maryland Department of Health (MDH) is renovating a unit at the Springfield Hospital Center. In addition, the fiscal 2025 Budget Bill added 92.0 Security Attendant positions at Perkins to improve safety conditions for patients and staff. The committees request that MDH submit a report with data as June 30, 2026, including:

- the current number of minimum-, medium-, and maximum-security level patients at Perkins, by security level;

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- the transition plan to move minimum- and medium-security level patients from Perkins, including the timeline and intended facilities for the patient transitions;
- a description of the continuity of care for the patients being moved, including how providers and Perkins staff will contribute to the transition plan, how MDH will prevent interruption of services, and a plan to keep patients on track for discharge;
- the rate and timing of readmission among individuals discharged from Perkins each year between fiscal 2020 and 2025;
- primary reasons for readmissions at Perkins since fiscal 2020;
- the total patient capacity and current staffed bed capacity shown separately for each security level at Perkins;
- the number and position titles of staff assigned to each unit and the number of vacant positions for each unit;
- a staffing plan to adequately staff Perkins as it transitions to be an entirely maximum-security hospital;
- a justification of the decision to reclassify 44.0 of the 92.0 positions added to Perkins for security;
- a description of how MDH has implemented the requirements for its pay structure, security personnel classification, and staffing levels for forensic hospital employees in accordance with Chapter 576 of 2020; and
- a description of the training required for security personnel in minimum-, medium-, and maximum-security level units.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Report on staffing and patient transition at Perkins	MDH	August 1, 2026

**M00M**  
**Developmental Disabilities Administration**  
**Maryland Department of Health**

**Budget Amendment**

**M00M01.01      Program Direction**

Add the following language to the general fund appropriation:

, provided that \$500,000 of this appropriation made for the purpose of administration may not be expended until the Maryland Department of Health submits a report each month to the budget committees on spending for the Developmental Disabilities Administration Community Services program. The report shall include the following monthly and aggregate data on spending in the Long Term Services and Supports system by service delivery model both including and excluding claims for services provided in prior years:

- (1) spending by service provided;
- (2) number of participants receiving the service;
- (3) number of units provided;
- (4) cost per participant;
- (5) utilization by services;
- (6) annualized cost estimates for the rest of the fiscal year;
- (7) spending by subprogram;
- (8) spending by fund source; and
- (9) average expenditures per participant by primary service model, separated by age groups 0 to 17, 18 to 20, 21 to 22, 23 to 64, and 65 and older.

The report shall also include the following monthly data related to dedicated hours:

- (1) dedicated hours spending trend analysis, including authorized users, authorized units, and utilized units by month;
- (2) the number and budgeted cost of approved dedicated hours based on the following separate categories:

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- (a) behavioral or medical needs;
  - (b) retirement; and
  - (c) enhanced community integration; and
- (3) a comparison of approved dedicated hours in each of the three categories listed above from fiscal 2026 to 2027, month to month.

The first report shall be submitted by September 1, 2026, and shall include actual data for the Community Services program in the final quarter of fiscal 2026 and aggregate fiscal 2026 data. The second report shall be submitted by October 1, 2026, and all other reports shall be submitted monthly thereafter. The funds may be released in \$250,000 increments following the submission of the sixth and eleventh reports. The budget committees shall have 45 days from the date of the receipt of the sixth and eleventh reports to review and comment. Funds restricted pending receipt of these reports may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund if the reports are not submitted to the budget committees.

**Explanation:** The Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) has completed transitioning all providers from a prospective payment model in the legacy system to a fee-for-service (FFS) reimbursement model in the Long Term Services and Supports (LTSS) system. This transition included establishing new rates based on an FFS reimbursement model. Following the LTSS transition, actual spending in DDA’s Community Services program has significantly surpassed the legislative appropriation, and community services spending continues to increase in LTSS. This language restricts funds budgeted for administration until the Maryland Department of Health (MDH) submits monthly reports to the budget committees with monthly spending and utilization data, including data on dedicated hours.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Report on community services spending	MDH	September 1, 2026, and monthly thereafter through June 1, 2027

Add the following language to the general fund appropriation:

Further provided that \$500,000 of this appropriation made for the purpose of administration may not be expended until the Maryland Department of Health submits a report to the budget committees with an analysis of utilization trends in the Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) Community Services program. The report shall include:

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- (1) a comparison of aggregate service utilization rates in the Long Term Services and Supports (LTSS) system compared to in the legacy billing system for Residential Services, Meaningful Day Services, and Support Services, and explanation for any changes in service utilization in the LTSS system;
- (2) a comparison of person-centered plan (PCP) budget utilization rates in the LTSS system compared to in the legacy billing system and explanation for any changes in PCP budget utilization in the LTSS system;
- (3) a comparison of service utilization and PCP budget utilization rates of actual spending data for fiscal 2025 and fiscal 2026 and estimated rates for fiscal 2027;
- (4) a description of utilization review controls and systems in place that DDA uses to monitor utilization; and
- (5) an analysis of how changes in service utilization contribute to overall Community Services spending.

The report shall be submitted by September 15, 2026, and the budget committees shall have 45 days from the date of the receipt of the report to review and comment. Funds restricted pending 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:** DDA has completed transitioning all providers from a prospective payment model in the legacy system to a fee-for-service reimbursement model in the LTSS system. It is unclear how utilization of services has changed from billing in the legacy system to the LTSS system. This language restricts funds pending a report on how utilization of services has changed in LTSS compared to the legacy system and how utilization of services has changed from the first full year of providers transitioned into the LTSS system in fiscal 2025 to 2026.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Report on LTSS service utilization trends	Maryland Department of Health	September 15, 2026

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Add the following language to the general fund appropriation:

Further provided that \$500,000 of this appropriation made for the purpose of administration may not be expended until the Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) within the Maryland Department of Health submits two reports to the budget committees that provide details on cost containment actions implemented in fiscal 2027. The reports shall include the following information:

- (1) a description of all cost containment actions implemented in fiscal 2027, including the number of participants impacted by each action, timeline and status of implementation, and updated estimates of savings;
- (2) the reasonable and customary wages, including for family as staff and non-family as staff shown separately, by service prior to and following the implementation of cost containment actions impacting reasonable and customary wages and family as staff policies;
- (3) comparison of the reasonable and customary wages to the portion of the rates for the same services in the traditional services model that is attributable to wages;
- (4) the Long Term Services and Supports (LTSS) rates for community service providers and coordinator of community service agencies by service prior to and following the implementation of cost containment actions;
- (5) the LTSS rates by service category as a percentage of the fully loaded brick rates determined through the rate-setting study prior to and following the implementation of cost containment actions; and
- (6) a description of the enforcement of dedicated hours policy, including any changes made to the policy and implementation.

DDA shall also provide an update on details of the cost containment action implemented in fiscal 2026 regarding State-only funded services, including:

- (1) the number of individuals receiving State-only funded services found eligible and transitioned onto a DDA-operated Medicaid waiver as of July 1, 2026;
- (2) the number of individuals receiving State-only funded services found ineligible for the DDA-operated Medicaid waiver, including the most common reasons for ineligibility or disenrollment;

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- (3) actual spending on State-only funded services in fiscal 2026 and 2027 year to date; and
- (4) total estimated spending on State-only funded services for fiscal 2027.

The first report shall be submitted by December 1, 2026, and the second report shall be submitted by April 1, 2027. The budget committees shall have 45 days from the date of the receipt of each report to review and comment. The funds may be released in \$25,000 increments following the submission of each report. Funds restricted pending receipt of these reports may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund if the reports are not submitted to the budget committees.

**Explanation:** The fiscal 2027 budget contains general fund reductions to account for the implementation of cost containment actions. This language restricts funds pending submission of a report from the Maryland Department of Health (MDH) providing detailed information on how a cost containment action in fiscal 2026 regarding State-only funded services and cost containment actions in fiscal 2027 are being implemented.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Reports on cost containment actions	MDH	December 1, 2026 April 1, 2027

Add the following language to the general fund appropriation:

Further provided that \$100,000 of this appropriation made for the purpose of administration may not be expended until the Maryland Department of Health submits a report to the budget committees on a proposed rate increase for targeted case management service providers in the Developmental Disabilities Administration Community Services program based on labor and administrative costs. The report shall be submitted by October 1, 2026, and the budget committees shall have 45 days from the date of the receipt of the report to review and comment. Funds restricted pending 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.

Further provided that it is the intent of the General Assembly that the Governor's proposed budget for fiscal 2028 includes a rate increase for targeted case management services.

**Explanation:** This language restricts funds budgeted for administration until the Maryland Department of Health (MDH) submits a report to the budget committees on a proposed rate

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increase for targeted case management services in the Developmental Disabilities Administration Community Services program. This language also expresses the intent of the General Assembly that the Governor's fiscal 2028 budget include a rate increase for targeted case management services.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Report on a rate increase for targeted case management services	MDH	October 1, 2026

### Committee Narrative

**Person-Centered Plan (PCP) Review Processing Times:** The Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) within the Maryland Department of Health (MDH) has three Managing for Results performance goals relating to timeliness of PCP review and approval by Coordinators of Community Services (CCS) and DDA. In fiscal 2025, only 62% of PCPs were submitted in a timely manner by CCS. Individuals must have an approved PCP to receive services, making timely review and approval of plans important to ensure continuity of services for participants. The committees request that MDH provide a report on PCP approval timelines, including for fiscal 2026:

- the total number of PCPs reviewed and the total number of individuals who did not have an approved PCP prior to their annual renewal date;
- the range and average processing times for annual PCP reviews from the submission of a PCP by the participant to final approval of the participant's PCP;
- common reasons for delays in the annual PCP process for participants who submit a PCP prior to their annual renewal date;
- a description of DDA's process when participants' PCPs are not approved prior to their annual renewal data, including impacts on participants' access to services, any instances in which a participant would experience a lapse in service delivery, or providers would not receive reimbursement; and
- a description of the reasons for 38% of CCS reviews of PCPs not meeting timeliness goals in fiscal 2025 and efforts to improve timely review by CCS.

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Report on Person-Centered Plan Reviews	MDH	August 1, 2026

### Budget Amendment

#### M00M01.02 Community Services

Add the following language:

All appropriations provided for program M00M01.02 Community Services are to be used only for the purposes herein appropriated, and there shall be no budgetary transfer to any other program or purpose.

**Explanation:** This annual language restricts funds appropriated to the Community Services program to that use only and prevents budgetary transfers.

Add the following language:

Further provided that, relating to dedicated hours, effective July 1, 2026, the Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) within the Maryland Department of Health (MDH) shall implement the following policy when implementing cost containment action that enforces dedicated hours policy. Dedicated hours may be accessed when the participant has an assessed medical or behavioral need and an approved behavioral support plan or nursing care plan that justifies the need, or a daytime residential support need as described below. This policy is intended to ensure that, in all other circumstances, such as community integration, appointments, and other circumstances that do not meet the assessed need criteria, shared hours are exhausted before dedicated hours are accessed. Dedicated hours may support more than one participant only when doing so meets each participant's assessed needs, and the participants are retired, transitioning between meaningful day services, recovering from a health condition, or receiving fewer than 30 hours of meaningful day services per week.

DDA will approve dedicated hours without considering the use of shared hours when:

- (1) the participant has an assessed behavioral need and an approved Behavior Support Plan documenting the need for a 1:1 or 2:1 staff-to-participant ratio necessary to support the person with specific behavioral needs; or

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- (2) the participant has an assessed medical need and an approved Nursing Care Plan documenting the need for a 1:1 or 2:1 staff-to-participant ratio necessary to support the person with specific health and safety needs; or
- (3) the participant needs daytime residential support due to retirement, transitioning from one meaningful day service to another, recovery from a serious health condition, or receiving less than 30 hours of meaningful day services, and has an approved person-centered plan that documents the assessed need for support.

MDH, DDA, or its designee shall provide mandatory, advanced training on dedicated hours to its staff (including Headquarters and regional offices), Coordinator of Community Services agencies, and a representative from each community provider of residential services. This training will include, but is not limited to, detailing DDA's federal and State approval criteria, its enforcement of federal requirements, and its utilization reviews of shared hours.

DDA shall update all policy guidance and manuals to be consistent with this policy by July 1, 2026.

**Explanation:** This language specifies the policy that DDA within MDH shall use to guide the enforcement of a cost containment action related to dedicated hours.

Add the following language:

Further provided that, relating to rates paid to providers, the Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) within the Maryland Department of Health shall not make further reductions to rates, including the geographical differential rate paid for services in certain local jurisdictions, in fiscal 2027 beyond the authorized cost containment actions as specified in the fiscal 2027 Budget Bill.

Further provided that, relating to individuals receiving services with State-only funds, DDA shall ensure that:

- (1) individuals who were receiving State-only funded services and applied for the DDA-operated Medicaid waiver and were found eligible, shall continue to receive State-only funded services until they are approved to transition into the DDA-operated Medicaid waiver; and
- (2) individuals who have applied, submitted all requested documentation, and completed the waiver application process for the DDA-operated Medicaid waiver and were found ineligible shall continue to receive State-only funded services.

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**Explanation:** This language specifies the implementation of certain cost containment actions in DDA regarding rate reductions and individuals funded with State-only funded services. This language restricts DDA from further reducing rates paid to providers, including geographical differential rates, in fiscal 2027 beyond the authorized cost containment actions as specified in the fiscal 2027 Budget Bill and requires that DDA continue providing services to individuals receiving State-only funded services in certain circumstances.

Add the following language:

Further provided that, relating to day-to-day administrative supports, the Developmental Disabilities Administration within the Maryland Department of Health shall implement the following:

- (1) participants in the self-directed services model may utilize up to 10 hours per month of day-to-day administrative supports;
- (2) day-to-day administrative supports shall include nondirect supports that assist the individual with household management and scheduling, appointment scheduling, and money management tasks such as reviewing and paying bills and assisting with the maintenance of benefits;
- (3) participants in the self-directed services model may hire an employee to provide day-to-day administrative supports;
- (4) participants in the self-directed services model who are minors are not eligible for day-to-day administrative supports; and
- (5) the duties of a day-to-day administrative support provider, support broker, and coordinator of community services shall not overlap for a participant in the self-directed services model and the duties that each position will be responsible for shall be specified by the participant and their team.

**Explanation:** This language specifies the implementation of day-to-day administrative supports funded by the Developmental Disabilities Administration for participants in the self-directed services model.

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**Medical Care Programs Administration**  
**Maryland Department of Health**

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**M00Q01.01 Deputy Secretary for Health Care Financing**

Add the following language to the general fund appropriation:

, provided that \$250,000 of this appropriation made for the purpose of administrative expenses may not be expended until the Maryland Department of Health (MDH) submits a report on Community First Choice (CFC) program and Community-based Options (Community Options) waiver spending and activities of the Eligibility Determination Division (EDD). The report shall include monthly enrollment, utilization, and cost data that aligns with actual fiscal 2026 budget expenditures under the CFC program. Additionally, the report shall provide:

- (1) the number of budgeted Community Options waiver slots in fiscal 2026 and 2027;
- (2) the number of Community Options waiver slots filled in fiscal 2026;
- (3) the number of Community Options waiver applications sent to individuals on the registry each month and the results of that outreach (including the number of applications returned and processed);
- (4) an update on changes to EDD and registry operations to improve efficiency in determining home and community-based services (HCBS) waiver eligibility and taking individuals off of the registry and efforts to determine financial and medical eligibility for individuals while they remain on the registry;
- (5) an update on MDH staffing that supports the Community Options waiver and eligibility determination services for all HCBS waivers, including the number of vacant regular and contractual positions and the status of procuring additional staffing assistance;
- (6) a plan and timeline for addressing information technology system limitations, data and reporting limitations, and staffing constraints that prevent EDD from processing HCBS waiver eligibility in a timely and efficient manner;
- (7) data on HCBS waiver application and renewal denials, including the number and percentage of applications and renewals denied by reason for denial and by HCBS waiver;
- (8) the number of individuals on the Community Options waiver registry as of June 30, 2026;  
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- (9) an update on activities or efforts to implement the plan to reduce the Community Options waiver registry by 50% submitted to the General Assembly in February 2023.

The report shall be submitted by August 1, 2026, 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 a 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.

**Explanation:** Recent efforts to expand home and community-based services have led to significant increases in CFC program expenditures, including spending under the Community Options waiver. This language restricts funds in the Office of the Deputy Secretary for Health Care Financing pending the submission of a report on CFC program and Community Options waiver spending and registry information, and EDD activities.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Report on CFC program and Community Options waiver spending and registry data	MDH	August 1, 2026

Add the following language to the general fund appropriation:

Further provided that since the Maryland Department of Health has had four or more repeat audit findings in the most recent Medical Care Programs Administration (MCPA) fiscal compliance audit issued by the Office of Legislative Audits (OLA), \$250,000 of this agency's administrative appropriation may not be expended unless:

- (1) MCPA has taken corrective action with respect to all repeat audit findings on or before November 1, 2026; and
- (2) a report is submitted to the budget committees by OLA listing each repeat audit finding along with a determination that each repeat finding was corrected. The budget committees shall have 45 days from the date of the receipt of the report to review and comment to allow for funds to be released prior to the end of fiscal 2027. General funds restricted pending the receipt of a report may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise and shall revert to the General Fund if the report is not submitted.

**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

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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.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Status of corrective actions related to the most recent fiscal compliance audit	OLA	45 days before the release of funds

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#### **M00Q01.03 Medical Care Provider Reimbursements**

Add the following language:

Provided that all appropriations provided for program M00Q01.03 Medical Care Provider Reimbursements are to be used only for the purposes herein appropriated, and there shall be no budgetary transfer to any other program or purpose except that funds may be transferred to programs M00Q01.07 Maryland Children's Health Program or M00Q01.10 Medicaid Behavioral Health Provider Reimbursements. Funds not expended or transferred shall be reverted or canceled.

**Explanation:** This language restricts funding for Medical Care Provider Reimbursements to that purpose only and prevents budgetary transfers to any program except M00Q01.07 Maryland Children's Health Program or M00Q01.10 Medicaid Behavioral Health Provider Reimbursements.

Amend the following language on the general fund appropriation:

Further provided that this appropriation shall be reduced by ~~\$1,000,000~~ \$2,000,000 contingent upon the enactment of legislation reducing the Cigarette Restitution Fund funding mandate for the Maryland Community Health Resources Commission Fund ~~and using the Cigarette~~

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~~Restitution Fund balance to offset Medicaid general fund expenditures, and allowing the Commission to use its special fund balance to support operations.~~

**Explanation:** This action increases the contingent general fund reduction under Medicaid to \$2.0 million due to additional fund balance availability within the Maryland Community Health Resources Commission Fund. This action also makes a technical correction to contingent language on a general fund reduction to more closely align with the applicable provision in the Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act.

Amend the following language on the special fund appropriation:

~~, provided that \$1,000,000 of this appropriation is contingent upon the enactment of legislation reducing the Cigarette Restitution Fund funding mandate for the Maryland Community Health Resources Commission Fund and using the Cigarette Restitution Fund balance to offset Medicaid general fund expenditures, and allowing the Commission to use its special fund balance to support operations.~~

**Explanation:** This action makes a technical correction to contingent language on a special fund appropriation to more closely align with the applicable provision in the Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act.

Add the following language to the special fund appropriation:

Further provided that \$8,390,332 of this appropriation is contingent upon the enactment of legislation authorizing distributions beyond the first \$35,000,000 in settlement funding from the separate account in the Cigarette Restitution Fund to be used for purposes other than supplanting the General Fund appropriation at historically Black colleges and universities in fiscal 2027 only.

**Explanation:** This action adds language to make a special fund appropriation of \$8,390,332 from the separate account within the Cigarette Restitution Fund contingent on the enactment of legislation expanding the authorized uses of funds distributed to the separate account in excess of the first \$35 million to include purposes other than supplanting the General Fund appropriation for the historically Black colleges and universities settlement in fiscal 2027 only.

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Amend appropriation for the purposes indicated:

	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Positions</u>
1. Reduce funding for Medicaid provider reimbursements to account for savings from Medicaid participants with end-stage renal disease enrolling in Medicare as a result of increased outreach efforts.	-3,000,000	GF
	-5,000,000	FF
Total Change	-8,000,000	0.00

<u>Effect</u>	<u>Allowance</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Amount Change</u>	<u>Position Change</u>
General Funds	4,437,850,472	4,434,850,472	-3,000,000	
Federal Funds	7,687,617,859	7,682,617,859	-5,000,000	

### Committee Narrative

**One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBBA) Implementation:** The OBBBA was enacted on July 4, 2025, and makes substantial changes to the Medicaid program, including establishing new work requirements and requiring more frequent eligibility redeterminations for adults enrolled through the Affordable Care Act (ACA) expansion, among other provisions. The committees request that the Maryland Department of Health (MDH), in collaboration with the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange (MHBE), submit two reports on OBBBA implementation activities and enrollment and case closure trends before and after implementation of new work requirements and six-month eligibility redeterminations. The reports should include:

- descriptions of information technology system updates, including year-to-date spending and estimated total costs, outreach activities to limit disenrollments, and partnerships and data sharing agreements with other agencies and organizations to check individuals for exemptions;
- a discussion of approved exemptions for work requirements and definitions of those exemptions; and
- a status update on the number of positions added and reclassified within MDH for OBBBA implementation, including the total cost of the positions by fund type and hiring status.

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Additionally, the reports should include the following fiscal 2027 year-to-date enrollment data on a monthly basis and divided by eligibility category and administrative data on a monthly basis:

- the number of eligibility renewals completed, including the number and share that were automatically renewed, with modified adjusted gross income (MAGI) cases and non-MAGI cases shown separately;
- the number of new individuals enrolled month over month;
- measures of churn that reflect the number of individuals who previously received Medicaid or Maryland Children’s Health Program coverage and the timeframe of when they were last enrolled;
- the number of individuals disenrolled month over month, shown by reason for disenrollment, identifying procedural disenrollments and disenrollments due to overscale income, aging out, noncompliance with work requirements, and other common reasons for disenrollment.
- call center volume, average wait times, and any other data related to call center activities that are required to be submitted to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services; and
- measures of application processing times and the total number of applications processed for MAGI cases and non-MAGI cases shown separately.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Reports on OBBBA implementation and impacts within Medicaid	MDH MHBE	December 1, 2026 June 1, 2027

**Prescription Drug Reimbursement:** Managed care organizations (MCO) under the HealthChoice program are not subject to the same reimbursement requirements as pharmacy claims paid by Maryland Medicaid on a fee-for-service (FFS) basis. Chapter 217 of 2023 required the Maryland Department of Health (MDH) and Prescription Drug Affordability Board to issue a report analyzing pharmacy claims paid by MCOs and claims reimbursed by Maryland Medicaid under FFS rates, including a comparison of the dispensing fees paid under managed care and FFS. The report provided high level summaries of total reimbursement but did not provide specific claims data or a breakdown of reimbursement components for specialty drugs. The committees request that MDH submit a report providing Medicaid’s paid pharmacy claims data for

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calendar 2023 and 2024. The report should include claims data for both managed care and FFS shown separately and data should be provided in a downloadable electronic format through Excel or other comma-separated values file. Specifically, the report should include:

- pharmacy claims paid under FFS, noting the file date, national drug code, dispensed quantity, ingredient cost paid, and dispensing fee paid;
- for claims paid under FFS, MDH should indicate to the extent possible, whether the reimbursed provider is located in Maryland and whether drugs were dispensed by mail or in person;
- pharmacy claims paid by MCOs (MCOs may be deidentified to preserve proprietary protections), noting the file date, national drug code, dispensed quantity, ingredient cost paid, and dispensing fee paid;
- for claims paid by an MCO, MDH should indicate to the extent possible, whether the reimbursed provider is located in Maryland and whether drugs were dispensed by mail or in-person;
- the number and dollar value of paid pharmacy claims in which MCO reimbursement exceeded the FFS reimbursement methodology for that drug by more than \$10; and
- for claims in which MCO reimbursement exceeded the FFS reimbursement methodology by more than \$10, the additional amount paid by Medicaid.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Report on prescription drug reimbursement	MDH	September 1, 2026

**Dialysis Services in Skilled Nursing Facilities:** The committees request that the Maryland Department of Health (MDH) submit a report by November 1, 2026, on access to in-home dialysis services for Medicaid recipients residing in skilled nursing facilities (SNF). The report should include:

- the number of Medicaid recipients residing in SNFs who are not eligible for Medicare who receive dialysis services at the SNF;

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- the number of Medicaid recipients residing in SNFs who are not eligible for Medicare who receive dialysis services in other settings;
- a cost benefit analysis of expanding access to in-home dialysis services for Medicaid recipients residing in SNFs, including costs related to transportation, staffing, hospital utilization, and hospital readmission. The cost benefit analysis should discuss costs and cost savings for MDH and local health departments shown separately;
- if the cost benefit analysis results in estimated net savings to MDH, the department should make a recommendation in the report for a rate increase specifically for dialysis services provided in SNFs based on the amount of estimated savings; and
- the rate for in-home dialysis services provided in SNFs as of July 1, 2026, noting the rate as a percentage of comparable Medicare rates. If the rate is lower than 98% of comparable Medicare rates, MDH should provide a cost estimate for increasing the rates to 98% effective July 1, 2027.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Report on dialysis services in SNFs	MDH	November 1, 2026

### **Fiscal 2026 Deficiency**

Amend the following language:

M00Q01.03 Medical Care Provider Reimbursements – Medical Care Programs Administration

To become available immediately upon passage of this budget to adjust the appropriation for fiscal 2026 to reflect enrollment, utilization, and rate projection assumptions for the traditional Medicaid and Affordable Care Act (ACA) Expansion populations.

General Fund Appropriation.....	<del>106,416,159</del>	<u>62,216,159</u>
Special Fund Appropriation.....	-513,006	
Federal Fund Appropriation.....	<del>675,313,430</del>	<u>568,082,603</u>

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Reimbursable Fund Appropriation..... 18,554,072

~~799,770,655~~ 648,339,828

**Explanation:** This action reduces funding from a fiscal 2026 deficiency appropriation to account for recoveries from calendar 2023 managed care organization medical loss ratio results.

**Fiscal 2026 Deficiency**

Amend the following language:

M00Q01.03 Medical Care Provider Reimbursements – Medical Care Programs Administration

To become available immediately upon passage of this budget to supplement the appropriation for fiscal 2026 to fund Service Year 2025 claims for traditional Medicaid services.

General Fund Appropriation ..... ~~62,682,133~~ 52,682,133  
Federal Fund Appropriation.....~~231,948,798~~ 171,948,798  
  
~~294,630,931~~ 224,630,931

**Explanation:** This action reduces funding from a fiscal 2026 deficiency appropriation due to lower estimated spending on prior year Medicaid expenses, based on recent actual claims paid through January 2026.

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**M00Q01.07 Maryland Children’s Health Program**

Add the following language:

Provided that all appropriations provided for program M00Q01.07 Maryland Children’s Health Program are to be used only for the purposes herein appropriated, and there shall be no budgetary transfer to any other program or purpose except that funds may be transferred to programs M00Q01.03 Medical Care Provider Reimbursements or M00Q01.10 Medicaid Behavioral Health Provider Reimbursements. Funds not expended or transferred shall be reverted or canceled.

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**Explanation:** This language restricts funding for the Maryland Children’s Health Program to that purpose only and prevents budgetary transfers to any program except M00Q01.03 Medical Care Provider Reimbursements or M00Q01.10 Medicaid Behavioral Health Provider Reimbursements.

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#### M00Q01.10 Medicaid Behavioral Health Provider Reimbursements

Add the following language to the general fund appropriation:

, provided that these funds are to be used only for the purposes herein appropriated, and there shall be no transfer to any other program or purpose except that funds may be transferred to programs M00L01.02 Community Services, M00L01.03 Community Services for Medicaid State Fund Recipients, or M00Q01.03 Medical Care Provider Reimbursements. Funds not expended or transferred shall be reverted.

**Explanation:** This language restricts the entire general fund appropriation for provider reimbursements in M00Q01.10 Medicaid Behavioral Health Provider Reimbursements to that purpose or for transfer to M00L01.02 Community Services, M00L01.03 Community Services for Medicaid State Fund Recipients, or M00Q01.03 Medical Care Provider Reimbursements.

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**Report on Reimbursable Fund Spending in Behavioral Health Medicaid:** Fiscal 2026 and 2027 are the first in recent years in which reimbursable funds have been budgeted in the Behavioral Health Medicaid program (M00Q01.10). In both years, these funds are available from the Community Services program budget for behavioral health investments. These funds support the following Medicaid-eligible services: mobile crisis; crisis stabilization; and school-based behavioral health services as well as spending for the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid re-entry waiver. While the monthly data submitted on service utilization and spending includes most of these services as of fiscal 2026, it is unclear how the department will report utilization and spending for the reentry waiver. The committees are interested in understanding how reimbursable funding in this program will be reported and tracked to facilitate analysis of utilization trends and estimations of funding needs. The Behavioral Health Administration (BHA) should submit by August 31, 2026, a report which includes:

- description of how spending on the reentry waiver is recorded and tracked;

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- anticipated spending for these four services in fiscal 2027; and
- explanation for using reimbursable funds rather than general funds for these service areas.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Report on reimbursable fund spending in behavioral health Medicaid	BHA	August 31, 2026

### **Fiscal 2026 Deficiency**

Add the following language:

Provided that all fiscal 2026 deficiency appropriations are to be used only for the purposes herein appropriated, and there shall be no transfer to any other program or purpose except that funds may be transferred to programs M00L01.02 Community Services, M00L01.03 Community Services for Medicaid State Fund Recipients, or M00Q01.03 Medical Care Provider Reimbursements. Funds not expended or transferred shall be reverted or canceled.

**Explanation:** This language restricts the entire general and federal fund deficiency appropriation for provider reimbursements in M00Q01.10 Medical Care Provider Reimbursements to that purpose or for transfer to M00L01.02 Community Services, M00L01.03 Community Services for Medicaid State Fund Recipients, or M00Q01.03 Medical Care Provider Reimbursements.

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**Health Regulatory Commissions**  
**Maryland Department of Health**

**Committee Narrative**

**M00R01.01      Maryland Health Care Commission**

**On-call Payments for Trauma Services:** The Maryland Trauma Physician Services Fund provides funding to Maryland’s designated trauma centers, including stipends to offset trauma-related on-call and standby expenses. The committees request that the Maryland Health Care Commission (MHCC), in consultation with the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems (MIEMSS) and Health Services Cost Review Commission (HSCRC), submit a report on Maryland-based Trauma Specialty Referral Centers (TSRC), as designated under Section 19-130 of the Health-General Article, compared to Maryland-based Level I, II, and III trauma centers. The report should assess the appropriate level of on-call payment to TSRCs, as compared to Level I, II, and III trauma centers in the State. The report should also include:

- the fund sources for TSRCs and Level I, II, and III trauma centers under Maryland law, noting changes in funding mechanisms and programs since fiscal 2024;
- the payor mix for trauma services provided by TSRCs and Level I, II, and III trauma centers, including the delivery of uncompensated care;
- the impact of receiving transfers and referrals in TSRCs compared to a Level I, II, or III trauma center connected to an emergency department on on-call readiness costs;
- the statutory and regulatory requirements for on-call physicians at Level I, II, III trauma centers and TSRCs; and
- for each TSRC from fiscal 2024 to 2026, the total trauma on-call hours reported and the trauma on-call hours for which the TSRC received State funding, compared to Level I, II, and III trauma centers.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Report on on-call payments for trauma centers	MHCC HSCRC MIEMSS	June 30, 2027

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#### M00R01.02 Health Services Cost Review Commission

Add the following language to the special fund appropriation:

, provided that \$250,000 of this appropriation made for the purpose of administration may not be expended until the Health Services Cost Review Commission (HSCRC), in consultation with the Maryland Department of Health (MDH), submits a report to the budget committees on efforts to stabilize the Medicare Advantage (MA) market in Maryland under the Achieving Healthcare Efficiency through Accountable Design (AHEAD) model. The report shall include:

- (1) confirmation that financial incentives for MA plans in Maryland have taken effect as of January 1, 2027;
- (2) implementation plans and reports on MA policy submitted by the multi-agency regulatory working group for the AHEAD model to the Governor;
- (3) date and status of federal approval from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for ongoing financial incentives for MA plans in Maryland;
- (4) a list of MA plans eligible for differential hospital rates and financial incentives and the estimated amounts of incentives provided to each plan;
- (5) a discussion of how financial incentives target MA plans operating in underserved communities, particularly in areas in which coverage and availability of MA plans has decreased in recent years;
- (6) the distribution of financial incentives by local jurisdictions; and
- (7) additional efforts and recommendations for HSCRC, MDH, and Maryland hospitals to incentivize and collaborate with MA plans under the AHEAD model and to encourage MA plans to continue operating in Maryland.

The report shall be submitted by January 15, 2027, 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 a report may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall be canceled if the report is not submitted to the budget committees. Funds will not be released if the report does not provide confirmation that financial incentives for MA plans have been implemented as of January 1, 2027.

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**Explanation:** HSCRC, MDH, and the multi-agency regulatory working group for AHEAD model implementation have proposed financial incentives through differential hospital rates beginning in calendar 2027 for certain MA plans in Maryland to stabilize the market under the AHEAD model. This language restricts funds pending a report on financial incentives for MA plans, including information on implementation of MA policy from the multi-agency regulatory working group, the status of federal approval, information on how the financial incentives target MA plans operating in underserved communities, distribution of incentives across MA plans and by local jurisdiction, and additional efforts or recommendations to incentivize MA plans to continue operating in Maryland.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Report on incentives for MA plans under the AHEAD model	HSCRC MDH	January 15, 2027

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**Evaluation of Primary Care Programs and Initiatives:** The Maryland Department of Health (MDH) and the Health Services Cost Review Commission (HSCRC) are implementing primary care and population health initiatives in coordination with the State’s Achieving Healthcare Efficiency through Accountable Design model. These efforts include launching the Medicaid Advanced Primary Care Program (also known as the Medicaid Path) in fiscal 2026, implementing new paths under Medicare primary care efforts, establishing the Population Health Improvement Fund, and continuing to administer the Maryland Primary Care Program (MDPCP) that was first implemented under the Total Cost of Care model. The committees request that MDH, in consultation with HSCRC, submit a report on implementation of the new initiatives, including design and initial activities of the programs, uses of any funding allocated to these initiatives, descriptions of fund sources supporting the initiatives, and estimated cost savings and provider incentives under all components of the primary care programs. The report should also include an evaluation of the effectiveness of the existing MDPCP for the entire performance period under the Total Cost of Care model. In particular, this evaluation should outline cost savings from the MDPCP reducing unnecessary utilization or hospitalization for patients participating in the MDPCP over the increased expenditures from provider incentives.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Evaluation and update on primary care programs and initiatives	MDH HSCRC	November 1, 2026

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**Temporary Staffing Contracts:** The committees request that the Health Services Cost Review Commission (HSCRC), in consultation with the Maryland Department of Labor (MD Labor), submit a report by January 1, 2027, and a follow up report by June 30, 2027, on hospital and other regulated health facility contracts with agencies that provide temporary staffing. The first report should include, for all regulated facilities in Maryland with a fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the aggregate number of contracts for temporary staffing, actual expenditures for these contracts in fiscal 2026, and a description of the position types most commonly staffed through these contracts. The follow up report should provide this aggregate information for all regulated facilities in Maryland with a fiscal year ending any date other than June 30, 2026.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Reports on temporary staffing contracts	HSCRC MD Labor	January 1, 2027 June 30, 2027

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#### **M00R01.03 Maryland Community Health Resources Commission**

Amend the following language on the special fund appropriation:

Further provided that this appropriation shall be reduced by \$1,000,000 contingent upon the enactment of legislation eliminating the funding mandate for the Maryland Community Health Resources Commission ~~and allowing the Commission to use existing fund balance for operations.~~

**Explanation:** This action makes a technical correction to contingent language on a special fund reduction to more closely align with the applicable provision in the Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act.

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**Administration**  
**Department of Human Services**

**Budget Amendment**

**N00A01.01            Office of the Secretary**

Add the following language:

Provided that \$991,414 in general funds, made for the purpose of the Constituent Services Call Center is reduced. The Department of Human Services is authorized to allocate this reduction across programs.

**Explanation:** This action reduces the fiscal 2027 appropriation for the Constituent Services Call Center by \$991,414 to more closely align with anticipated expenditures provided by the Department of Human Services.

Add the following language to the general fund appropriation:

, provided that \$750,000 of this appropriation made for the purpose of general administration in the Office of the Secretary may not be expended until the Department of Human Services (DHS) submits a report detailing for the fiscal 2026 working appropriation as reflected during the 2026 legislative session and fiscal 2026 actual expenditures:

- (1) Assistance Payments program spending by public benefit program separately by program and fund source;
- (2) Foster Care Maintenance Payments program spending by placement type including average monthly cases, average monthly placement costs, and expenditures, along with detail on flexible fund spending by type of spending with detail for the program by fund source;
- (3) Temporary Assistance for Needy Families revenues, expenditures by program, and ending balance; and
- (4) special and federal fund sources of expenditures by program.

The actual spending detail shall reconcile to information reported to the Comptroller of Maryland or include an explanation of why the information does not reconcile. The report shall also provide explanations of General Fund reversions and special, federal, and reimbursable fund cancellations by program. In addition to the report submission, data shall be provided in an electronic format subject to the concurrence of the Department of Legislative Services. The report shall be

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submitted by September 30, 2026, 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 a 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.

**Explanation:** The fiscal 2024 and 2025 closeout processes of DHS included a number of errors including reporting expenditures to the Comptroller of Maryland that did not reflect actual expenditures for certain programs in total or by fund and, for fiscal 2024, reverting general funds in error and overspending certain appropriations without reporting these expenditures. Despite a similar request for fiscal 2025 closeout data, DHS’ original report submission contained incomplete, incorrect, and inconsistent information, and not all data requested in the report was submitted as of January 31, 2026. This language restricts funds in the DHS Office of the Secretary pending the submission of a report with fiscal 2026 closeout information that reconciles to information provided to the Comptroller of Maryland and provides explanations of reverted and canceled funds.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Fiscal 2026 closeout information	DHS	September 30, 2026

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**Social Services Administration**  
**Department of Human Services**

**Budget Amendment**

**N00B00.04            General Administration – State**

Add the following language to the general fund appropriation:

, provided that \$500,000 of this appropriation made for the purpose of administrative expenses may not be expended until the Department of Human Services (DHS) submits a report to the budget committees that provides data on children and youth in out-of-home placements experiencing stays in hospitals, hotels, and other unlicensed settings for each month of the period October 2025 through September 2026. The report should include:

- (1) the number of youth in out-of-home placement served in emergency rooms for psychiatric evaluation or crisis and the average length of stay (ALOS) by month;
- (2) the number of youth in out-of-home placement served separately by medical hospitals and inpatient psychiatric hospitals and ALOS by month;
- (3) the number of days that youth in out-of-home placements served in hospitals were in the hospital longer than was deemed medically necessary by either the hospital or a judicial finding separately by type of hospital; and
- (4) the placement type after discharge separately by type of hospital, including identifying the number of youths placed out-of-state after discharge for fiscal 2026.

In addition, the report shall include, for each month of the period October 2025 through September 2026:

- (1) the number of unique and total youth in out-of-home placements placed in hotels, by jurisdiction;
- (2) the ALOS for youth in out-of-home placements placed in hotels; and
- (3) summary information on youth placed in hotels by age category.

The report shall also include for each month of the period October 2025 through September 2026:

- (1) the number of unique and total youth in out-of-home placements placed in other unlicensed settings, other than kinship care, placements supported by Semi-independent

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Living Arrangement subsidy payments, college, or reported as placements in hotels or hospitals;

- (2) the ALOS for youth in out-of-home placements placed in unlicensed settings; and
- (3) summary information on youth placed in unlicensed settings by age category.

The report shall be submitted by November 1, 2026, 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 a 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.

**Explanation:** The General Assembly continues to be interested in monitoring data about children and youth experiencing stays in hospitals, hotels, and other unlicensed settings. This language withholds funding until a report with data related to stays in hospitals, hotels, and other unlicensed settings, which contains current data as of September 1, 2026.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Report on stays in hospitals, hotels, DHS and other unlicensed settings		November 15, 2026

Add the following language to the general fund appropriation:

Further provided that \$250,000 of this appropriation made for the purpose of administrative expenses may not be expended until the Department of Human Services (DHS) submits a report to the budget committees on the number of child welfare services cases and positions required based on the caseload to meet the Child Welfare League of America (CWLA) caseload standards, by jurisdiction, for the following caseload types, as of September 1, 2026:

- (1) intake screening;
- (2) child protective investigation;
- (3) consolidated in-home services;
- (4) interagency family preservation services;
- (5) services to families with children – intake;

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- (6) foster care;
- (7) kinship care;
- (8) family foster care;
- (9) family foster homes – recruitment and new applications;
- (10) family foster homes – ongoing and licensing;
- (11) adoption;
- (12) interstate compact for the placement of children; and
- (13) caseworker supervision.

The report shall also include a discussion of specific actions taken by the department and local departments of social services to reallocate positions, including the number of positions reallocated by type (caseworker or supervisor) between jurisdictions and identifying the jurisdictions that these positions were transferred from and to, in order to ensure that all jurisdictions can meet the standards for both caseworkers and supervisors.

The report shall also include an update on the status of work done by CWLA to develop new workload standards for child welfare staffing, the completion by DHS of its child welfare workforce analysis, and broader efforts by DHS to improve recruitment and retention of caseworkers.

The report shall be submitted by November 1, 2026, and the budget committees shall have 45 days to review and comment. Funds restricted pending the receipt of a 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.

**Explanation:** The General Assembly believes that maintaining an adequate child welfare workforce is essential to improving outcomes for children entering State care. In order to maintain oversight over this issue, this language withholds funding until a report with data related to the CWLA caseload standards is submitted, which contains current data as of September 1, 2026.

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Report on caseload data and filled positions assigned by jurisdiction for specified caseload types	DHS	November 1, 2026

Add the following language to the general fund appropriation:

Further provided that since the Department of Human Services (DHS) Social Services Administration has had four or more repeat audit findings in the most recent fiscal compliance audit issued by the Office of Legislative Audits (OLA), \$100,000 of this agency's administrative appropriation may not be expended unless:

- (1) DHS has taken corrective action with respect to all repeat audit findings on or before November 1, 2026; and
- (2) a report is submitted to the budget committees by OLA listing each audit finding along with a determination that each 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 2027.

**Explanation:** The Joint Audit and Evaluation Committee 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.

Information Request	Author	Due Date
Status of corrective actions related to the most recent fiscal compliance audit	OLA	45 days before the release of funds

Add the following language to the general fund appropriation:

Further provided that \$250,000 of this appropriation made for the purpose of administrative expenses may not be expended until the Department of Human Services (DHS) submits a letter

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confirming that it has added Child Welfare Services data to its website each month through December 31, 2026. The data shall include, by jurisdiction:

- (1) number of child maltreatment reports for children and youth in out-of-home placements and type of response exercised (investigative and alternative);
- (2) findings for completed investigations;
- (3) indicated and unsubstantiated findings for completed investigations;
- (4) findings for completed investigations: physical abuse; sexual abuse; neglect; and mental injury (abuse and neglect);
- (5) unsubstantiated findings for completed investigation: physical abuse; sexual abuse; neglect; and mental injury (abuse and neglect);
- (6) in-home family preservation services provided by DHS: new and closed cases;
- (7) children in out-of-home placements through DHS;
- (8) out-of-home placements of children in family homes: formal kinship care; restricted foster care; regular foster care; treatment foster care – private; treatment foster care – public; and adoptive homes;
- (9) out-of-home placements of children in residential treatment centers, independent living, other placements, and trial homes;
- (10) out-of-home placement exits: reunification; adoption; guardianship; aged out; and other;
- (11) family foster homes: new homes and closed homes; and
- (12) formal Kinship Providers.

The data shall be added to the website by December 31, 2026. By January 15, 2027, DHS shall submit a letter confirming that the data for the period from January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2026, has been added to the website. Funds shall be available to be released pending receipt of the letter confirming the submission of data. The budget committees shall have 45 days from the date of the receipt of the letter to review and comment. Funds restricted pending the submission of a letter may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund if the letter is not submitted to the budget committees.

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**Explanation:** The General Assembly is interested in monitoring the Child Welfare Services data. Through calendar 2023, DHS uploaded monthly data on its website providing information by jurisdiction on reports of maltreatment, along with other data related to investigation outcomes and placements. DHS has not posted new data for the period beginning with calendar 2024. Although DHS has since developed a data dashboard, the dashboard does not provide the same level of information. This language withholds funding until a letter is submitted confirming the addition of the data to the DHS website.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Letter confirming the posting of monthly Child Welfare Services data	DHS	January 15, 2027

Add the following language to the general fund appropriation:

Further provided that \$100,000 of this appropriation made for the purpose of administrative expenses may not be expended until the Department of Human Services (DHS) submits information on the costs associated with children and youths in out-of-home placements placed in hotels. DHS shall provide, by subprogram detail, payments and anticipated payments for youth in out-of-home placements placed in hotels paid through the Foster Care Maintenance Payments program for fiscal 2025 and 2026 actual, fiscal 2027 working, and fiscal 2028 allowance. Costs reported shall include both costs paid for the hotel and any other costs associated with the stay including one-on-one service provision. Data for the fiscal 2025 and 2026 actual expenditures shall be submitted by September 30, 2026, and fiscal 2027 and 2028 estimated costs shall be submitted with the fiscal 2028 budget. The budget committees shall have 45 days from the date of the receipt of the last report to review and comment. Funds restricted pending the receipt of the reports may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund if the reports are not submitted.

**Explanation:** The General Assembly is interested in monitoring costs associated with placing children and youth experiencing stays in hotels. DHS did not provide costs associated with placing children and youth in hotels, as requested by a committee narrative in 2025 Joint Chairmen’s Report. This language withholds funding until costs associated with hotel stays are submitted for fiscal 2025 and 2026 actual, fiscal 2027 working, and fiscal 2028 allowance.

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<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Costs associated with children and youths in out-of-home placements placed in hotels	DHS	September 30, 2026 With submission of the fiscal 2028 allowance

### **Committee Narrative**

**Implementation of Provisions of the Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA):** The committees are interested in continuing to receive updates on the implementation of evidence-based prevention practices and other services under provisions of the federal FFPSA and the outcomes of those programs and services for families and children served. The committees request that the Department of Human Services (DHS) submit a report including:

- a list of all evidence-based practices being implemented through fiscal 2026, including data on jurisdiction and the number of families and children served during the fiscal year;
- any new evidence-based practices being implemented during fiscal 2027;
- the status of the updated five-year Title IV-E prevention services plan;
- data on the effectiveness of implemented evidence-based practices at preventing occurrences of subsequent maltreatment and out-of-home placements from occurring as well as an evaluation of any other outcomes related to parent and child well-being;
- the current number of providers in the State that have received designation as a Qualified Residential Treatment Program (QRTP) to allow for federal reimbursement under the FFPSA, including if any additional providers received this designation during fiscal 2025 and if future solicitations of applications for QRTP designation are planned; and
- the status of the approval of the State’s revised cost allocation plan, including a discussion of the current ability of DHS to seek federal reimbursement for evidence-based prevention practices.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Update on the implementation of provisions of the federal FFPSA	DHS	November 1, 2026

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**Child Fatalities Where Abuse or Neglect Are Determined to Be a Contributing Factor:** The committees are interested in receiving updates on the number of child fatalities that involved child abuse and/or neglect. The committees request that the Department of Human Services (DHS) submit a report that provides data for calendar 2025 and 2026 separately by jurisdiction. In addition, the data should be provided by age category.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Report on child fatalities	DHS	January 11, 2027

**N00F**  
**Office of Technology**  
**Department of Human Services**

**Budget Amendment**

**N00F00.05 Maryland (MD) Benefits – Office of Technology for Human Services**

Amend appropriation for the purposes indicated:	<b><u>Funds</u></b>	<b><u>Positions</u></b>
1. Reduce the fiscal 2027 appropriation for the Child, Juvenile, and Adult Management System and Child Support Management System applications by \$2,867,951 to more closely align with anticipated ongoing operating and maintenance costs provided by the Department of Human Services.	-2,144,954 -722,997	GF FF
Total Change	-2,867,951	0.00

<b><u>Effect</u></b>	<b><u>Allowance</u></b>	<b><u>Appropriation</u></b>	<b><u>Amount Change</u></b>	<b><u>Position Change</u></b>
Position	2.00	2.00		0.00
General Funds		21,950,763	-2,144,954	
Federal Funds		5,910,160	-722,997	

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**Local Department Operations**  
**Department of Human Services**

**Budget Amendment**

**N00G00.01 Foster Care Maintenance Payments**

Add the following language to the general fund appropriation:

Further provided that these funds are to be used only for the purposes herein appropriated, and there shall be no budgetary transfer to any other program or purpose. Funds not expended shall revert to the General Fund.

**Explanation:** This annual language restricts general funds appropriated for foster care maintenance payments to that use only. This restriction prevents a transfer of general funds to other programs that might create or increase a deficit in spending in the Foster Care Maintenance Payments program (N00G00.01).

**Fiscal 2026 Deficiency**

Add the following language to the general fund appropriation:

, provided that these funds are to be used only for the purposes herein appropriated, and there shall be no budgetary transfer to any other program or purpose. Funds not expended or transferred shall revert to the General Fund.

**Explanation:** This language restricts general funds appropriated for foster care maintenance payments provided through a deficiency appropriation to that use only consistent with language annually added to the appropriations for the program. This restriction prevents a transfer of general funds to other programs that might create or increase a deficit in spending in the Foster Care Maintenance Payments program (N00G00.01).

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**N00G00.02            Local Family Investment Program**

Amend appropriation for the purposes indicated:

	<u><b>Funds</b></u>	<u><b>Positions</b></u>
<p>1. Reduce the federal fund appropriation in the Family Investment Administration to reflect the decrease in the federal share of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) administrative match beginning October 1, 2026. The fiscal 2027 budget includes \$43.12 million of general funds in the Local Family Investment Program to reflect the increase in the State share of the SNAP administrative match from 50% to 75%. However, the fiscal 2027 budget does not reflect the equivalent reduction in federal fund appropriation. This action reduces the equivalent amount of federal fund appropriation. The department is authorized to allocate the reduction among programs to reflect the areas of reduced federal fund availability.</p>	-43,120,000	FF
Total Change	-43,120,000	0.00

<u><b>Effect</b></u>	<u><b>Allowance</b></u>	<u><b>Appropriation</b></u>	<u><b>Amount Change</b></u>	<u><b>Position Change</b></u>
Position	1,660.50	1,660.50		0.00
Federal Funds	120,346,657	77,226,657	-43,120,000	

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#### N00G00.03 Child Welfare Services

Add the following language to the general fund appropriation:

, provided that these funds are to be used only for the purposes herein appropriated, and there shall be no budgetary transfer to any other program or purpose except that funds may be transferred to program N00G00.01 Foster Care Maintenance Payments. Funds not expended or transferred shall revert to the General Fund.

**Explanation:** This annual language restricts general funds appropriated for the Child Welfare Services program to that use only or for transfer to N00G00.01 Foster Care Maintenance Payments.

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#### N00G00.06 Child Support Administration

**Child Support Performance Reports:** The federal government evaluates states' performance against five measures to determine federal incentive payments: paternity establishment; support order establishment; collections on current support; cases paying toward arrears; and cost effectiveness. Recent data from the Department of Human Services (DHS) Child Support Administration (CSA) shows that the agency is stagnating in each of the five areas. Considering CSA's transition of its primary data system, the Child Support Management System (CSMS), to make its agency's processes and tasks more efficient, the committees are interested in understanding how this system is helping CSA achieve its performance goals.

The committees request that DHS submit three reports on performance using data as of June 30, 2026; September 30, 2026; and December 31, 2026. Each report should include the following:

- a discussion of factors affecting performance in the quarter;
- the State's aggregate performance set against the five performance measures used to determine federal incentive payments;

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- each jurisdiction’s performance set against the five performance measures used to determine federal incentive payments;
- the number of cases in each jurisdiction in the quarter; and
- specific tasks related to each of the five performance measures that are streamlined, made more efficient, or made more complicated by the CSMS.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Child support performance reports	DHS	September 15, 2026 December 15, 2026 February 28, 2027

**Reconciliation of the Child Support Reinvestment Fund:** The Department of Human Services (DHS) annually receives federal funding related to child support performance in certain measures. These funds are received into the Child Support Reinvestment Fund and used to support child support service activities. Over the last several years, reported Child Support Reinvestment Fund revenue has differed significantly by source, leading to differing accounts of both revenue and balances in the account. The committees request that DHS submit a report reconciling Child Support Reinvestment Fund revenue and expenditures by year from fiscal 2019 through 2026. This report should include opening and closing fund balances for each year.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Report reconciling the Child Support Reinvestment Fund	DHS	November 30, 2026

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### N00G00.08 Assistance Payments

Add the following language:

Provided that all appropriations provided for program N00G00.08 Assistance Payments are to be used only for the purposes herein appropriated, and there shall be no budgetary transfer to any other program or purpose. Funds not expended shall be reverted or canceled.

**Explanation:** This language restricts funding for the Assistance Payments program, which supports public benefit programs administered by the Department of Human Services (DHS), to that purpose only and prevents budgetary transfers to any other programs. This language is consistent with actions on other entitlement programs and is the same language as was applied for fiscal 2026. In fiscal 2024 and 2025, DHS made errors at closeout in the Assistance Payments program, including in fiscal 2024 transferring special fund appropriation from the Assistance Payments program, which was needed to cover costs in the Assistance Payments program.

Amend appropriation for the purposes indicated:

	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Positions</u>
1. Reduce the appropriation for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits to better align with benefit levels. The fiscal 2027 allowance provides \$1.66 billion in federal funds for SNAP benefits, which is approximately \$172 million more than was spent in fiscal 2025, despite caseload declines since fiscal 2025. This action reduces the appropriation for SNAP, while leaving an appropriation that is more than \$200 million higher than forecasted levels in the event that caseload and benefit reductions are lower than anticipated.	-200,000,000	FF
Total Change	-200,000,000	0.00

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<u>Effect</u>	<u>Allowance</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Amount Change</u>	<u>Position Change</u>
Federal Funds	1,844,730,837	1,644,730,837	-200,000,000	

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**Family Investment Administration**  
**Department of Human Services**

**Budget Amendment**

**N00I00.04            Director's Office**

Add the following language to the general fund appropriation:

, provided that \$250,000 of this appropriation made for the purpose of administrative expenses may not be expended until the Department of Human Services submits quarterly reports to the budget committees on application processing times, application denial rates, and case closures for benefit programs. In particular, the report shall include:

- (1) the number of applications processed by benefit type for Temporary Cash Assistance (TCA), Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Disability Assistance Program (TDAP), and Public Assistance to Adults (PAA) separately by month;
- (2) the average number of days to process applications by benefit type for TCA, SNAP, TDAP, and PAA separately by month;
- (3) the percentage of applications processed in 0 to 30 days, 31 to 45 days, and longer than 45 days by benefit type for TCA, SNAP, TDAP, and PAA separately by month of application;
- (4) the number and percentage of applications denied by benefit type for TCA, SNAP, TDAP, and PAA separately by month;
- (5) the number and percentage of applications denied by reason for denial and by benefit type for TCA, SNAP, TDAP, and PAA separately by month;
- (6) the number of case closures by benefit type for TCA, SNAP, TDAP, and PAA separately by month; and
- (7) the number of case closures separately by reason for case closure by benefit type for TCA, SNAP, TDAP, and PAA separately by month.

The first quarterly report shall include data for February through April 2026, and each subsequent report shall provide data for the appropriate quarter. The first report shall be submitted by August 1, 2026, the second report shall be submitted by November 1, 2026, the third report shall be submitted by February 1, 2027, the fourth report shall be submitted by May 1, 2027, and the budget committees shall have 45 days from the date of the receipt of the fourth report to review

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and comment. Funds restricted pending the receipt of a 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:** The General Assembly remains interested in tracking the timeliness of application processing as well as the reason for denials and case closures. This language restricts funds pending submission of four quarterly reports on application processing times; application denial rates; reasons for application denials; and case closures for TCA, SNAP, TDAP, and PAA. Similar reports have been requested since fiscal 2022.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Application processing times, denial rates, and case closures	Department of Human Services	August 1, 2026
		November 1, 2026
		February 1, 2027
		May 1, 2027

Add the following language to the general fund appropriation:

Further provided that \$100,000 of this appropriation made for the purpose of administrative expenses may not be expended until the Department of Human Services submits a report to the budget committees including the calculation of the Maryland Minimum Living Level annual inflationary adjustment including details of the calculation, and the resulting Temporary Cash Assistance benefit levels separately by size of the assistance unit. The report shall also include the date for which the resulting benefit changes will become effective, and if applicable, an explanation for the reason for an effective date beyond October 1, 2026. The report shall be submitted by October 1, 2026, 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 a 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.

**Explanation:** Annually, the Department of Human Services (DHS) calculates the Maryland Minimum Living Level (MMLL) to ensure that the Temporary Cash Assistance (TCA) benefit levels comply with statutory requirements that the TCA plus the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefit level equals 61.25% of the MMLL. This calculation has historically been completed to allow the benefit change to become effective October 1 for each, the date for which SNAP benefit changes are effective. In calendar 2024, DHS was delayed in providing information on the calculation and, for each of calendar 2024 and 2025, DHS did not implement the benefit increases until January 1, of the following year. This language requires DHS to submit the calculation and resulting benefit increases by October 1, 2026, the date for

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which benefit increases are effective, and an explanation of the reason for an effective date after October 1, 2026.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
MMLL calculation and resulting TCA DHS benefit changes	DHS	October 1, 2026

Add the following language to the general fund appropriation:

Further provided that \$250,000 of this appropriation made for the purpose of administrative expenses may not be expended until the Department of Human Services (DHS) submits a report providing information including details on prior and current penalties related to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) payment error rates and strategies undertaken by DHS to reduce the SNAP payment error rates. The report shall include:

- (1) the outcome of the appeal for the federal fiscal 2023 and 2024 penalties or, if still in process, the status of the appeal;
- (2) if a penalty was issued to Maryland based on the federal fiscal 2025 rate and amount if applicable; and
- (3) a detailed plan outlining strategies that the department is undertaking or plans to undertake to reduce the payment error rate below 10%, including a timeline for beginning and each key milestone for these strategies.

The report shall be submitted by September 1, 2026, 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 a 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:** Maryland's SNAP payment error rate has exceeded 10% in each federal fiscal 2022 through 2024. Beginning with federal fiscal 2028, States with payment error rates exceeding 6% will be required to pay a share of SNAP costs. At Maryland's most recent error rate, the State could qualify for a delay in this cost share, but if required to pay, it will likely be at the maximum level of 15%. In addition, Maryland was assessed penalties for the payment error rate by the U.S. Department of Agriculture for federal fiscal 2023 and 2024. These penalties were under appeal in fiscal 2026. This action restricts funds pending submission of a report on

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strategies to reduce the payment error rate for SNAP, including the timeline for each action, and the status of current appeals or penalties related to the error rate.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
SNAP payment error rate reduction strategies	DHS	September 1, 2026

Amend appropriation for the purposes indicated:

	<u><b>Funds</b></u>	<u><b>Positions</b></u>
1. Delete funds for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Nutrition Education Program. This program was repealed effective the end of federal fiscal 2025 as part of the One Big Beautiful Bill Act. States were able to continue to spend funds in federal fiscal 2026 if the state had unused appropriation from federal fiscal 2025. However, the fiscal 2027 budget does not account for the repeal of the program by appropriating funds at the same level as the fiscal 2026 budget as enacted, prior to the repeal of the program.	-377,639 -8,893,211	GF FF
<b>Total Change</b>	<b>-9,270,850</b>	<b>0.00</b>

	<u><b>Effect</b></u>	<u><b>Allowance</b></u>	<u><b>Appropriation</b></u>	<u><b>Amount Change</b></u>	<u><b>Position Change</b></u>
Position		182.00	182.00		0.00
General Funds		23,924,352	23,546,713	-377,639	
Federal Funds		64,855,498	55,962,287	-8,893,211	

**Committee Narrative**

**SUN Bucks Participation and Administration:** The fiscal 2027 budget includes funding to support the third year of participation in the SUN Bucks program. The committees are interested

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in continuing to monitor the operation of the program. The committees request that the Department of Human Services (DHS) submit a report that:

- details administrative cost by object and purpose separately by budgetary program for fiscal 2026 and 2027;
- the number of regular positions and contractual full-time equivalents (FTE) supporting the program (including total and filled) and how these positions and contractual FTEs are allocated by budgetary program and jurisdiction (if allocated within specific jurisdiction position complements) in fiscal 2026 and 2027;
- the number of children receiving benefits by jurisdiction and month of issuance, the total number of unique recipients, and the dollar amount of benefits provided by jurisdiction and month of issuance for the summer 2026 program;
- the number of children receiving benefits that were directly certified and the number of children receiving benefits for which a separate application was submitted for the summer 2026 program;
- a description of outreach to households with children attending Community Eligibility Provision schools to inform the households about the availability of the program and application requirements; and
- an update on the status of the summer 2027 program including the timing of submission of the Notice of Intent to participate and Final Plan of Operations.

It is the intent of the committees that DHS begin reporting expenditures within the object and comptroller subobject related to that spending and in the budgetary program for which the expenditures occur beginning with the fiscal 2028 budget submission.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
SUN Bucks participation and administration	DHS	December 15, 2026

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**Budget Amendment**

**N00I00.06 Office of Home Energy Programs**

Amend appropriation for the purposes indicated:	<b><u>Funds</u></b>	<b><u>Positions</u></b>
1. Reduce general funds for personnel expenses. The Office of Home Energy Programs administrative costs are supported with special and federal funds.	-46,229	GF
 Total Change	 -46,229	 0.00

<b><u>Effect</u></b>	<b><u>Allowance</u></b>	<b><u>Appropriation</u></b>	<b><u>Amount Change</u></b>	<b><u>Position Change</u></b>
Position	11.00	11.00		0.00
General Funds	46,229	0	-46,229	

Add the following language to the special fund appropriation:

, provided that \$250,000 of this appropriation made for the purposes of administrative expenses may not be expended until the Department of Human Services submits a report with data on energy assistance application processing times by local administering agencies (LAA) and overall program denial rates. The report shall include:

- (1) the number of applications received;
- (2) the average number of days to process an application; and
- (3) the number and percentage of applications processed within 30 days, 55 days, and longer than 60 days.

The report shall discuss the primary reasons for any substantial changes in processing times that have occurred for individual LAAs between fiscal 2026 and 2027 year-to-date data. The report shall also provide application denial rates separately by benefit type as well as the share of application denials by reasons separately by benefit type. Data shall also include the number of applications initially denied due to incomplete information that were subsequently cured due to applicants providing missing information within the additional three months, as allowed under

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Chapters 638 and 639 of 2021. Fiscal 2026 end-of-year actual data for denial rates shall be included in the report as well as fiscal 2027 data current through November 1, 2026. The report shall be submitted by December 31, 2026, and the budget committees shall have 45 days to review and comment from the date of receipt of the report. Funds restricted pending the receipt of a report may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall be canceled if the report is not submitted.

**Explanation:** The General Assembly continues to be interested in monitoring the application processing times and denial rates for energy assistance. This language withholds funding until a report is submitted providing fiscal 2026 and 2027 year-to-date application processing times and denial rates.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Application processing times and denial rates	Department of Human Services	December 31, 2026

### **Committee Narrative**

**Energy Assistance Participation Rates:** The committees are interested in receiving data on energy assistance participation rates for vulnerable populations as well as general participation rate measures for fiscal 2026. General participation rate measures should be reported separately by program. The data should be submitted with the Managing for Results (MFR) submission during the fiscal 2028 budget process.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
MFR data for fiscal 2026	Department of Human Services	With the fiscal 2028 submission of MFR data

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**Division of Workforce Development and Adult Learning**  
**Maryland Department of Labor**

**Budget Amendment**

**P00G01.07            Workforce Development**

Amend appropriation for the purposes indicated:	<b><u>Funds</u></b>	<b><u>Positions</u></b>
1. Reduce funding for the Dwyer Workforce Development grant to the fiscal 2026 level.	-250,000	GF
Total Change	-250,000	0.00

<b><u>Effect</u></b>	<b><u>Allowance</u></b>	<b><u>Appropriation</u></b>	<b><u>Amount Change</u></b>	<b><u>Position Change</u></b>
Position	273.00	273.00		0.00
General Funds	26,570,222	26,320,222	-250,000	

**Committee Narrative**

**Sphere Workforce Needs Assessment:** The budget committees request that the Maryland Department of Labor (MD Labor), in collaboration with Prince George’s County Public Schools (PGCPS), Prince George’s County Community College (PGCC), Bowie State University, and the Prince George’s County Workforce Development Board, submit a report on how the State can best support development of the Sphere entertainment venue planned for Prince George’s County. The report should include:

- the types of jobs that will be needed both in the construction and operation of the Sphere;
- any gaps that exist in existing apprenticeship, certification, and degree programs;
- opportunities for collaboration between MD Labor and Prince George’s County’s education institutions to support the workforce needs of the Sphere; and
- a plan to create appropriate programs to meet the workforce needs of the Sphere.

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<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Report on Sphere workforce needs	MD Labor PGCPS PGCC Bowie State University Prince George's County Workforce Development Board	December 15, 2026

**Q00A**  
**Administration and Offices**  
**Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services**

**Budget Amendment**

**Q00A01.01      General Administration**

Add the following language to the general fund appropriation:

, provided that \$200,000 of this appropriation made for the purpose of Administrative Services may not be expended until the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services submits the second of four quarterly hiring and attrition reports to the budget committees. The reports shall include a breakdown of all hires and separations for each of the three months in question by category of employee (correctional officer, community supervision agent, or administrative employee) and by reason for separation. The report shall also include narrative summarizing all hiring events and changes to the hiring process that occurred during the quarter; the quantity, type, and cost of bonuses disbursed; as well as overall applications received, tested, and interviewed. The first report shall be submitted to the budget committees no later than October 1, 2026, the second report shall be submitted to the budget committees no later than January 1, 2027, the third report shall be submitted to the budget committees no later than April 1, 2027, and the fourth report shall be submitted to the budget committees no later than July 1, 2027. The budget committees shall have 45 days from the date of the receipt of the second quarterly report to review and comment. Funds restricted pending the receipt of a 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:** The number of filled correctional officer positions within the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services (DPSCS) has decreased over the past year, declining by 17 positions from October 2024 to October 2025. This language restricts funding for administration pending the submission of the second of four quarterly reports on hiring and attrition within DPSCS.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Quarterly hiring and attrition reports	DPSCS	October 1, 2026 January 1, 2027 April 1, 2027 July 1, 2027

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Add the following language to the general fund appropriation:

Further provided that \$250,000 of this appropriation made for the purpose of general administration may not be expended until the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services submits a report to the budget committees describing its oversight efforts of the inmate medical and mental health care contract. The report shall include the following:

- (1) a timeline and strategy to achieve and maintain contract staffing levels and ensure that hourly rates paid to the contract's health care professionals are competitive with similar positions across the State;
- (2) reported staffing rates from July 2025 to June 2026;
- (3) an update on whether the department has audited staffing rates and the results of those audits;
- (4) reported pay rates of medical professionals by position type and a comparison to the U.S. Department of Labor index;
- (5) a description of the procedures to guarantee contractors complete medical and mental health examinations within the required timeframes as well as investigate and resolve inmate complaints in a timely manner;
- (6) results of audits regarding whether the contractor adequately responded to medical grievances and complaints made by incarcerated individuals; and
- (7) determinations and outcomes regarding liquidated damages, including the amount charged and collected as of the submission of the report.

The report shall be submitted to the budget committees no later than October 15, 2026. 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 a 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:** A November 2024 fiscal compliance audit issued by the Office of Legislative Audits contained nine findings related to the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services (DPSCS) medical and mental health contracts and procurements from April 2018 to December 2023. This language restricts funding pending a report discussing oversight of the medical and mental health care contract with Centurion of Maryland, including discussions of staffing rates, pay rates, and medical grievances.

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Report on health care contract oversight	DPSCS	October 15, 2026

Add the following language to the general fund appropriation:

Further provided that \$250,000 of this appropriation made for the purpose of general administration may not be expended until the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services submits a report to the budget committees describing the agency's procurement strategy for completing the Computerized Criminal History (CCH) and Electronic Patient Health Record (EPHR) projects. In addition to providing a strategy to complete the projects, the CCH portion of the plan shall include a project status update, year to date spending in fiscal 2027, an update on the procurement and implementation timeline, and an explanation of the delayed estimated end date. The EPHR portion of the plan shall include a project status update, including an update on compliance with the Duvall v. Moore consent decree, in regard to the legacy and future systems, and an update on the status of onboarding a vendor.

The report shall be submitted to the budget committees no later than November 15, 2026. 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 a 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:** The CCH major information technology project has experienced multiple delays, largely due to multiple cancellations and reissuances of the request for proposals. The estimated completion date for this project has been pushed back from the initial estimate of fiscal 2022 to 2033. Similarly, EPHR is behind schedule and is estimated to be completed in calendar 2031, five years after the expiration of the Duvall v. Moore decree in June 2026, opening the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services (DPSCS) up to litigation. This language restricts funding pending a report including status updates and plans to complete both projects.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Major information technology projects report	DPSCS	November 15, 2026

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### Committee Narrative

**Report on Three-year Recidivism:** The committees are interested in a more detailed examination of three-year recidivism rates among released offenders. The committees request that the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services (DPSCS) submit a report by October 15, 2026, on the impact of incarceration on the future outcomes of returning offenders. The report should include three-year recidivism numbers for the fiscal 2017 through 2023 release cohorts and an analysis of recent recidivism trends, including a comparison to past years and other states.

Information Request	Author	Due Date
Report on three-year recidivism	DPSCS	October 15, 2026

**Justice Reinvestment Act (JRA) Report:** The committees request that the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services (DPSCS) submit a report by December 1, 2026, on the following items:

- annual updates on the number of offenders petitioning and approved for the JRA provisions, including but not limited to administrative release, medical/geriatric parole, certificates of rehabilitation, and graduated sanctions;
- the number of offenders affected by the JRA diminution and earned compliance credit rules; and
- annual JRA cost savings updates along with any efforts/initiatives to increase savings.

Information Request	Author	Due Date
JRA Report	DPSCS	December 1, 2026

**Use of Deficiency Appropriations:** The fiscal 2027 budget includes proposed deficiencies for the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services (DPSCS) that increase the department's fiscal 2026 appropriation by a total of \$87.3 million, including \$25.9 million to cover fiscal 2025 shortfalls in inmate health costs. The fiscal 2026 budget increased the DPSCS fiscal 2025 appropriation by \$203.4 million, including \$48.4 million to cover fiscal 2024 shortfalls in operating costs. The committees request that DPSCS submit a report by September 15, 2026, on its use of deficiency appropriations. The report should include:

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- an explanation for the use of each deficiency appropriation from fiscal 2024 to 2026;
- strategies taken by DPSCS to improve forecasting to reduce the need for deficiency appropriations;
- an assessment of whether deficiencies represent ongoing structural funding gaps in the DPSCS operating budget; and
- fiscal 2027 year-to-date spending compared to projected spending for programs and expenses that commonly require deficiency appropriations, including overtime and other personnel costs, facility operational costs, legal settlements, healthcare costs, and new or expanded contractual obligations.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Report on deficiency appropriations	DPSCS	September 15, 2026

**Federal Personal Information Requests Report:** The committees request that the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services (DPSCS) submit a report on requests from federal agencies seeking access to personal information, a photograph of an individual, or a facial recognition search. DPSCS should report information contained in this request regardless of whether the request was initiated through a State or local law enforcement agency. DPSCS should report the following information for each federal agency that has submitted requests and for each calendar 2024, 2025, and 2026 (through June 30, 2026):

- the number of requests received from each federal agency for personal information, a photograph of an individual, or a facial recognition search, including requests that reach DPSCS via a message-switching system or automated mechanism;
- the number of requests received from each federal agency for personal information, a photograph of an individual, or a facial recognition search for which a valid warrant issued by a federal court or a court of this State was provided;
- the number and purpose of facial recognition searches completed for each federal agency based on personal information or a photograph of an individual provided to the federal agency by DPSCS;

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- the number of individuals whose personal information or photograph was provided to each federal agency by DPSCS, including via a message-switching system or automated mechanism; and
- the number of requests denied.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Report on federal requests for personal information	DPSCS	January 15, 2027

### **Budget Amendment**

#### **Q00A01.10          Administrative Services**

Add the following language to the general fund appropriation:

, provided that \$250,000 of this appropriation made for the purpose of overtime earnings may not be expended until the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services submits a report on a plan to reduce its reliance on the use of overtime. The report scope shall include the entire department. The report shall first include a detailed strategic plan to minimize the need for overtime and eliminate mandatory overtime. The plan shall identify the amount of mandatory overtime use by reason and the number of staff that would need to be hired to satisfy the overtime needs in each category. The plan shall discuss the findings of the 2025 biennial staffing and security report and the ways the department is incorporating the findings of the report into its plan to minimize the use of overtime. The plan shall identify how the department prioritizes overtime for qualified officers with low pay rates to minimize unnecessary expenses. In addition to the strategic plan, the report shall also include:

- (1) a breakdown of total correctional officer (CO) overtime hours worked and expenses paid per facility per pay period from October 1, 2025, to September 30, 2026, including the number of individuals affected and the median number of hours worked per individual; and
- (2) a breakdown of mandatory CO overtime hours worked and expenses paid per facility per pay period from October 1, 2025, to September 30, 2026, including the number of individuals affected and the median number of hours worked per individual.

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The report shall be submitted by November 1, 2026, 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 a 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:** Excessive overtime has become a drain on human resources in the department and led to a riskier work environment for State employees, offenders, and volunteers. Overtime has climbed quickly as the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services (DPSCS) struggles to fill CO positions. Overworked COs are less equipped to address safety issues, and assaults have increased alongside overtime in correctional and detention facilities. This language restricts overtime funding for DPSCS Administrative Services until a report is submitted detailing overtime trends, efforts to reduce overtime, and a plan to eliminate mandatory overtime use.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Strategic overtime report	DPSCS	November 1, 2026

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**Corrections**  
**Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services**

**Budget Amendment**

**Q00B01.01            General Administration**

Add the following language to the general fund appropriation:

, provided that \$150,000 of this appropriation made for the purpose of general administration may not be expended for that purpose and instead may be used only to conduct a comprehensive study, in collaboration with the University of Maryland, College Park (UMCP), examining correctional industry programs in Maine, Ohio, Kansas, and California. The study shall include recommendations on ways for Maryland Correctional Enterprises to improve reentry outcomes for incarcerated individuals returning to society. The Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services (DPSCS) shall submit a report to the budget committees by December 1, 2026, with findings and recommendations from the study. It is the intent of the General Assembly that DPSCS and UMCP submit a final report on the study, including findings and recommendations, to the Governor and budget committees by December 1, 2027. Funds not expended for this restricted purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund.

**Explanation:** Maryland Correctional Enterprises (MCE) provides work and job training for incarcerated individuals in correctional facilities. This language restricts funding for general administration within DPSCS to instead be used to complete a study with UMCP on correctional industry programs in other states. The language requires DPSCS to make recommendations for how MCE can improve reentry outcomes and to submit a report to the budget committees on the study. This language also expresses the intent of the General Assembly that DPSCS and UMCP submit a final report on the results of the study by December 1, 2027.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Report on the study of correctional industries and MCE reentry outcomes	DPSCS	December 1, 2026

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**Reentry Passport Program Rollout:** The Reentry Passport Program is expected to provide all previously incarcerated individuals with access to an online portal after release where they can store and retrieve critical documents like their Social Security card or their birth certificate. The

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program remains in the pilot phase, and more work is needed to be done by the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services (DPSCS) so that all returning citizens will have access to this service moving forward. The committees request that DPSCS submit a report by October 15, 2026, on the Reentry Passport Program rollout. The report should document the progress of expanding the program and future plans to fully implement the program, including:

- the number of reentry passport accounts that have been created by fiscal year;
- the number of individuals who have gained access to their Reentry Passport account by fiscal year;
- the list of functional passport functions;
- the list of nonfunctional/upcoming passport functions;
- the timeline by which all returning citizens will be able to access the passport;
- historic levels of returning citizens monthly;
- update on the rollout of the passport program to Division of Parole and Probation agents and supervisors;
- the role of community partners to assist in the rollout of the program, including the Cash Campaign of Maryland and Life After Release;
- challenges to full rollout; and
- the potential impact on recidivism.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Report on the reentry passport program	DPSCS	October 15, 2026

**Treatment of Transgender Individuals:** Transgender incarcerated individuals are subject to high rates of violence, sexual abuse, and inappropriate housing assignments, such as unwarranted restrictive housing. The committees request that the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services (DPSCS) submit a report, in collaboration with experts, technical assistants, and transgender stakeholders, on the treatment of transgender individuals in correctional facilities.

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The report should be provided by October 1, 2026. The report should also contain data for fiscal 2023 through 2026 on the following items:

- annual total of transgender individuals in each of the agency's correctional facilities and pretrial detention centers by gender identity;
- annual totals of transgender individuals in each DPSCS correctional facility by housing placement category, including administrative segregation, disciplinary segregation, mental health unit, medical unit, dormitory, double cell, single cell, and all other housing placement categories, disaggregated by the gender of the housing placement and by the gender identity of the transgender individual;
- the number and share of transgender individuals placed in restrictive housing, disaggregated by reason for placement and compared to the cisgender population;
- annual average and median length of time transgender individuals spent in restrictive housing overall and disaggregated by reason for placement into restrictive housing compared to their cisgender peers for each DPSCS correctional facility;
- annual number of requests by transgender individuals to transfer housing assignments, disaggregated by type of housing transfer request (including but not limited to transfer to a different gendered unit or facility, transfer into or out of a medical or mental health unit or facility, or transfer into or out of restrictive confinement) and the outcomes of those requests;
- annual number of housing placement assessments for transgender individuals pursuant to DPSCS Executive Directive OPS.131.0001;
- annual number of requests by transgender individuals to receive gender-affirming care and the outcomes of those requests disaggregated by type of medical care;
- annual number of requests by individuals identified as vulnerable under Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Standard 115.41 and by transgender individuals for privacy in showers, bathrooms, and while changing clothing, and the outcomes of those requests;
- annual number of PREA complaints filed and investigated and the outcome for complaints made by transgender individuals compared to cisgender peers;
- annual number of complaints received, number of complaints that were investigated, and outcomes of each complaint for each correctional facility regarding violence, sexual

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abuse, harassment, discrimination against transgender individuals, other abuse, access to gender-affirming health care, and access to gendered commissary items;

- the number and dollar amount of settlements paid to transgender individuals during each fiscal year from fiscal 2023 to 2026;
- all policies regarding transgender individuals and/or gender dysphoria, including but not limited to intake procedures, identification of transgender individuals, provision of gender-affirming health care, housing assignment, safety from violence and sexual abuse, and access to gendered commissary items;
- a plan to issue guidelines that, at a minimum, are the equivalent of PREA Standard 115.42; and
- an analysis of whether the above DPSCS policies are being implemented and followed at each correctional facility and an analysis of the education and training that DPSCS staff receive regarding LGBTQ+ individuals, along with a discussion of any obstacles to implementation and compliance.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Report on the treatment of transgender individuals	DPSCS	October 1, 2026

**Supports for Aging and Medically Frail Incarcerated Individuals:** In July 2025, the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services (DPSCS) reported 1,326 individuals over 60 years old in its custody. The budget committees request that DPSCS submit a report by August 15, 2026, detailing its healthcare services and other supports for aging and medically frail individuals under its custody. The report should discuss:

- the number of individuals in DPSCS custody by facility, broken down by age group, between 60 to 69 years old, 70 to 79 years old, 80 to 89 years old, 90 to 99 years old and above 100 years old;
- the number of individuals in each facility who are considered medically frail;
- common accommodations or support services needed among aging and medically frail individuals in DPSCS custody;

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- a description of any requirements in the medical and mental health care inmate contract related to caring for aging and medically frail individuals;
- challenges with providing healthcare for geriatric incarcerated individuals, including medical, operational, and infrastructure-related challenges the department faces in housing and caring for these individuals;
- whether current medical facilities and prison architecture can accommodate wheelchairs, breathing apparatuses, and other equipment for elderly individuals and whether facilities need to be retrofitted; and
- planned or ongoing initiatives or programs intended to address the needs of aging individuals.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Report on supports for aging and medically frail incarcerated individuals	DPSCS	August 15, 2026

**Q00C**  
**Division of Parole and Probation**  
**Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services**

**Budget Amendment**

**Q00C01.01            General Administration and Hearings**

Add the following language to the general fund appropriation:

, provided that \$100,000 of this appropriation made for the purpose of general administration in the Maryland Parole Commission (MPC) may not be expended until the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services (DPSCS) submits a report to the budget committees providing data on geriatric and medical parole, including information on the transition of individuals granted parole into the community. The report shall include the following annual data on geriatric and medical parole shown separately for fiscal 2024 to 2026:

- (1) number of eligible individuals;
- (2) number of screened individuals;
- (3) number of individuals granted parole;
- (4) number of individuals denied, including a breakdown of the reasons for denial; and
- (5) number of individuals whose cases are pending at the end of the fiscal year.

The report shall also provide the number of risk assessments MPC conducted from fiscal 2024 to 2026 related to its consideration of geriatric and medical parole, as outlined in Chapter 102 of 2025. The report shall provide information on DPSCS's efforts to assist individuals granted medical or geriatric parole in transitioning into the community. This information shall include the department's efforts to collaborate with nursing homes and community resources to support individuals' transition into the community.

The report shall be submitted by November 15, 2026, 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 a 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:** Chapter 102 of 2025 made several changes to how MPC evaluates and considers suitability for geriatric and medical parole for specified individuals. This language restricts

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funding for general administration in MPC until DPSCS submits a report providing data on medical and geriatric parole.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Report on geriatric and medical parole	DPSCS	November 15, 2026

### Committee Narrative

#### Q00C02.01      **Division of Parole and Probation – Support Services**

**Status of Parole and Probation Agents Safety Efforts:** The Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services (DPSCS) is in the process of implementing safety measures for its parole and probation agents. The committees request that, by October 1, 2026, DPSCS submit a report detailing the status of providing parole and probation agents with body-worn cameras, multi-threat vests, and the implementation efforts of any other protective equipment provided to agents. The report should include details on training requirements and completion rates, implementation timelines of the new equipment, total and ongoing costs, the status of any pilot programs, and the regions in which those programs have been deployed or are planned. The report should also provide an update on police escort policies and data on how many home visits were accompanied by law enforcement, including any regional variation.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Report on parole and probation agent safety efforts	DPSCS	October 1, 2026

**Division of Parole and Probation (DPP) Caseload Report:** In recent years, DPP has been working to reduce supervision caseloads to a manageable level for its parole and probation agents. Caseload ratios overall are decreasing but remain high in the capital region. The committees request a report due by September 15, 2026, from DPP on the following:

- the exact breakdown of support staff and general supervision caseloads by office into DPP supervision levels for fiscal 2026;
- the exact breakdown of case closures by reason, region, and office; and

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- a description of strategies that DPP is using to reduce caseload ratios and prevent agents from taking on too many cases.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Report on DPP caseloads	DPP	September 15, 2026

**Report on Risk Assessment Tools:** The Division of Parole and Probation (DPP) has delayed the replacement of the assessment tools used to classify offenders placed on community supervision and the role of these tools in case management. This issue is of particular concern with regard to maintaining proper caseloads for agents as well as providing agents with a reliable framework for addressing the individual needs of each offender. The committees request that DPP submit a report, due September 1, 2026, on the transition to new screening tools used in community supervision. The report should include a status update of implementation of the new tool and a transition timeline on when the project will be complete.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Report on assessment tools	DPP	September 1, 2026

**Q00N**  
**Maryland Commission on Correctional Standards**  
**Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services**

**Budget Amendment**

**Q00N00.01            General Administration**

Add the following language to the general fund appropriation:

, provided that \$100,000 of this appropriation made for the purpose of general administration within the Maryland Commission on Correctional Standards may not be expended until the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services submits a report to the budget committees describing the agency's oversight of private home detention monitoring companies. The report shall include data on private home detention monitoring agency performance and compliance from fiscal 2021 to 2026, including the number and category of violations identified, timeliness of required notifications, disciplinary and enforcement actions, and repeat violations by provider. The report shall be submitted to the budget committees no later than September 15, 2026. 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 a 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:** Private home detention monitoring agencies (PHDMA) provide monitoring services to defendants as a condition of their pretrial release. The Maryland Commission on Correctional Standards (MCCS) is responsible for auditing PHDMAs to determine the level of compliance with required standards and oversee their licensing process. This language restricts funds for general administration until the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services (DPSCS) submits a report on the use and oversight of the private monitoring services.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Private home detention monitoring report	DPSCS	September 15, 2026

**Q00S**  
**Division of Correction – East Region**  
**Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services**

**Committee Narrative**

**Q00S02.03          Maryland Correctional Institution for Women**

**Women’s Prerelease Programming:** The Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services (DPSCS) was required by the Correctional Services Article §§ 3-301 through 3-305 to operate a comprehensive rehabilitative prerelease unit for women by November 1, 2023. The committees note that DPSCS has been consistently delayed in meeting the statutory requirement to build a new, standalone, prerelease facility. While design for the new facility has been delayed, DPSCS is still required to provide evidence-based and gender-responsive services to incarcerated women in its custody and has reportedly begun to do so. However, the amount of information on the new programming is limited, and the committees seek further details into the department’s plans to comply with the comprehensive and gender-responsive programming requirements of the statute. The committees ask that DPSCS provide a report on the following information on the women’s prerelease unit at the Maryland Correctional Institution for Women no later than August 1, 2026:

- an overview of the current prerelease program for women;
- goals and objectives;
- curriculum and activities, including particular attention to work release and job-related services;
- eligibility requirements;
- the number of applicants, individuals approved, individuals denied, current population, and average daily population for each month in fiscal 2026 in Project FRESH and any other prerelease programming for women;
- resources dedicated to the program, including staff, funding, and facility space;
- a plan to measure program effectiveness, including any outcomes or performance data that will be measured and reported;
- a summary of participant satisfaction and feedback on the program;

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- an evaluation of the inclusivity and accessibility of the program for women with various backgrounds and needs;
- implementation challenges and future steps for improvement or expansion within the existing facility during the delay in constructing the new facility; and
- a comparison to the opportunities, resources, and conditions provided in men’s prerelease facilities.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Report on women’s prerelease programming	DPSCS	August 1, 2026

### **Budget Amendment**

#### **Q00S02.08 Eastern Correctional Institution**

Add the following language to the general fund appropriation:

, provided that \$250,000 of this appropriation made for the purpose of the inmate medical care contract within the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services (DPSCS) may not be expended until DPSCS submits a letter to the budget committees confirming that the vendor has responded to an average of 95% or more of audited inmate medical grievances and Administrative Remedy Procedures complaints over a three-month period. The budget committees shall have 45 days from the date of the receipt of the letter to review and comment. Funds restricted pending the receipt of the letter may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund if the letter is not submitted to the budget committees. DPSCS shall withhold \$250,000 from the vendor for the inmate medical care contract until the budget committees authorize the release of these restricted funds to DPSCS.

**Explanation:** From February to August 2025, the department audited 1,257 medical grievances and Administrative Remedy Procedure complaints and found that 34.8% were not responded to in a timely manner or that no response was provided at all. Administrative Remedy Procedures are a formal process that allows incarcerated individuals to issue complaints regarding the conditions of their confinement. This language restricts funds from the inmate medical care contract until DPSCS provides a letter to the committees confirming that the inmate medical care contractor has responded to an average of 95% or more medical Administrative Remedy Procedures complaints and grievances over a three-month period.

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Letter confirming health care contract  
remedy procedures

DPSCS

30 days after the vendor has  
met the 95% average  
response rate

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**Division of Pretrial Detention and Services**  
**Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services**

**Committee Narrative**

**Q00T04.01          Chesapeake Detention Facility**

**Chesapeake Detention Facility (CDF) New Contract:** The Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services (DPSCS) has operated CDF since fiscal 2012. DPSCS signed a seven-year contract with the U.S. Marshals Service (USMS) to continue operating the facility. The committees request that DPSCS submit a report detailing the structure and financial terms of the new contract with USMS. The report should be provided by August 15, 2026. Additionally, the report should explain the methodology used to calculate the monthly federal payment, including underlying assumptions and the cost escalation incorporated in the agreement. The report should also discuss how the contract’s inflation compares with the historic rate of growth in operating costs to operate the facility. The report should outline the actions that DPSCS plans to take to reduce the reliance on State funds to support CDF operations and provide its projected operating costs of CDF for each year through fiscal 2032. The report should also provide a breakdown of the offenses committed by the individuals held in the facility by fiscal year, specifying whether any individuals are held due to immigration enforcement or immigration-related crimes.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Report on the new CDF contract	DPSCS	August 15, 2026

**Budget Amendment**

**Q00T04.09          General Administration**

Add the following language to the general fund appropriation:

, provided that \$100,000 of this appropriation made for the purpose of general administration may not be expended until the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services submits a report to the budget committees on compliance with the Duvall v. Moore decree. The report shall include:

- (1) an update on the compliance status of each of the provisions in the Duvall v. Moore consent decree;

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- (2) a status update on whether the department achieved full compliance by the June 2026 deadline, including identifying any provisions found to be out of compliance and the corrective actions taken or underway;
- (3) an update on any extensions granted or requested following the June 2026 deadline, including revised compliance timelines, and any court-ordered or negotiated next steps;
- (4) the status of any motions to terminate provisions of the consent decree and updates on any other motions filed; and
- (5) a summary of any costs associated with the compliance process.

The report shall be submitted by July 1, 2026, 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:** The deadline to comply with the medical and mental health provisions in the Duvall v. Moore decree has been extended to June 2026. As of August 2025, the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services (DPSCS) is noncompliant and partially compliant with several of the provisions of the consent decree. The department may face litigation regarding the conditions of pretrial detention if it fails to reach full compliance by the deadline. This language restricts funding pending a report including status updates and plans to comply with the consent decree.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Status update on compliance with Duvall v. Moore decree	DPSCS	July 1, 2026

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**Headquarters**  
**Maryland State Department of Education**

**Budget Amendment**

**R00A01.01            Office of the State Superintendent**

Add the following language to the general fund appropriation:

, provided that \$100,000 of this appropriation made for the purpose of general administration may not be expended until the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) submits a report to the budget committees describing how the agency has implemented feedback and corrective actions from the Office of Legislative Audits related to the January 2026 fiscal compliance audit of the agency. The report shall include the following:

- (1) the procedures in place to ensure that applicants who will have direct access to minors undergo the required preemployment screenings, including criminal history, past disciplinary action, and licensing checks;
- (2) the system in place for monitoring local education agencies' (LEA) class assignment practices to ensure that teachers are only assigned to areas in which they are licensed;
- (3) MSDE's process and capacity for independently reviewing and approving initial educator license applications;
- (4) the procedures established to ensure the accuracy of LEAs' eligibility determinations for prekindergarten funding;
- (5) the status of federal fund reimbursement requests, the outstanding balance of expenditures that are awaiting federal reimbursement, the actions taken to obtain reimbursement in a timely manner, and the system developed to document federal revenues and expenditures;
- (6) the justification for procuring non-competitive contracts, the process for documenting the scope of services required under each agreement, and any steps MSDE has taken to recover funds paid for undelivered services; and
- (7) from January 2025 onward, a list of reimbursements owed to 21st Century Community Learning Centers that exceeded the 60-day required window, as well as the agency's justification for delays and the steps in place to ensure timely reimbursements.

The report shall be submitted to the budget committees no later than December 1, 2026. The budget committees shall have 45 days from the date of the receipt of the report to review and

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comment. Funds restricted pending the receipt of a 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:** A January 2026 fiscal compliance audit issued by the Office of Legislative Audits (OLA) contained 11 findings related to MSDE for the period from June 2021 to July 2024. The report disclosed issues with hiring and licensing oversight and financial management, as well as 2 redacted cybersecurity findings. This language restricts funding pending a report discussing OLA’s feedback and the changes made to MSDE’s oversight and documentation processes.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Report on hiring, licensing, and financial management oversight	MSDE	December 1, 2026

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**Report on Accounting Practices:** The committees request that the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) submit a closeout report by October 1, 2026. This report should include:

- an explanation for encumbrances and reversions for all general, special, federal, and reimbursable funds for any amount that does not equal zero; and
- expenditures and closeout balances by program for fiscal 2024, 2025, and 2026.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Report on accounting practices	MSDE	October 1, 2026

**Report on State Education Agency Federal Stimulus Funds:** Due to school closures prompted by the COVID-19 pandemic, the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) received approximately \$3.6 billion in State Education Agency (SEA) federal stimulus funds. Though most of the funds have been obligated, significant amounts have not been expended. To ensure proper monitoring of the use of these funds, the committees request that MSDE report by January 1, 2027, on all SEA program expenditures distributed as part of Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief funds. This report should include:

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- grant expenditures by school and program for State-mandated funds allocated to the Maryland School for the Blind, the Maryland School for the Deaf, and the School for Educational Evolution and Development;
- grant procedures, allocations, and expenditures by program for all discretionary allocations;
- expenditures by MSDE department and object for administrative costs; and
- unexpended funds by program, reasons that funds were not allocated or expended, anticipated expenditures of those funds by program for future years, and funds that may have been canceled.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Report on SEA Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief funds	MSDE	January 1, 2027

**Report on the Maryland Leads Program:** The American Rescue Plan Act requires State agencies to spend a designated percentage of Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief funds to address learning loss. The Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) applied these funds to a grant program for local education agencies (LEA), Maryland Leads. To ensure proper oversight of this program and funding, the committees request that MSDE report by December 1, 2026, on the Maryland Leads program. The report should include the following information:

- a summary of progress on Maryland Leads objectives to date;
- LEA implementation plans by Maryland Leads subprogram;
- expenditures by LEA and subprogram for fiscal 2025 and 2026, including expenditures on personnel;
- standardized assessment measures, outcome measures, and progress, by LEA and program, on the framework implemented by MSDE to remediate student learning loss;

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- documentation of improvements in literacy and mathematics proficiency, by LEA, grade, and subprogram, as the result of Maryland Leads initiatives; and
- documentation of how MSDE shares Maryland Leads information with the public, either on the MSDE website, LEA websites, or by other means.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Report on Maryland Leads	MSDE	December 1, 2026

**Report on Science of Reading (SoR) and State Literacy Policy:** In January 2024, the State Board of Education (SBOE) passed Resolution 24-01 adopting SoR as Maryland’s official approach to literacy instruction and required local education agencies (LEA) to align their literacy instruction to SoR starting in the 2024-2025 school year. As part of this resolution, the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) was tasked with drafting a comprehensive literacy policy for prekindergarten through third grade that aligned with SoR and MSDE’s strategic plan. MSDE also received a total of \$47.2 million from federal and nonprofit grants to implement initiatives to improve early literacy proficiency and SoR professional development. The committees request that MSDE and the Accountability and Implementation Board (AIB) submit a report by October 1, 2026, on SoR and State literacy policy. The report should include the following information:

- a summary of the final version of the State literacy policy adopted by SBOE;
- expenditures on SoR by LEA including allocations through State allocations, Maryland Leads federal stimulus funds, and other federal and nonprofit grants;
- a summary of materials related to readiness for promotion policies, implementation, and LEA reporting;
- a summary of the key objectives in LEA literacy plans submitted to AIB in calendar 2024 and reported progress on these objectives submitted in LEA annual reports due September 2026;
- progress on teacher training, preparation, and support for the State literacy policy and SoR instruction;
- status of the student support model for student reading improvement plans; and

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- an updated timeline for completion of the adolescent literacy plan for grades 4 through 12.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Report on SoR and State literacy policy	AIB MSDE	October 1, 2026

### **Committee Narrative**

#### **R00A01.04                      Division of Early Childhood**

**Child Care Scholarship (CCS) Program Quarterly Reports:** The Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) has implemented a series of significant changes under the CCS program. These changes, along with increasing program enrollment, have contributed to higher costs and shortfalls in fiscal 2023 through 2026. In response to these financial pressures, the department has implemented an enrollment freeze as a cost-saving measure to control program expenditures and align them with available funding. The committees request that MSDE submit quarterly reports with the following information:

- monthly CCS expenditures by fund;
- fiscal 2027 year-to-date spending and annualized cost estimates, noting the adequacy of remaining State and federal fund sources;
- the number of scholarships awarded by income eligibility category by month, total expenditures for those scholarships, and average cost per child;
- updates on the CCS waiting list including which income categories are impacted, how many children and families have applied for CCS benefits and been added to the waiting list by county and family income levels;
- information on outreach efforts to families on the waiting list, including how families are notified of their status, any actions required to maintain eligibility, and strategies used to ensure families remain informed during the enrollment freeze;

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- the number of children and families removed from the waiting list and subsequently enrolled in the program, disaggregated by county and family income level, including the average length of time on the waiting list prior to enrollment; and
- the total available federal funds updated quarterly including carry over balances from prior years.

In its September 2026 report, MSDE should include actual data for the CCS program in the final quarter of fiscal 2026 and aggregate fiscal 2026 data. All reports should provide data on a monthly basis for fiscal 2027 year to date.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
CCS quarterly expenditure reports	MSDE	September 15, 2026 December 15, 2026 March 15, 2027 June 15, 2027

**Data Collection for the Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Support Services (IECMHSS) Program:** Until fiscal 2025, the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) contracted with the University of Maryland School of Social Work to collect statewide data on the IECMHSS Program. The data included information on the demographics of children served, consultations with child care staff and parents or caregivers, program locations, outcomes related to behavioral health, and consultant demographics and salaries. These data were compiled into reports for MSDE and shared with the General Assembly and stakeholders to support program monitoring and quality improvement. MSDE did not renew this contract in fiscal 2025. Although some data are currently collected by the nine IECMHSS programs, the data is not collected consistently across the State and is not reported publicly. The committees request that MSDE submit a report describing how the department is currently collecting these data and include statewide information on the program data previously collected under the contract with the University of Maryland School of Social Work.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Report on IECMHSS Program data collection	MSDE	August 1, 2026

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#### R00A01.06 Office of Finance and Operations

**Report on Chief Financial Officer (CFO) Qualifications:** The committees request that the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) submit a report by August 1, 2026, with information from all local education agencies (LEA) on the educational and professional qualifications of each of their CFOs and the job training and professional development provided to them. The description of job training and professional development for CFOs should include the number of days of training and brief summaries of the information covered. The report should also provide the position description and the qualifications listed in each LEA’s job posting for CFOs.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Report on CFO qualifications	MSDE LEAs	August 1, 2026

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

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Add the following language:

Provided that these funds are to be used for the purposes herein appropriated, and there shall be no budgetary transfer to any other program or purpose. Funds not expended shall revert to the General Fund.

**Explanation:** The Maryland State Department of Education shall not transfer any funds budgeted for Aid to Education to any other program or purpose.

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**R00A02.06          Prekindergarten**

Add the following language to the special fund appropriation:

, provided that this appropriation made for the purpose of the prekindergarten funding formula shall be reduced by \$3,343,967 contingent on the enactment of legislation to limit the expansion of Tier II full-day prekindergarten eligibility.

**Explanation:** The expansion of full-day prekindergarten is a key initiative aimed at increasing access to early childhood education. To ensure a more sustainable funding trajectory while maintaining the core objectives of the program, this language reduces funding for the full-day prekindergarten formula contingent on the enactment of legislation that limits the expansion of Tier II eligibility. The Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act of 2026 includes a provision that caps Tier II eligibility at 450% of the federal poverty level (FPL) rather than expanding to 600% FPL starting in fiscal 2027 as required under current law.

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#### R00A02.07 Students With Disabilities

**Report on the Autism Waiver Program:** The committees request a report by October 1, 2026, on the Autism Waiver program, which is managed by the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE). This status update should provide information on the following:

- the current number of individuals on the Autism Waiver waitlist;
- the number of slots utilized in fiscal 2023 through 2026;
- the number of slots in use in fiscal 2027;
- the average cost per slot in fiscal 2023 through 2026 and forecasted for fiscal 2027 through 2032;
- a timeline for unfreezing enrollment and increasing utilized slots to the target level;
- MSDE's strategy for managing high program costs, including specific cost containment measures implemented and anticipated savings from these measures;
- projected costs for Autism Waiver services through fiscal 2032 by year based on the timeline for increasing utilized slots;
- the process for enrolling in life skills classes and the costs associated with participation;
- the costs associated with allowing participants to attend school until age 21 by taking additional life skills courses if they are pursuing a diploma;
- the number of participants who received a diploma before age 21 in fiscal 2016 through 2026 and their age at graduation, provided separately by year;
- the number of students who graduated before age 21 who participated in life skills classes; and
- transition services that provide information and resources immediately prior to graduation.

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<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Report on the autism waiver program	MSDE	October 1, 2026

**Report on the Nonpublic Placement Program:** The committees request a report on costs for the Nonpublic Placement program; implementation of nonpublic school special education teacher pay parity related to the Teacher Pay Parity Act (Chapter 648 of 2023); and actions taken by the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) to implement this program. The committees request that MSDE submit a report by October 1, 2026, including (1) program closeout data for fiscal 2026 by provider, including annual reimbursement costs and any costs that could not be covered within the fiscal 2026 appropriation; (2) actions taken in calendar 2026 and 2027 to implement Chapter 648; and (3) planned actions related to implementation of Chapter 648 and efforts to achieve pay parity in future years.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Report on the nonpublic placement program	MSDE	October 1, 2026

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**R00A02.13          Innovative Programs**

Amend appropriation for the purposes indicated:	<u><b>Funds</b></u>	<u><b>Positions</b></u>
1. Delete the appropriation for a grant to the Yleana Leadership Foundation, which is no longer in operation.	-70,000	GF
2. Reduce Adult High School Pilot Program general funds to the level of actual expenditures. In fiscal 2025, the program only had two eligible applicants.	-750,000	GF
Total Change	-820,000	0.00

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<u>Effect</u>	<u>Allowance</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Amount Change</u>	<u>Position Change</u>
General Funds	15,846,834	15,026,834	-820,000	

**Committee Narrative**

**Final Reports on Local Education Agency (LEA) COVID-19 Federal Stimulus Fund Expenditures:** In fiscal 2021, 2022, and 2023, LEAs received a total of \$256.6 million as authorized in the RELIEF Act (Chapter 39 of 2021) and allocated in the fiscal 2022 Budget Bill (Chapter 357 of 2021) for tutoring, behavioral health, summer school, school reopening, and transitional supplemental instruction. As part of mandated reporting in Chapter 55 of 2021, the Blueprint for Maryland’s Future Program – Revisions, LEAs were required to report on expenditures of these funds to the General Assembly and the Accountability and Implementation Board through calendar 2023. However, as of December 2025, multiple LEAs still report carrying federal stimulus fund balances. Therefore, the committees request that the LEAs with remaining balances submit a final closeout report by October 1, 2026, consistent with the requirements of the previously mandated report on COVID-19 federal stimulus fund expenditures, which requested the following information: (1) the county board’s use of federal funding to address the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on education; and (2) State funding received to implement the Blueprint for Maryland’s Future Program, including a description of the amount of funding spent on student instruction. Additionally, as part of this submission, LEAs should review previous reports for this purpose and document corrections in this final report. The jurisdictions that have expended all federal stimulus funds and are therefore exempt are as follows: Allegany County; Anne Arundel County; Frederick County; St. Mary’s County; and Worcester County.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Reports on LEA COVID-19 expenditures	LEAs	October 1, 2026

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### Budget Amendment

#### R00A02.55 Teacher Development

Add the following language to the special fund appropriation:

, provided that it is the intent of the General Assembly that public school counselors with National Board Certifications (NBC) receive salary increases equal to those received by public school teachers with NBC.

**Explanation:** This language expresses the intent of the General Assembly that public school counselors with NBC are subject to the same salary increase schedule as public school teachers.

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#### R00A02.60 Blueprint for Maryland's Future Transition Grants

**Report on Enrollment and Counts for Blueprint for Maryland's Future Programs:** The committees request a report by October 1, 2026, on Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) enrollment collection procedures for free and reduced-price meal (FRPM) students; the count of National Board Certification (NBC) eligible teachers in the career ladder program; and student counts for the college and career readiness (CCR) program.

For FRPM student enrollment, this report should include data by local education agency (LEA) and school for the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP), including the percentage of FRPM students in the fiscal year prior to entry into CEP; and greater than comparisons by LEA and school used to calculate compensatory education enrollment.

For NBC teachers counts, the report should include the following data by LEA and school-type (either low-performing and non-low-performing) if applicable:

- count of teachers eligible for a fiscal 2026 award and their year of NBC attainment;
- count of teachers who attempted NBC but did not attain it in either school year 2024-2025 or 2025-2026;

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- count of teachers attempting NBC in school year 2026-2027;
- count of school counselors who hold NBC in school counseling;
- count of school counselors who have enrolled in, registered for, or submitted at least one component of the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards school counseling certification process during school year 2024-2025 or 2025-2026; and
- steps taken by MSDE and LEAs to encourage NBC staff to move to low-performing schools.

For CCR student counts, this report and data should include projected CCR counts and funding from fiscal 2028 through 2031 based on expanded CCR standard.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Report on enrollment and counts for Blueprint for Maryland’s Future programs	MSDE	October 1, 2026

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#### **R00A02.62 College and Career Readiness**

**Report on the Maryland Comprehensive Assessment Program (MCAP):** The committees remain interested in tracking the costs for MCAP assessment development and implementation. The committees request by October 1, 2026, that the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) submit a report on MCAP, which should include, but is not limited to:

- a timetable for MCAP administration for all assessments for the 2026-2027 and 2027-2028 school years, including field testing and pilots for new assessments;
- details on MCAP measurement of student learning loss in the 2026-2027 school year by local education agency (LEA), subject area, grade level, and assessment, as well as additional steps taken, if any, by MSDE at the State level to measure student learning loss;

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- details on MCAP administration in the 2026-2027 and 2027-2028 school years by LEA, program, grade level, and assessment, including alternative assessments and the Kindergarten Readiness Assessment;
- anticipated changes, if any, to assessments for virtual school students in the 2026-2027 and 2027-2028 school years;
- expenditures in fiscal 2026 and 2027, and anticipated allowances for fiscal 2028, for each MCAP assessment, assessments under development, and administration, including contractual expenditures by vendor;
- a discussion of reasons for increased costs relative to budgeted expenses for MCAP assessments and how MSDE is working to improve its forecasting of these costs beginning with the fiscal 2028 budget submission;
- information pertaining to any formal review of MCAP assessments and standards in calendar 2027 and 2028 by MSDE, by curriculum and assessment, including any anticipated changes to MCAP assessments as a result of that review and the projected costs of those changes; and
- alignment of MCAP goals and outcomes with Blueprint for Maryland’s Future outcome measures.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Report on MCAP	MSDE	October 1, 2026

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

**Budget Amendment**

**R00A03.05                      Broadening Options and Opportunities for Students Today**

Amend the following language on the special fund appropriation:

, provided that this appropriation shall be for a Broadening Options and Opportunities for Students Today (BOOST) Program that provides scholarships for students who are eligible for the free or reduced price lunch program to attend eligible nonpublic schools. The Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) shall administer the grant program in accordance with the following guidelines:

- (1) To be eligible to participate in the BOOST Program, a nonpublic school must:
  - (a) have participated in Program R00A03.04 Aid to Non-Public Schools Program for textbooks and computer hardware and software administered by MSDE during the ~~2024-2025~~ 2025-2026 school year;
  - (b) provide more than only prekindergarten and kindergarten programs;
  - (c) administer national, norm-referenced standardized assessments chosen from the list of assessments published by the U.S. Department of Education ~~used for the 2024-25 school year~~ to qualify nonpublic schools for the National Blue Ribbon Schools Program. The nonpublic schools must administer the assessments to all students as follows:
    - (i) English/language arts and mathematics assessments each year for students in grades 3 through 8, and at least once for students in grades 9 through 12; and
    - (ii) a science assessment at least once for students in grades 3 through 5, at least once for students in grades 6 through ~~8~~ 9, and at least once for students in grades ~~9~~ 10 through 12; and
  - (d) comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 as amended, Title 20, Subtitle 6 of the State Government Article, and not discriminate in student admissions, retention, or expulsion or otherwise discriminate against any student on the basis of race, color, national origin, sexual orientation, or gender identity or expression. Nothing herein shall require any school or institution to adopt any rule,

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regulation, or policy that conflicts with its religious or moral teachings. However, all participating schools must agree that they will not discriminate in student admissions, retention, or expulsion or otherwise discriminate against any student based on race, color, national origin, sexual orientation, or gender identity or expression. If a nonpublic school does not comply with these requirements, it shall reimburse MSDE all scholarship funds received under the BOOST Program for the ~~2025–2026~~ 2026-2027 school year and may not charge the student tuition and fees instead. The only other legal remedy for violation of this provision is ineligibility for participating in the BOOST Program.

**Explanation:** This language makes technical changes to align annual language related to the BOOST Program with policies set in the fiscal 2026 Budget Bill. This language specifies that to be eligible to participate in the BOOST Program, a nonpublic school must have participated in the program for textbooks and computer hardware and software administered by MSDE during the prior school year (2025-2026), and must administer national, norm-referenced standardized assessments chosen from the list of assessments published by the U.S. Department of Education to qualify nonpublic schools for the National Blue Ribbon Schools Program. This language also specifies that if a nonpublic school does not comply with these requirements, it shall reimburse MSDE all scholarship funds received under the BOOST Program for the 2026-2027 school year.

Add the following language to the special fund appropriation:

Further provided that \$569,800 of this appropriation shall be used only to provide an additional award for each student with special needs that is at least equal in amount to the Broadening Options and Opportunities for Students Today (BOOST) Program scholarship award that a student is awarded in accordance with paragraph (6) above.

Further provided that the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) shall submit a report to the budget committees by January 15, 2027, that includes the following:

- (1) the number of students receiving BOOST Program scholarships;
- (2) the amount of the BOOST Program scholarships received;
- (3) the number of certified and noncertified teachers in core subject areas for each nonpublic school participating in the BOOST Program;
- (4) the assessments being administered by nonpublic schools participating in the BOOST Program and the results of these assessments. MSDE shall report the assessment results

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reported by nonpublic schools to the budget committees in an aggregate manner that does not violate student data privacy;

- (5) in the aggregate, for each BOOST Program scholarship awarded (a) the nonpublic school and grade level attended by the student; (b) the school attended in the 2025-2026 school year by the student; and (c) if the student attended the same nonpublic school in the 2025-2026 school year, whether, what type, and how much nonpublic scholarship aid the student received in the 2025-2026 school year and will receive in the 2026-2027 school year;
- (6) the average household income of students receiving BOOST Program scholarships;
- (7) the racial breakdown of students receiving BOOST Program scholarships;
- (8) the number of students designated as English language learners receiving BOOST Program scholarships;
- (9) the number of special education students receiving BOOST Program scholarships;
- (10) the county in which students receiving BOOST Program scholarships reside;
- (11) the number of students who were offered BOOST Program scholarships but declined them as well as their reasons for declining the scholarships and the breakdown of students attending public and nonpublic schools for students who declined scholarships;
- (12) the number of students who received BOOST Program scholarships for the 2025-2026 school year who are attending public school for the 2026-2027 school year as well as their reasons for returning to public schools; and
- (13) the number of students who received BOOST Program scholarships for the 2025-2026 school year who withdrew or were expelled from the nonpublic schools they were attending and the reasons for which they withdrew or were expelled; the schools they withdrew or were expelled from; and the length of time students receiving BOOST Program scholarships were enrolled at a nonpublic school before withdrawing or being expelled.

**Explanation:** This language requires MSDE to report by January 15, 2027, on the distribution of the BOOST scholarships; information on the students receiving BOOST scholarships; teacher certifications for nonpublic schools participating in the BOOST Program; and assessments being administered in nonpublic schools participating in the BOOST Program, including student performance. The language also requires that MSDE report on students who choose to decline

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scholarships or attend public schools after participating in the BOOST Program in the past, along with their reasons for doing so, and information on students receiving scholarships for the 2025-2026 school year who withdrew or were expelled from the nonpublic schools that they were attending. Finally, the language requires that the BOOST Advisory Board shall take into account the special needs of students with disabilities as it is determining scholarship award amounts and that \$569,800 of the BOOST appropriation shall be used to provide higher awards for these students.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
BOOST Program participation	MSDE	January 15, 2027

**R00A06**  
**Maryland Center for School Safety**  
**Maryland State Department of Education**

**Committee Narrative**

**R00A06.01 Maryland Center for School Safety – Operations**

**Report on Safe Schools Fund (SSF) Utilization:** The committees request that the Maryland Center for School Safety (MCSS) submit a report by September 1, 2026. The report should include the following:

- allocations and expenditures by local education agency (LEA) for the School Resource Officer grant program; the Hate Crimes Grant; the SSF Grant; and any other one-time grants, programs, or evaluations administrated by MCSS;
- the starting and ending balances for fiscal 2022 through 2026, and projected balances for fiscal 2027 through 2028;
- obstacles to balance utilization and LEA participation; and
- potential solutions to those obstacles.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Report on SSF utilization	MCSS	September 1, 2026

## R12 Accountability and Implementation Board

### Committee Narrative

#### R12A01.01      Accountability and Implementation Board

**Status Report on Blueprint Implementation:** The committees request that the Accountability and Implementation Board (AIB) submit a report by November 1, 2026, on agency actions to implement Blueprint for Maryland’s Future (Blueprint). This report shall include a timeline and detailed information on the progress in completing and/or implementing the following programs, reports, and measures:

- calendar 2026 and 2027 local education agency (LEA) Blueprint implementation plans and current status relative to minimum school funding requirements;
- calendar 2025 and 2026 State agency Blueprint implementation plans;
- collaboration with the Maryland State Department of Education, the State Board of Education, the Professional Standards and Teacher Education Board, and the teacher preparation workgroup to revise teacher preparation program requirements;
- targeted training on Blueprint and any changes to training and/or funding for the 2026-2027 school year;
- measures taken for any LEAs that did not meet the July 1, 2026 deadline to increase minimum salaries to \$60,000;
- progress on the independent evaluation of Blueprint implementation and outcomes;
- LEA and Career and Technology Education Committee technical assistance Phase I and II grants, including use of funds; roles and responsibilities of strategic facilitators; categorized expenditures by LEA; and AIB collaboration, training, and accountability measures for grantees;
- LEA career ladder implementation plans;
- LEA career counseling programs for middle and high school students and accompanying fiscal reports;

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- monthly Blueprint financial reporting on minimum funding requirements; and
- progress to determine Blueprint final outcome measures, baseline data, and targets for early childhood education; college and career readiness; career ladder; student support personnel; or any other outcome measures under development.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Status report on Blueprint implementation	AIB	November 1, 2026

**R30B22**  
**University of Maryland, College Park Campus**  
**University System of Maryland**

**Budget Amendment**

**R30B22.00**            **University of Maryland, College Park Campus**

Add the following language to the current unrestricted fund appropriation:

Further provided that this appropriation made for the purpose of funding the State's Consumer Health Information Hub at the Herschel S. Horowitz Center for Health Literacy shall be reduced by \$350,000.

**Explanation:** Chapter 679 of 2022 mandated funding of the Consumer Health Information Hub at the Herschel S. Horowitz Center for Health Literacy from fiscal 2022 through 2026. Though the mandate ended, funding was inadvertently included in the University of Maryland, College Park's appropriation for this hub.

**R30B30**  
**University of Maryland Global Campus**  
**University System of Maryland**

**Committee Narrative**

**R30B30.06      Institutional Support**

**UMGC Ventures and AccelerEd’s Reintegration:** Since June 13, 2025, the University of Maryland Global Campus (UMGC) has been reintegrating UMGC Ventures and AccelerEd, its former information technology (IT) office that was spun-off as a High Impact Economic Development Activity. The committees are interested in better understanding the progress of the reintegration and request UMGC submit a report containing the following information as of November 1, 2026:

- the timeline for hiring, including the date hiring began;
- the number of vacant IT positions, including employee class title;
- the status of contracts AccelerEd used for its operations, including if these contracts will continue after reintegration;
- the status of revenue-generating contracts AccelerEd had, including if these contracts will continue after reintegration;
- any recoveries related to the original seed investment in AccelerEd and UMGC Ventures and an explanation for why, if some or all funds were not recovered;
- a complete list of UMGC Ventures’ assets and any assets that have been sold since UMGC Ventures began operations, including the price and date of the sale; and
- the status of transferring UMGC Ventures’ ownership in HelioCampus to UMGC.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Report on Ventures and AccelerEd’s Reintegration	UMGC	December 1, 2026

**R62I0001**  
**Maryland Higher Education Commission**

**Budget Amendment**

**R62I00.01                      General Administration**

Add the following language to the general fund appropriation:

, provided that \$250,000 of this appropriation made for the purpose of administration may not be expended until the Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC) submits a report to the budget committees on the errors related to the Guaranteed Access (GA) grant and Teaching Fellows for Maryland Scholarship in the recent award cycle including:

- (1) an explanation for why students eligible for the GA grant were initially deemed ineligible;
- (2) a discussion of safeguards that will be implemented to prevent students with incomplete information from erroneously being awarded the GA grant;
- (3) a description of all internal controls in place to monitor the accurate awarding of scholarships and grants;
- (4) an explanation for the decision to deem off campus recipients of the Teaching Fellows for Maryland Scholarship to be ineligible to have room and board costs covered after students had already been awarded and subsequent partial reversal; and
- (5) a discussion of MHEC’s timeline for making changes in financial assistance awards policy to ensure these decisions are made and disseminated prior to the award period.

The report shall be submitted by July 15, 2026, 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 a 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:** This action restricts funds pending submission of a report on the errors made in the GA grant awarding process and alterations of guidelines for the Teaching Fellows for Maryland Scholarship. Students who were eligible for the GA grant were initially deemed ineligible, and students with incomplete forms were erroneously given awards. Students residing off campus who were already awarded Teaching Fellows for Maryland Scholarships had some of their funding revoked after a change in guidance from MHEC.

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<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Report on the GA grant and Teaching Fellows for Maryland Scholarship	MHEC	July 15, 2026

Add the following language to the general fund appropriation:

Further provided that \$100,000 of this appropriation made for the purpose of administration may not be expended until the Maryland Higher Education Commission submits a report to the budget committees pertaining to the March 2025 audit findings, including the number of:

- (1) cases that are in the backlog for the verification of career-based financial aid awards with service obligations as of June 1, 2026;
- (2) accounts that were referred to the Central Collections Unit in each fiscal year from fiscal 2021 to 2026; and
- (3) positions that were moved to the Service Obligation Unit after the audit.

The report shall be submitted by August 15, 2026, 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 a 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:** This action restricts funds pending the submission of a report providing information pertaining to a finding in the fiscal compliance audit released in March 2025, which involves ensuring career-based financial aid programs with service obligations are tracked and enforced properly.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Actions to address audit findings	Maryland Higher Education Commission	August 15, 2026

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Add the following language to the general fund appropriation:

Further provided that \$50,000 of this appropriation made for the purpose of administration may not be expended until the Maryland Higher Education Commission submits a report to the budget committees on the Next Generation Scholars (NGS) program, including:

- (1) the number of NGS seniors for the 2024-2025, 2025-2026, and 2026-2027 academic years;
- (2) the number of NGS seniors who successfully met all of the eligibility requirements, and the number of eligible NGS seniors receiving a Guaranteed Access award; and
- (3) the number of seniors who later enrolled in a postsecondary institution of higher education in either the summer session or the fall semester and identify to which higher education segment those students enrolled.

The report shall be submitted by December 10, 2026, 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 a 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:** The budget committees remain interested in determining how many NGS students met the eligibility requirements and later enrolled in a postsecondary institution. A similar report due December 1, 2025, for academic years 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 was requested in the 2025 Joint Chairmen’s Report but was not submitted as of February 24, 2026.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Report on postsecondary outcomes for NGS senior students	Maryland Higher Education Commission	December 10, 2026

Add the following language to the general fund appropriation:

Further provided that \$1,000,000 of this appropriation made for general administration may not be expended until the Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC) submits a report detailing for each fiscal 2020 through 2025, the appropriation and usage of funds for each grant, scholarship, and loan assistance repayment program administered by MHEC. The report should include, by program, the total appropriation; number of recipients, total amount of awards,

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program deficit or surplus, if the program had a deficit how the shortfall was covered and if a surplus if the funds were transferred to the Need-Based Student Financial Assistance Fund or another financial assistance program, and an explanation of all transfers of funds including whether transfers to other financial assistance programs occurred by budget amendment or other mechanism. This report shall be submitted by December 1, 2026, 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 a report may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise and shall revert to the General Fund if the report is not submitted.

**Explanation:** This language restricts funds pending a report from MHEC providing detailed financial information on each grant, scholarship, and loan assistance repayment program administered by MHEC.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Report on financial details of grant, scholarships, and loan assistance repayment programs	MHEC	December 1, 2026

Amend appropriation for the purposes indicated:

	<u><b>Funds</b></u>	<u><b>Positions</b></u>
1. Reduce the general fund appropriation by \$250,000 as these funds represent a backfill of withheld funds that were not released due to progress not being in resolving repeat audit findings. The Maryland Higher Education Commission may allocate the reduction across general administration program.	-250,000	GF
Total Change	-250,000	0.00

<u><b>Effect</b></u>	<u><b>Allowance</b></u>	<u><b>Appropriation</b></u>	<u><b>Amount Change</b></u>	<u><b>Position Change</b></u>
Position	85.00	85.00		0.00
General Funds	11,432,225	11,182,225	-250,000	

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### Committee Narrative

**Tuition Exemption for Incarcerated Individuals:** The committees request that the Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC), in consultation with all segments of higher education, submit a report on how institutions might implement tuition exemption for incarcerated individuals. It is the intent of the committees that in order to qualify for the exemption, an incarcerated individual must apply for federal and State financial aid and similar to last dollar scholarship programs, the exemption would only apply to the amount of the tuition not covered by financial aid.

Information Request	Author	Due Date
Tuition exemption for incarcerated individuals	MHEC	November 15, 2026

**Study of Public Service Loan Forgiveness Programs:** The committees request that the Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC) submit a report by November 15, 2026, on loan forgiveness programs and the potential for such a program for the State of Maryland. To determine whether a program would be suitable for Maryland students, this study should examine the following information about similar programs in other states including, but not limited to:

- rationale for starting a loan forgiveness program;
- student eligibility requirements and majors including undergraduate, graduate, and professional degrees;
- funding sources;
- residency requirements;
- occupations that qualify for loan forgiveness;
- length of the exemption period;
- unique graduate majors that are particularly suited for loan forgiveness; and
- changes to the program since initial implementation.

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In conducting this study, MHEC should consult other State agencies that might be impacted by a public loan forgiveness program and if possible, calculate the cost of a program in Maryland based on costs in other states.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Study of public service loan forgiveness programs	MHEC	November 15, 2026

### **Budget Amendment**

#### **R62I00.03            Joseph A. Sellinger Formula for Aid to Non-Public Institutions of Higher Education**

Strike the following language from the general fund appropriation:

~~, provided that this appropriation shall be reduced by \$4,467,023 contingent upon the enactment of legislation to fund the Joseph A. Sellinger program at the fiscal 2026 level.~~

**Explanation:** This action strikes contingent language that is not necessary for the General Assembly to reduce the appropriation directly.

Amend appropriation for the purposes indicated:

	<u><b>Funds</b></u>	<u><b>Positions</b></u>
1. Reduce the appropriation for the Joseph A. Sellinger formula to fund the formula at the fiscal 2026 level. The Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act of 2026 includes a provision that specifies funding per institution at the fiscal 2026 level. This action takes the reduction directly rather than contingently.	-4,467,023	GF
Total Change	-4,467,023	0.00

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<u>Effect</u>	<u>Allowance</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Amount Change</u>	<u>Position Change</u>
General Funds	77,789,747	73,322,724	-4,467,023	

### Budget Amendment

#### R62I00.05            **The Senator John A. Cade Funding Formula for the Distribution of Funds to Community Colleges**

Strike the following language from the general fund appropriation:

~~, provided that this appropriation shall be reduced by \$20,990,480 contingent upon the enactment of legislation that alters the John A. Cade Funding Formula by implementing a 3% cap on the maximum percentage increase each institution can receive compared to the prior fiscal year.~~

**Explanation:** This action strikes contingent language that is not necessary for the General Assembly to reduce the appropriation directly.

Add the following language to the general fund appropriation:

, provided that the appropriation for the Senator John A. Cade Funding Formula shall be allocated to the institutions in the following amounts:

- (1) Allegany College 9,397,435
- (2) Anne Arundel Community College 44,660,516
- (3) Community College of Baltimore County 70,896,218
- (4) Carroll Community College 13,212,963
- (5) Cecil College 7,991,668
- (6) College of Southern Maryland 20,371,285
- (7) Chesapeake College 10,538,004
- (8) Frederick Community College 23,303,494

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- (9) Garrett College 4,250,368
- (10) Hagerstown Community College 17,857,106
- (11) Harford Community College 19,212,843
- (12) Howard Community College 34,939,725
- (13) Montgomery Community College 74,640,855
- (14) Prince George’s Community College 51,165,697
- (15) Wor-Wic Community College 12,743,753

**Explanation:** This language specifies the allocation of Cade funds among the Maryland Association of Community Colleges institutions based on the level resulting from the provision in the Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act of 2026, which caps the increase in funding year-over-year for each institution at 3%.

Amend appropriation for the purposes indicated:

	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Positions</u>
1. Reduce the general fund appropriation for the Senator John A. Cade Funding Formula. This action reflects a change in the funding formula included in a provision in the Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act of 2026.	-20,990,480	GF
Total Change	-20,990,480	0.00

<u>Effect</u>	<u>Allowance</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Amount Change</u>	<u>Position Change</u>
General Funds	459,845,526	438,855,046	-20,990,480	

**R62I0010**  
**Student Financial Assistance**  
**Maryland Higher Education Commission**

**Committee Narrative**

**R62I00.10            Educational Excellence Awards**

**Credit Requirements for Community College Students Receiving Educational Excellence Awards:** The committees request that the Maryland Higher Education Commission submit a report by November 1, 2026, that calculates the cost of reducing credit completion requirements during the second academic year for community college students to maintain eligibility for their Educational Excellence Awards grants based on the following standards:

- completing 24 or more credits to maintain the full award; and
- completing 18 or more but less than 24 credits to receive a prorated award.

The report should calculate the costs that would have occurred had the listed credit completion standards been in effect for fiscal 2022 to 2025. The report should also discuss reasons why the rate of ineligibility among community college recipients has consistently exceeded the ineligibility rate for recipients at public and private four-year institutions.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Credit completion requirements for community college students	Maryland Higher Education Commission	November 1, 2026

**Impact of Credit Completion Requirement on Financial Aid Awards:** The committees remain interested in the impact that the 30-credit-hour requirement had on students in the 2025--2026 academic year and the 2026-2027 awarding year, specifically if students are meeting the requirement in order to receive the full amount of award, how many students had their awards prorated, and how many students lost eligibility. The report should also include the graduation rates, average credits earned, and on-time degree completion rates for students who completed at least 30 credit hours compared to those who completed less than 30 credit hours. The report Page 2 of 4 should provide summary data by segment (community colleges, four-year public, and independent institutions) and by institution. The report should identify the updated funding disbursement, by Educational Excellence Awards (EEA) award type and by total credit attainment grouping, for the students from the most recent review cycle as well as what the total funding

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amount was, by EEA award type, prior to those students having their award funding amounts revised. Additionally, the report should discuss new initiatives currently in development to alert students who are in danger of losing their awards.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Impact of credit completion requirements on financial aid awards	Maryland Higher Education Commission	December 1, 2026

### **Budget Amendment**

#### **R62I00.48 Maryland Community College Promise Scholarship Program**

Strike the following language from the general fund appropriation:

~~, provided that this appropriation shall be reduced by \$1,000,000 contingent upon the enactment of legislation to reduce the program funding mandate.~~

**Explanation:** This action strikes contingent language that is not necessary for the General Assembly to reduce the appropriation directly.

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#### **R62I00.52 Maryland Loan Assistance Repayment Program for Police Officers**

Strike the following language from the general fund appropriation:

~~, provided that this appropriation shall be reduced by \$1,500,000 contingent upon the enactment of legislation to reduce the program funding mandate.~~

**Explanation:** This action strikes contingent language that is not necessary for the General Assembly to reduce the appropriation directly.

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Amend appropriation for the purposes indicated:

	<u><b>Funds</b></u>	<u><b>Positions</b></u>
1. Delete funds for the Maryland Loan Assistance Repayment Program for Police Officers and Probation Agents, reflecting a provision in the Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act of 2026 that reduces the mandate from \$2.0 million to \$500,000.	-1,500,000	GF
 Total Change	 -1,500,000	 0.00

<u><b>Effect</b></u>	<u><b>Allowance</b></u>	<u><b>Appropriation</b></u>	<u><b>Amount Change</b></u>	<u><b>Position Change</b></u>
General Funds	2,000,000	500,000	-1,500,000	

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**R62I00.53 Maryland Police Officers Scholarship Program**

Strike the following language from the general fund appropriation:

~~; provided that this appropriation shall be reduced by \$1,500,000 contingent upon the enactment of legislation to reduce the program funding mandate.~~

**Explanation:** This action strikes contingent language that is not necessary for the General Assembly to reduce the appropriation directly.

**R62I0010**

Amend appropriation for the purposes indicated:

	<u><b>Funds</b></u>	<u><b>Positions</b></u>
1. Delete funds for the Maryland Police Officer and Probation Agents Scholarship program, reflecting a provision in the Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act of 2026 that reduces the mandate from \$2.0 million to \$500,000.	-1,500,000	GF
 Total Change	 -1,500,000	 0.00

<u><b>Effect</b></u>	<u><b>Allowance</b></u>	<u><b>Appropriation</b></u>	<u><b>Amount Change</b></u>	<u><b>Position Change</b></u>
General Funds	2,000,000	500,000	-1,500,000	

## R75T00 Higher Education

### Budget Amendment

#### R75T00.01      Support for State Operated Institutions of Higher Education

Add the following language to the general fund appropriation:

Further provided that this appropriation for R30B22 University of Maryland, College Park for the purpose of funding the State’s Consumer Health Information Hub at the Herschel S. Horowitz Center for Health Literacy shall be reduced by \$350,000.

**Explanation:** Chapter 679 of 2022 mandated funding of the Consumer Health Information Hub at the Herschel S. Horowitz Center for Health Literacy from fiscal 2022 through 2026. Though the mandate ended, funding was inadvertently included in the University of Maryland, College Park’s appropriation for this hub.

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**Instructional Faculty Workload Report:** The committees request that the University System of Maryland (USM), Morgan State University (MSU), and St. Mary’s College of Maryland (SMCM) continue to provide annual instructional workload reports for tenured/tenure-track faculty. By focusing on these faculty, the committees gain a sense of the teaching activities for the regular core faculty. However, there are other types of instructional faculty at institutions, such as full- and part-time nontenured/nontenure-track faculty, including adjunct faculty, instructors, and lecturers. Focusing on only tenured/tenure-track faculty provides an incomplete picture of how students are taught. Therefore, the report should also include the instructional workload when all types of faculty are considered. Additional information may be included at the institution’s discretion. Furthermore, the USM report should include the percent of faculty meeting or exceeding teaching standards for tenured/tenure-track faculty for the University of Maryland, Baltimore Campus.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Annual report on faculty workload	USM MSU SMCM	December 15, 2026

**R95C00**  
**Baltimore City Community College**

**Committee Narrative**

**R95C00.17          Scholarships and Fellowships**

**Enrollment and the Mayor’s Scholars Program (MSP):** The committees request a report on MSP that includes updated information on MSP for the 2025-2026 academic year and that identifies what additional actions are being taken to increase enrollment. Additionally, the report should provide the following information on MSP: (1) the number of applications received for all cohorts, the number of students who enrolled each semester, and the number of first-year students who enrolled in the second, third, and fourth year (where applicable); (2) the number of students who participated in the Summer Bridge program for all cohorts; (3) the number of students in all cohorts applicable who have successfully completed at least 15 credits each semester or a total of 30 credits in their academic year; (4) the amount of financial aid provided to scholars in year one, two, three, and four by cohort, including the total amount each year and the average student award; and (5) other funding sources being used to support the program after the end of funding from Baltimore City, including amounts by source.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Enrollment and MSP data	Baltimore City Community College	December 1, 2026

**S00A**  
**Department of Housing and Community Development**

**Committee Narrative**

**S00A20.01**      **Office of the Secretary**

**Housing Industry Apprenticeships:** The committees request that the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) conduct a study on registered apprenticeships in the housing industry. DHCD should consult with the Maryland Department of Labor and other relevant stakeholders and submit a report that details:

- current registered apprenticeship programs and number of apprentices in the housing industry, including in construction, real estate, rental housing, and other related occupations;
- the potential for new apprenticeship pathways in the housing industry; and
- any barriers to creating and expanding apprenticeships in occupations in the housing industry.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Report on housing industry apprenticeships	DHCD	December 1, 2026

**Housing Production Opportunities at Rail Mass Transit Stops:** The committees request that the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) conduct a comprehensive study of housing availability and potential at rail mass transit stops in each jurisdiction. DHCD should consult with the Maryland Department of Transportation and other relevant stakeholders and submit a report that details:

- the current availability of housing units at each rail transit stop;
- current zoning requirements at each rail transit stop; and
- an assessment of how many potential housing units could be added at each rail transit stop.

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Report on housing production opportunities at rail mass transit stops	DHCD	December 1, 2026

### **Budget Amendment**

#### **S00A24.01 Neighborhood Revitalization**

Add the following language to the special fund appropriation:

, provided that \$3,000,000 of this appropriation made for the purpose of administration may not be expended until the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) submits a report to the budget committees on the department's progress toward reducing vacant properties in Baltimore City. The report shall include:

- (1) the status of DHCD efforts to work with Baltimore City in addressing vacant properties;
- (2) issues that may lead to delays in developing properties and blocks targeted for demolition and redevelopment, specifically including issues related to vacant properties in the Penn North neighborhood that burned down in March 2026; and
- (3) any recommendations to reduce administrative or other barriers that would enable projects to move forward more quickly.

The report shall be submitted by September 1, 2026, 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 a report may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall be canceled if the report is not submitted to the budget committees.

**Explanation:** This language restricts funds pending the submission of a report on efforts to address vacant properties in Baltimore City.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Report on vacant properties in Baltimore City	DHCD	September 1, 2026

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### Budget Amendment

#### S00A25.04            Housing and Building Energy Programs

Amend the following language on the general fund appropriation:

, provided that this appropriation shall be reduced by \$183,673 contingent upon enactment of legislation expanding the allowable uses of the Strategic Energy Investment Fund to include programs and applicable initiatives related to State climate change mitigation and climate change resiliency efforts.

**Explanation:** This language adds specificity to contingent language on the general fund appropriation to more closely align with the applicable Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act provision.

Amend the following language on the special fund appropriation:

, provided that \$191,321 of this appropriation is contingent upon enactment of legislation expanding the allowable uses of the Strategic Energy Investment Fund to include programs and applicable initiatives related to State climate change mitigation and climate change resiliency efforts.

**Explanation:** This language adds specificity to contingent language on the special fund appropriation to more closely align with the applicable Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act provision.

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#### S00A29.01            Homeless Solutions

Add the following language:

Provided that it is the intent of the General Assembly that community action agencies be defined as emergency providers.

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**Explanation:** This language expresses the intent of the General Assembly that community action agencies be defined as emergency providers.

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

**Budget Amendment**

**T00A00.01            Office of the Secretary**

Add the following language to the general fund appropriation:

, provided that \$250,000 of this appropriation made for the purpose of administration may not be expended until the Department of Commerce submits a report to the budget committees on the utilization of the Small, Minority, and Women-Owned Businesses Account program over the past five years, challenges in deploying the full appropriation, strategies that have been used to increase utilization and the outcome of these strategies, and recommendations for program modifications that could increase program utilization. The report shall be submitted by October 30, 2026, 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 a 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:** The Small, Minority, and Women-Owned Businesses Account (SMWOBA) and its fund managers have been unable to utilize the program’s full appropriation in recent years, leading to a significant balance in the account. The committees request that the Department of Commerce (Commerce) report on challenges in deploying the funds, what strategies have been tried to increase deployment of the funds, and recommendations for program modifications to increase program utilization.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Report on challenges in utilizing the SMWOBA and recommendations for program modifications	Commerce	October 30, 2026

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**Budget Amendment**

**T00C00.05 Maryland Small Business Development Financing Authority (MSBDFa)**

Amend appropriation for the purposes indicated:

	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Positions</u>
1. Reduce funding for Maryland Small Business Development Financing Authority management fees that were overfunded in the allowance due to a data entry error.	-625,000	SF
Total Change	-625,000	0.00

<u>Effect</u>	<u>Allowance</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Amount Change</u>	<u>Position Change</u>
Special Funds	8,533,375	7,908,375	-625,000	

**Budget Amendment**

**T00C00.15 Maryland Biotech Investment Tax Credit Reserve Fund**

Amend appropriation for the purposes indicated:

	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Positions</u>
1. Reduce general funds for the Biotechnology Investment Incentive Tax Credit by \$2 million, to a total program funding level of \$10 million.	-2,000,000	GF
Total Change	-2,000,000	0.00

<u>Effect</u>	<u>Allowance</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Amount Change</u>	<u>Position Change</u>
General Funds	4,658,750	2,658,750	-2,000,000	

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**Budget Amendment**

**T00C00.17 More Jobs For Marylanders Tax Credit Reserve**

Amend appropriation for the purposes indicated:

	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Positions</u>
1. Reduce general funds for the More Jobs for Marylanders program.	-17,000,000	GF
Total Change	-17,000,000	0.00

<u>Effect</u>	<u>Allowance</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Amount Change</u>	<u>Position Change</u>
General Funds	20,000,000	3,000,000	-17,000,000	

**T50T01**  
**Maryland Technology Development Corporation**

**Budget Amendment**

**T50T01.01            Technology Development, Transfer and Commercialization**

Amend appropriation for the purposes indicated:

	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Positions</u>
1. Reduce funding for a grant to the Baltimore Tech Hub Consortium, intended to support the consortium's ongoing pursuit of federal funding, due to the State's fiscal condition and the uncertain outlook for future federal funding.	-250,000	GF
Total Change	-250,000	0.00

<u>Effect</u>	<u>Allowance</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Amount Change</u>	<u>Position Change</u>
General Funds	8,125,816	7,875,816	-250,000	

**U00A**  
**Department of the Environment**

**Budget Amendment**

**U00A04.01          Water and Science Administration**

Add the following language to the general fund appropriation:

Further provided that \$250,000 of this appropriation made for the purpose of administrative expenses may not be expended until the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) submits a report to the budget committees evaluating and recommending options to standardize the interpretation and implementation of State septic system regulations and guidance across jurisdictions. The report shall be developed in consultation with stakeholders including local health departments, the development community, septic system installers and engineers, environmental stakeholders, and other relevant experts. The report shall include the following:

- (1) an examination of variations in how local environmental health officers interpret and apply MDE regulations and guidance, including identification of the statutory or regulatory basis for more restrictive local interpretations; a review of the justification for enhanced or intensive percolation testing and septic system requirements in certain jurisdictions, including but not limited to Howard County; and consideration of how elevated and other nonconventional septic systems are treated across jurisdictions and whether additional clarification or standardization from MDE is warranted;
- (2) an independent assessment of customer satisfaction across jurisdictions, including feedback from individuals directly involved in the percolation testing, plan review, and building permit processes;
- (3) an evaluation of septic system performance data, including the average number of failures annually by jurisdiction, the percentage of failures resulting in significant environmental or public health impacts, and any correlation between local testing requirements and documented environmental outcomes;
- (4) recommendations on predictive flow metrics for all uses, including restaurants, other businesses, and housing, and on how to permit reasonable flexibility in approved flow rates based on plumbing upgrades, flow monitoring, and lookback data after initial approval; and
- (5) recommendations for a standardized statewide process for reviewing, approving, and implementing percolation plans and septic system approvals, including individual, shared, and multi-use systems; a coordinated approval framework for accessory dwelling units and other multi-unit developments served by multi-use systems; and a statewide flowchart

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depicting how county health departments, MDE, and local public works or permitting agencies coordinate throughout the approval and implementation process.

The report shall be submitted by December 1, 2026, 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:** This action restricts funding in MDE’s Water and Science Administration pending the submission of a report on septic system regulations and guidance standardization. The report is intended to identify inconsistencies, improve transparency, and determine whether additional statewide guidance or standardization is needed to address local differences in stringency and permitting requirements across counties.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Septic system regulations and guidance standardization report	MDE	December 1, 2026

Amend appropriation for the purposes indicated:

	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Positions</u>
1. Delete double-budgeted wastewater treatment plant operation and maintenance grants. The funding is already budgeted in Emergency and Support Services. Chapter 428 of 2004 (Water Pollution - State Waters - The Bay Restoration Fund) originally authorized the use of the Bay Restoration Fund for this purpose.	-11,100,000	SF
Total Change	-11,100,000	0.00

<u>Effect</u>	<u>Allowance</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Amount Change</u>	<u>Position Change</u>
Position	387.50	387.50		0.00
Special Funds	33,595,419	22,495,419	-11,100,000	

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**Potomac Interceptor Oversight Failures and Water Quality Monitoring Plan:** The committees are concerned about the oversight failures and both public health and environmental impacts of the Potomac Interceptor sewer line collapse on January 19, 2026, near the Clara Barton Parkway and I-495 interchange in Montgomery County. The collapse of the 72-inch diameter pipe – owned, operated, and maintained by D.C. Water – caused an estimated 243 to 300 million gallon sanitary sewer overflow into the C&O Canal National Historical Park and ultimately the Potomac River.

Repairs to the interceptor infrastructure are expected to take many months to complete and intermittent sewage overflows and leakages may continue. As such, the committees find that ongoing, coordinated, and transparent water quality monitoring is necessary to protect public health and ensure full understanding of the environmental impacts of this incident. The committees request the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE), which regulates unauthorized discharges into Maryland waterways and wetlands, oversees drinking water safety and enforcement, and monitors shellfish harvesting, submit reports as follows.

- MDE is requested to submit a report by June 1, 2026, that provides a detailed analysis of the events and factors that led to the Potomac Interceptor collapse, including a timeline of events and an evaluation of any oversight and monitoring failures that might have contributed to the sewer line collapse. The report should include a detailed evaluation of MDE's and D.C. Water's role in ensuring the safety and integrity of the sewer and wastewater systems. The report should also provide an assessment of the condition of the Potomac Interceptor along its alignment within Maryland, including any factors impacting the structural capacity and integrity of the system. In addition, the report should also include a plan for a continuous water quality monitoring program for bacteria, nutrients, dissolved oxygen, and other relevant ecological indicators, aquatic habitat conditions to assess ecological impacts, and coordination with existing citizen science and watershed monitoring programs operating in Maryland waters of the Potomac River, including nonprofit watershed organizations with demonstrated expertise.
- MDE is requested to submit monthly status reports on the steps taken by all parties to address the identified deficiencies that contributed to the Potomac Interceptor collapse. The report should include (1) a description of all water quality monitoring results from all available sources during the report period, including publicly accessible data from nonprofit watershed organizations, University of Maryland, University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science, other academic institutions, qualified scientific contractors and nonprofit organizations with demonstrated expertise in water quality monitoring and aquatic ecosystem assessment; (2) updates regarding potential impacts to Maryland ratepayers or other direct Maryland costs; details on the pump bypass system

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performance and any subsequent leakages, spills, and overflows; Potomac Interceptor repair status; (3) canal, National Park, and ecological restoration; (4) a plan for updates on a continuous water quality monitoring program and ecosystem assessment that tests for bacteria, nutrients, dissolved oxygen, and other relevant ecological indicators; and (5) environmental remediation. The monthly status reports are requested to begin as soon as practicable but not later than June 1, 2026, and continue until the risk to public health and the environment has been reduced to a de minimis level due to complete and permanent repair, and to be posted on MDE’s website by the close of business of the first Friday following submission.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Oversight failures at the Potomac Interceptor and plan for coordinated, ongoing water quality monitoring	MDE	June 1, 2026
Potomac Interceptor status reports	MDE	Monthly beginning not later than June 1, 2026, and continue until the risk to public health and the environment has been reduced to a de minimis level with postings on MDE’s website by the close of business of the first Friday following submission.

**Nutrient Credits Derived From Oyster Restoration Status Report:** Chapter 430 of 2025 required the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE), by December 31, 2025, to (1) authorize oyster restoration projects funded in whole or in part by federal, State, or local governments to be eligible to generate water quality trading credits; and (2) develop a process for certifying water quality trading credits generated by oyster restoration projects. The committees request that MDE submit a report by October 1, 2026, on the status of promulgation of regulations to establish verification and accounting of nutrient credits derived from oyster restoration projects.

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<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Nutrient credits derived from oyster restoration status report	MDE	October 1, 2026

### **Committee Narrative**

#### **U00A06.01 Land and Materials Administration**

#### **Prospective Maryland Beverage Container Recycling Fund and Litter Reduction Program**

**Report:** The committees request that the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) submit a report by December 1, 2026, on the estimated cost and logistical considerations to operate a Maryland Beverage Container Recycling Refund and Litter Reduction Program. The estimate should include staffing level and personnel costs and the cost to obtain contractual consultant services to guide program direction and implementation. The report should describe how MDE's Extended Producer Responsibility program should be implemented so as to not preclude adoption of a beverage container deposit program.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Prospective Maryland Beverage Container Recycling Fund and Litter Reduction Program report	MDE	December 1, 2026

**Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation Permit Renewal Process Report:** The committees are concerned that the Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation permit was not renewed timely by the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE). Therefore, the committees request that MDE submit a report on the Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation permit renewal process by October 1, 2026. The report shall include information on the reasons for the permit lapse, steps being taken to prevent future permits from lapsing, and the number of general discharge permits for animal feeding operations that have been administratively extended with authorized construction of new Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation permit renewal process report	MDE	October 1, 2026

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### Committee Narrative

#### U00A07.01 Air and Radiation Administration

**Energy Use Intensity Costs and Alternatives Reporting for Building Energy Performance Standards:** The General Assembly restricted funding in the Maryland Department of the Environment’s (MDE) fiscal 2024 operating budget pending the submission of a report on energy use intensity costs and alternatives to energy use intensity for meeting greenhouse gas emission targets. MDE could not submit this information during fiscal 2025 because it will not receive the underlying data that needs to be analyzed until June 30, 2026. Therefore, the budget committees request that MDE submit by December 1, 2026, a report on energy use intensity costs and alternatives to energy use intensity for meeting greenhouse gas emission targets, which shall include:

- an assessment of the energy use intensity requirement compliance cost to owners of covered buildings;
- a recommendation for an alternative compliance fee for energy use intensity on building owners, after taking into account any financial incentives offered to the covered building owners;
- an evaluation of mechanisms other than energy use intensity to meet greenhouse gas emission targets; and
- an economic feasibility study of meeting energy use intensity standards, which shall consider factors including, but not limited to, building age, technological limitations, and limits of building resources and include recommendations addressing covered buildings and underresourced buildings that, after considering all possible incentives, including avoided penalties and fees, would still result in building noncompliance with greenhouse gas emission regulations and targets.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Energy use intensity costs and alternatives reporting for building energy performance standards	MDE	December 1, 2026

**U10B00**  
**Maryland Environmental Service**

**Committee Narrative**

**U10B00.41            General Administration**

**Maryland Environmental Service (MES) Funding Statement:** The committees request that MES continue to provide a report on the following:

- undesignated, unrestricted net assets for fiscal 2026, 2027, and 2028 estimated and an explanation for any changes between each of these years, including revenues credited to and expenditures debited from the net assets;
- overhead rates for fiscal 2026, 2027, and 2028 estimated;
- project reserve fund status by beginning balance, approved retainage, funds withdrawn, and interest earned for fiscal 2026 and 2027 for the State Reimbursable Project Contingency Fund, the Eastern Correctional Institution Steam Turbine Contingency Fund, the Department of Natural Resources Project Contingency Fund, and any other project reserve funds created by MES, including the justification for any approved retainages or funds withdrawn in any project reserve fund during fiscal 2026 or 2027; and
- justification for the changes in reimbursable projected funding for fiscal 2026, 2027, or 2028 estimated.

The report should be submitted in coordination with the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) with the fiscal 2028 budget submission.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
MES funding statement	MES DBM	With the fiscal 2028 budget submission

**V00A**  
**Department of Juvenile Services**

**Committee Narrative**

**V00D01.01            Office of the Secretary**

**Report on the Substance Abuse Program:** The fiscal 2026 budget as introduced included \$3.0 million in general funds for the Department of Juvenile Services (DJS) to open the Catoctin Treatment Center as a substance abuse facility for youth. Language added to the fiscal 2026 Budget Bill specified that the \$3.0 million provided for the purpose of opening the Catoctin Treatment Center may not be expended for that purpose but instead may be used only to reopen the Alfred D. Noyes Children’s Center (Noyes) as an adolescent drug treatment center that serves as a treatment alternative to detention and commitment. In coordination with the Maryland Department of Health (MDH) and the Department of Human Services, DJS plans to relocate to Noyes the Facility For Children that is currently located at a neighboring facility owned by MDH. DJS would then open a substance use program at the MDH facility. DJS also plans to provide educational services on the Noyes campus with Juvenile Services Education Program staff. The committees request that DJS submit a report that contains the following information:

- a description of its role and responsibilities at each facility;
- an estimated or actual date for which DJS and MDH will begin their facility swap;
- an estimated or actual date for which juvenile justice involved youth will begin receiving care through the substance abuse program;
- a description of the care that youth will receive through each provider;
- a status update on the hiring of educational staff who will work at Noyes; and
- a list of estimated expenses associated with the programs in fiscal 2026 and 2027.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Report on the substance abuse program	DJS	August 1, 2026

**W00A**  
**Department of State Police**

**Budget Amendment**

**W00A01.01            Office of the Superintendent**

Add the following language to the general fund appropriation:

, provided it is the intent of the General Assembly that grant funding that the Department of State Police provides to the Maryland Sheriffs' Association for operational training and support be used by the Maryland Sheriffs' Association to provide trainings to law enforcement agencies, including training on State law regarding immigration enforcement agreements.

**Explanation:** Chapters 1 and 2 of 2026 prohibit the State; a unit of local government; a county sheriff; or any agency, officer, employee, or agent of the State or a unit of local government from entering into an immigration enforcement agreement. Any existing immigration enforcement agreement must be terminated on or before July 1, 2026. The fiscal 2027 budget includes \$333,000 in general funds for the Department of State Police to provide to the Maryland Sheriffs' Association. This language expresses the intent of the General Assembly that this funding be used for the Maryland Sheriffs' Association to provide trainings to law enforcement agencies, including training on immigration enforcement agreements.

**Committee Narrative**

**Quarterly Reports on Personnel Measures:** The Department of State Police (DSP) has maintained a high monthly vacancy rate for its regular positions in recent fiscal years. Additionally, in July 2022, the U.S. Department of Justice announced that it would be investigating DSP to determine if the department's hiring and promotional practices had violated Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. A consent decree was filed in October 2024 and provisionally approved in the U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland in November 2024. The Board of Public Works approved the department's use of \$2.75 million in general funds for required monetary awards in October 2024, and in January 2025, approved the use of \$357,500 in general funds to procure two entry-level selection tests to replace the existing written and physical fitness tests, both related to the provisional consent decree. In February 2025, the federal government filed to dismiss the case without a stated reason and without instruction for how DSP was to proceed. The committees request that DSP submit quarterly reports on its personnel measures, and where applicable, provide information separately for both sworn and civilian positions and for each month of the quarter. The quarterly reports should include the following:

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- recent recruitment activities and recent employee retention activities; and
- the total number of authorized positions, the total number of filled positions, the number of open positions for which the department is actively hiring, the number of job applications received, the number of positions hired, the number of separations, the attrition rate, and the number of employees eligible to retire.

In addition, in each quarterly report, DSP should provide updates on the department's activities related to the consent decree and progress made on distributing funds to former applicants through a claims administrator. In the first quarterly report, DSP should submit a plan for decreasing its vacancy rate in fiscal 2027.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Quarterly reports on personnel measures	DSP	July 10, 2026 October 10, 2026 January 10, 2027 April 10, 2027

**Report on Registered Apprenticeship Opportunities:** As a full-service law enforcement agency, the Department of State Police (DSP) workforce includes a complement of sworn and civilian personnel with a wide range of job responsibilities. Among its sworn personnel, DSP estimates that the vacancy rate was 11.6% in calendar 2025. The department fills its sworn vacancies by hiring trooper candidates following their graduation from the Maryland State Police Trooper Academy. Typically, individuals must be at least 21 years old upon their graduation from the 26-week academy. DSP also operates a cadet program for individuals between 18 and 21 as a way of promoting a career in law enforcement and attracting additional candidates for its academics. The committees request that DSP submit a report describing opportunities for registered apprenticeship programs for its sworn workforce as well as what apprenticeship models the department is aware of within the law enforcement sector. To develop the report, DSP should consult with any exclusive bargaining representatives of the employees, the Department of Budget and Management, and the Maryland Department of Labor. The report should include the following:

- a review of registered apprenticeship programs for the law enforcement sector in other states;
- any barriers to implementation for apprenticeship programs within the DSP workforce;

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- the resources needed to support one or more registered apprenticeship programs within DSP; and
- the benefits of registered apprenticeship programs and expected impact on DSP staffing levels.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Report on registered apprenticeship opportunities	DSP	December 1, 2026

**Report on Workforce Diversity Strategies:** The Department of State Police (DSP) is the fifth largest employer within the Executive Branch, and one of its goals, as reported through the Managing for Results process, is to develop an efficient and effective workforce. An objective related to this goal is to increase actions focused on workforce diversity, equity, and inclusion. The committees request that DSP submit a report identifying any new strategies or initiatives that the department has engaged in to support diversity within its sworn and civilian personnel as well as within applicants to the department. Strategies and initiatives that support equity and inclusion should also be reported. The committees further request that a demographic breakdown of the department’s civilian and sworn employees be provided for each division for the three most recent calendar years and that this breakdown provide information specific to gender and race.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Report on workforce diversity strategies	DSP	October 1, 2026

**Federal Personal Information Requests Report:** The committees request that the Department of State Police (DSP) submit a report on requests from federal agencies seeking access to personal information, a photograph of an individual, or a facial recognition search. DSP should report information contained in this request regardless of whether the request was initiated through a State or local law enforcement agency. DSP should report the following information for each federal agency that has submitted requests and for each calendar 2024, 2025, and 2026 (through June 30, 2026):

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- the number of requests received from each federal agency for personal information, a photograph of an individual, or a facial recognition search, including requests that reach DSP via a message-switching system or automated mechanism;
- the number of requests received from each federal agency for personal information, a photograph of an individual, or a facial recognition search for which a valid warrant issued by a federal court or a court of this State was provided;
- the number and purpose of facial recognition searches completed for each federal agency based on personal information or a photograph of an individual provided to the federal agency by DSP;
- the number of individuals whose personal information or photograph was provided to each federal agency by DSP, including via a message-switching system or automated mechanism; and
- the number of requests denied.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Report on federal requests for personal information	DSP	January 15, 2027

**Y01A  
State Reserve Fund**

**Budget Amendment**

**Y01A01.01 Revenue Stabilization Account**

Strike the following language from the general fund appropriation:

~~, provided that \$449,787,611 of this appropriation shall be reduced contingent upon enactment of legislation eliminating the required Revenue Stabilization Account appropriation for fiscal 2027.~~

**Explanation:** This action strikes contingent language that is not needed for the General Assembly to reduce the appropriation directly.

Amend appropriation for the purposes indicated:

	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Positions</u>
1. Reduce the appropriation to the Revenue Stabilization Account (Rainy Day Fund). Adequate funding exists to meet Spending Affordability Committee goals without the statutory appropriation to the Rainy Day Fund in fiscal 2027.	-449,787,611	GF
Total Change	-449,787,611	0.00

<u>Effect</u>	<u>Allowance</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Amount Change</u>	<u>Position Change</u>
General Funds	449,787,611	0	-449,787,611	

**Budget Amendment**

**Y01A02.01 Dedicated Purpose Account**

Strike the following language from the general fund appropriation:

~~Legislative Priorities 30,000,000~~

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**Explanation:** This action amends line-item appropriations for legislative priorities to be replaced by the General Assembly in separate actions. This is a technical amendment.

Strike the following language from the special fund appropriation:

~~, provided that \$82,000,000 of this appropriation is contingent upon the enactment of legislation expanding the allowable uses of the Strategic Energy Investment Fund.~~

**Explanation:** This action strikes language that is no longer applicable due to legislative action on the appropriation.

Add the following language to the special fund appropriation:

, provided that \$42,000,000 of this appropriation is made for the purpose of the Higher Ed Research Fund contingent on the enactment of legislation authorizing the use of Strategic Energy Investment Funds for this purpose may be used for any research field and shall not be limited to energy related research.

**Explanation:** This action enables funding in the Dedicated Purpose Account for Higher Education research to be used for any type of research.

Strike the following language from the special fund appropriation:

~~Energy Resource Adequacy and Planning Act Implementation 25,000,000~~

~~Grid Enhancing Technologies/Advanced Transmission Technologies (GET/ ATT) Planning 15,000,000~~

**Explanation:** This action strikes line-items for appropriations that are being reduced by the General Assembly.

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**Supplemental Appropriation**

Amend the following language:

**68. Y01A02.01 Dedicated Purpose Account**

In addition to the appropriation shown on page 148 of the printed bill (first reading file bill), to provide funds to the Maryland Department of Health to administer a substance use treatment program for children in the juvenile justice system.

Object .12 Grants, Subsidies and Contributions .....	47,950,000	<u>0</u>
General Fund Appropriation .....	47,950,000	<u>0</u>

**Explanation:** This is a technical action deleting legislative priority funding provided in Supplemental Budget No. 2 so that the funding may be added back in other sections.

Amend the following language:

Amendment No. 4

On page 148, in line 18, strike "5,000,000" and replace with "10,000,000", in line 21, strike "2,000,000" and replace with "4,000,000", ~~and in line 16, strike "30,000,000" and replace with "47,950,000".~~ On page 148, after line 21, insert:

"MDH and DJS Substance Use Treatment Program 1,500,000".

**Explanation:** This is a technical action striking language in Supplemental Budget No. 2 that updates the general fund appropriation line item for legislative priority funding consistent with the funding added in Supplemental Budget No. 2. This action allows the General Assembly to add funding back in other sections of the budget bill.

**Y01A**

Amend appropriation for the purposes indicated:

	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Positions</u>
1. Reduce funding for Energy Resource Adequacy and Planning Act Implementation.	-25,000,000	SF
2. Reduce funding for Grid-Enhancing Technologies/Advanced Transmission Technologies Planning.	-15,000,000	SF
3. Reduce placeholder for legislative priorities. This is a technical action to strike the placeholder appropriation for legislative priorities so that the legislature can add legislative priorities in specified amounts for specified purposes.	-30,000,000	GF
 Total Change	 -70,000,000	 0.00

	<u>Effect</u>	<u>Allowance</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Amount Change</u>	<u>Position Change</u>
General Funds		44,100,000	14,100,000	-30,000,000	
Special Funds		82,000,000	42,000,000	-40,000,000	

**Committee Narrative**

**Dedicated Purpose Account Accounting:** The committees request that the Comptroller of Maryland, in collaboration with the Department of Management (DBM), submit a report that identifies, for each funding reversion to the Dedicated Purpose Account (DPA) for fiscal 2021 through 2025, the purpose as expressed in the appropriating language to the extent practical and the budget amendment number that authorized the transfer of funds. It is the intent of the General Assembly that the Comptroller of Maryland, in annual fiscal year-end closeout reports beginning with the fiscal 2026 report, identify the budget amendment of origin for funds returned to the DPA or the budget bill purpose for which it was appropriated.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
DPA accounting	Comptroller of Maryland DBM	July 15, 2026

## Sections

### Budget Amendments

Amend the following section:

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That in order to carry out the provisions of these appropriations the Secretary of Budget and Management is authorized:

- (a) To allot all or any portion of the funds herein appropriated to the various departments, boards, commissions, officers, schools and institutions by monthly, quarterly or seasonal periods and by objects of expense ~~and may place any funds appropriated but not allotted in contingency reserve available for subsequent allotment. Upon the Secretary's own initiative or upon the request of the head of any State agency, the Secretary may authorize a change in the amount of funds so allotted.~~

The Secretary shall, before the beginning of the fiscal year, file with the Comptroller of the Treasury ~~a schedule of allotments, if any a list limited to the appropriations restricted in this Act to be placed in contingency reserve.~~ The Comptroller shall not authorize any expenditure or obligation in excess of the allotment made and any expenditure so made shall be illegal.

- (b) ~~To allot all or any portion of funds coming into the hands of any department, board, commission, officer, school and institution of the State, from sources not estimated or calculated upon in the budget.~~

- (e) (b) To fix the number and classes of positions, including temporary and permanent positions, or person years of authorized employment for each agency, unit, or program thereof, not inconsistent with the Public General Laws in regard to classification of positions. The Secretary shall make such determinations before the beginning of the fiscal year and shall base them on the positions or person years of employment authorized in the budget as amended by approved budgetary position actions. No payment for salaries or wages nor any request for or certification of personnel shall be made except in accordance with the Secretary's determinations. At any time during the fiscal year the Secretary may amend the number and classes of positions or person years of employment previously fixed by the Secretary; the Secretary may delegate all or part of this authority. The governing boards of public institutions of higher education shall have the authority to transfer positions between programs and campuses under each institutional board's jurisdiction without the approval of the Secretary, as provided in Section 15-105 of the Education Article.

- (d) (c) To prescribe procedures and forms for carrying out the above provisions.

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**Explanation:** This language limits the amount of appropriations that can be placed into contingency reserve to only those items restricted by the Maryland General Assembly.

Amend the following section:

SECTION 17. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That funds appropriated to the various State agency programs and subprograms in Comptroller Objects 0152 (Health Insurance), 0154 (Retirees Health Insurance Premiums), 0175 (Workers' Compensation), 0217 (Health Insurance), 0305 (Department of Budget and Management Paid Telecommunications), 0839 (Human Resources Shared Services), 0874 (Office of Attorney General Administrative Fee), 0876 (Department of Information Technology Information Technology Services Allocation), 0894 (State Personnel System Allocation), 0897 (Enterprise Budget System Allocation), and 1303 (rent paid to the Department of General Services) are to be utilized for their intended purposes only. ~~The expenditure or transfer of these funds for other purposes requires the prior approval of the Secretary of Budget and Management.~~ Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary of Budget and Management may transfer amounts appropriated in Comptroller Objects 0152, 0154, 0217, 0305, and 0876 between State departments and agencies by approved budget amendment in fiscal 2026 and 2027. All funds budgeted in or transferred to Comptroller Objects 0152 and 0154 and any funds restricted in this budget for use in the employee and retiree health insurance program that are unspent shall be credited to the fund as established in accordance with Section 2-516 of the State Personnel and Pensions Article.

Further provided that each agency that receives funding in this budget in any of the restricted Comptroller Objects listed within this section shall establish within the State's accounting system a structure of accounts to separately identify for each restricted Comptroller Object, by fund source, the legislative appropriation, monthly transactions, and final expenditures. It is the intent of the General Assembly that an accounting detail be established so that the Office of Legislative Audits may review the disposition of funds appropriated for each restricted Comptroller Object as part of each closeout audit to ensure that funds are used only for the purposes for which they are restricted and that unspent funds are reverted or canceled.

**Explanation:** This language pertaining to restricted objects of expenditures is amended to disallow transfers to other purposes and makes it possible for the Office of Legislative Audits to track the disposition of funds in restricted statewide subobjects.

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Add the following section:

### **Section 18 Executive Long-term Forecast**

SECTION 18. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Governor’s budget books shall include a forecast of the impact of the executive budget proposal on the long-term fiscal condition of the General Fund, the Transportation Trust Fund, the Blueprint for Maryland’s Future Fund, and higher education Current Unrestricted Fund accounts. This forecast shall estimate aggregate revenues, expenditures, and fund balances in each account for the fiscal year last completed, the current year, the budget year, and four years thereafter. Expenditures shall be reported at such agency, program or unit levels, or categories as may be determined appropriate after consultation with the Department of Legislative Services. A statement of major assumptions underlying the forecast shall also be provided including, but not limited to, general salary increases, inflation, and growth of caseloads in significant program areas.

**Explanation:** This annual language provides for the delivery of the Executive’s General Fund, transportation, Blueprint for Maryland’s Future Fund, and higher education forecasts and defines the conditions under which it is to be provided.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Executive forecasts	Department of Budget and Management	With submission of the Governor’s Fiscal 2028 Budget Books

Add the following section:

### **Section 19 Across-the-board Reductions and Higher Education**

SECTION 19. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That all across-the-board reductions applied to the Executive Branch, unless otherwise stated, shall apply to current unrestricted and general funds in the University System of Maryland, St. Mary’s College of Maryland, Morgan State University, and Baltimore City Community College.

**Explanation:** This section explicitly applies reductions intended for the full Executive Branch to the University System of Maryland, St. Mary’s College of Maryland, Morgan State University, and Baltimore City Community College unless their exclusion is specifically stated.

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Add the following section:

### **Section 20 Reporting Federal Funds**

SECTION 20. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Governor’s budget books shall include a summary statement of federal revenues by major federal program sources supporting the federal appropriations made therein along with the major assumptions underpinning the federal fund estimates. The Department of Budget and Management (DBM) shall exercise due diligence in reporting this data and ensure that they are updated as appropriate to reflect ongoing congressional action on the federal budget. In addition, DBM shall provide to the Department of Legislative Services (DLS) data for the actual, current, and budget years listing the components of each federal fund appropriation by Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number or equivalent detail for programs not in the catalog. Data shall be provided in an electronic format subject to the concurrence of DLS.

**Explanation:** This annual language provides for consistent reporting of federal monies received by the State.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Reporting components of each federal fund appropriation	DBM	With submission of the Governor’s Fiscal 2028 Budget Books

Add the following section:

### **Section 21 Federal Fund Spending**

SECTION 21. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That in the expenditure of federal funds appropriated in this budget or subsequent to the enactment of this budget by the budget amendment process:

- (1) State agencies shall administer these federal funds in a manner that recognizes that federal funds are taxpayer dollars that require prudent fiscal management, careful application to the purposes for which they are directed, and strict attention to budgetary and accounting procedures established for the administration of all public funds.

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- (2) For fiscal 2027, except with respect to capital appropriations, to the extent consistent with federal requirements:
- (a) when expenditures or encumbrances may be charged to either State or federal fund sources, federal funds shall be charged before State funds are charged except that this policy does not apply to the Department of Human Services with respect to federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families funds to be carried forward into future years;
  - (b) when additional federal funds are sought or otherwise become available in the course of the fiscal year, agencies shall consider, in consultation with the Department of Budget and Management (DBM), whether opportunities exist to use these federal revenues to support existing operations rather than to expand programs or establish new ones; and
  - (c) DBM shall take appropriate actions to effectively establish the provisions of this section as policies of the State with respect to the administration of federal funds by executive agencies.

**Explanation:** This annual language defines the policies under which federal funds shall be used in the State budget.

Add the following section:

### **Section 22 Reporting on Budget Data and Organizational Charts**

SECTION 22. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That it is the intent of the General Assembly that all State departments, agencies, bureaus, commissions, boards, and other organizational units included in the State budget, including the Judiciary, shall prepare and submit items for the fiscal 2028 budget detailed by Comptroller subobject classification in accordance with instructions promulgated by the Comptroller of Maryland. The presentation of budget data in the Governor's budget books shall include object, fund, and personnel data in the manner provided for in fiscal 2027 except as indicated elsewhere in this Act; however, this may not preclude the placement of additional information into the budget books. For actual fiscal 2026 spending, the fiscal 2027 working appropriation, and the fiscal 2028 allowance, the budget detail shall be available from the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) automated data system at the subobject level by subobject codes and classifications for all agencies. To the extent possible, except for public higher education institutions, subobject expenditures shall be designated by fund for actual fiscal 2026 spending, the fiscal 2027 working appropriation, and the fiscal 2028

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allowance. The agencies shall exercise due diligence in reporting this data and ensuring correspondence between reported position and expenditure data for the actual, current, and budget fiscal years. This data shall be made available on request and in a format subject to the concurrence of the Department of Legislative Services (DLS). Furthermore, the expenditure of appropriations shall be reported and accounted for by the subobject classification in accordance with the instructions promulgated by the Comptroller of Maryland.

Further provided that due diligence shall be taken to accurately report full-time equivalent (FTE) counts of contractual FTEs in the budget books. For the purpose of this count, contractual FTEs are defined as those individuals having an employee-employer relationship with the State. This count shall include those individuals in higher education institutions who meet this definition but are paid with additional assistance funds.

Further provided that DBM shall provide to DLS with the allowance for each department, unit, agency, office, and institution, a one-page organizational chart in Microsoft Word or Adobe PDF format that depicts the allocation of personnel across operational and administrative activities of the entity.

Further provided that for each across-the-board reduction to appropriations or positions in the fiscal 2028 Budget Bill affecting fiscal 2027 or 2028, DBM shall allocate the reduction for each agency in a level of detail not less than the three-digit R\*Stars financial agency code and by each fund type.

Further provided that DBM shall provide to DLS special and federal fund accounting detail for the fiscal year last completed, current year, and budget year for each fund. The account detail, to be submitted with the allowance, should at a minimum provide revenue and expenditure detail, along with starting and ending balances.

Further provided that DBM shall provide to DLS by September 1, 2026, a list of subprograms used by each department, unit, agency, office, and institution, along with a brief description of the subprograms' purpose and responsibilities.

**Explanation:** This annual language provides for consistent reporting of fiscal 2026, 2027, and 2028 budget data and provides for the submission of department, unit, agency, office, and institutions' organizational charts to DLS with the allowance. It also requires DBM to allocate across-the-board reductions to positions or funding to ensure transparency in budget allocations.

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Information Request	Author	Due Date
Agency organizational charts and special and federal fund accounting detail	DBM	With submission of the Governor's Fiscal 2028 Budget Books
List of subprograms	DBM	September 1, 2026

Add the following section:

### Section 23 Interagency Agreements

SECTION 23. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That on or before August 1, 2026, each State agency and each public institution of higher education shall report to the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) any agreements in place for any part of fiscal 2026 between State agencies and any public institution of higher education involving potential expenditures in excess of \$100,000 over the term of the agreement. Further provided that DBM shall provide direction and guidance to all State agencies and public institutions of higher education as to the procedures and specific elements of data to be reported with respect to these interagency agreements, to include at a minimum:

- (1) a common code for each interagency agreement that specifically identifies each agreement and the fiscal year in which the agreement began;
- (2) the starting date for each agreement;
- (3) the ending date for each agreement;
- (4) a total potential expenditure, or not-to-exceed dollar amount, for the services to be rendered over the term of the agreement by any public institution of higher education to any State agency;
- (5) a description of the nature of the goods and services to be provided;
- (6) the total number of personnel, both full- and part-time, associated with the agreement;
- (7) contact information for the agency and the public institution of higher education for the person(s) having direct oversight or knowledge of the agreement;

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- (8) total indirect cost recovery or facilities and administrative (F&A) expenditures authorized for the agreement;
- (9) the indirect cost recovery or F&A rate for the agreement and brief description of how the rate was determined;
- (10) actual expenditures for the most recently closed fiscal year;
- (11) actual base expenditures that the indirect cost recovery or F&A rate may be applied against during the most recently closed fiscal year;
- (12) actual expenditures for indirect cost recovery or F&A for the most recently closed fiscal year; and
- (13) total authorized expenditures for any subaward(s) or subcontract(s) being used as part of the agreement and a brief description of the type of award or contract.

Further provided that DBM shall submit a consolidated report to the budget committees and the Department of Legislative Services by December 1, 2026, that contains information on all agreements between State agencies and any public institution of higher education involving potential expenditures in excess of \$100,000 that were in effect at any time during fiscal 2026.

Further provided that no new higher education interagency agreement with State agencies with a projected value in excess of \$500,000 may be entered into during fiscal 2027 without prior approval of the Secretary of Budget and Management.

**Explanation:** This annual language requires DBM to report on all interagency agreements between State agencies and public institutions of higher education having a total potential expenditure over the term of the agreement in excess of \$100,000. This applies only to agreements for the purchase of goods and/or services and does not apply to grants or space agreements. Further, it requires that no new higher education interagency agreement with State agencies with a projected value in excess of \$500,000 be entered into during fiscal 2027 without prior approval of the Secretary of Budget and Management.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Consolidated report on interagency agreements	DBM	December 1, 2026

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Add the following section:

### **Section 24 Budget Amendments**

SECTION 24. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That any budget amendment to increase the total amount of special, federal, or higher education (current restricted and current unrestricted) fund appropriations, or to make reimbursable fund transfers from the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy or the Maryland Department of Emergency Management made in Section 1 of this Act shall be subject to the following restrictions:

- (1) This section may not apply to budget amendments for the sole purpose of:
  - (a) appropriating funds available as a result of the award of federal disaster assistance; and
  - (b) transferring funds from the State Reserve Fund – Economic Development Opportunities Account for projects approved by the Legislative Policy Committee (LPC).
  
- (2) Budget amendments increasing total appropriations in any fund account by \$100,000 or more may not be approved by the Governor until:
  - (a) that amendment has been submitted to the Department of Legislative Services (DLS); and
  - (b) the budget committees or LPC has considered the amendment or 45 days have elapsed from the date of submission of the amendment. Each amendment submitted to DLS shall include a statement of the amount, sources of funds and purposes of the amendment, and a summary of the impact on regular position or contractual full-time equivalent payroll requirements.
  
- (3) Unless permitted by the budget bill or the accompanying supporting documentation or by any other authorizing legislation, and notwithstanding the provisions of Section 3-216 of the Transportation Article, a budget amendment may not:
  - (a) restore funds for items or purposes specifically denied by the General Assembly;
  - (b) fund a capital project not authorized by the General Assembly provided, however, that subject to provisions of the Transportation Article, projects of the Maryland

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Department of Transportation (MDOT) shall be restricted as provided in Section 1 of this Act;

- (c) increase the scope of a capital project by an amount 7.5% or more over the approved estimate or 5.0% or more over the net square footage of the approved project until the amendment has been submitted to DLS, and the budget committees have considered and offered comment to the Governor, or 45 days have elapsed from the date of submission of the amendment. This provision does not apply to MDOT; and
- (d) provide for the additional appropriation of special, federal, or higher education funds of more than \$100,000 for the reclassification of a position or positions.
- (4) A budget may not be amended to increase a federal fund appropriation by \$100,000 or more unless documentation evidencing the increase in funds is provided with the amendment and fund availability is certified by the Secretary of Budget and Management.
- (5) No expenditure or contractual obligation of funds authorized by a proposed budget amendment may be made prior to approval of that amendment by the Governor.
- (6) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, any federal, special, or higher education fund appropriation may be increased by budget amendment upon a declaration by the Board of Public Works that the amendment is essential to maintaining public safety, health, or welfare, including protecting the environment or the economic welfare of the State.
- (7) Budget amendments for new major information technology projects, as defined by Sections 3A-301 and 3A-302 of the State Finance and Procurement Article, must include an Information Technology Project Request, as defined in Section 3A-308 of the State Finance and Procurement Article.
- (8) Further provided that the fiscal 2027 appropriation detail as shown in the Governor's budget books submitted to the General Assembly in January 2027 and the supporting electronic detail may not include appropriations for budget amendments that have not been signed by the Governor, exclusive of the MDOT pay-as-you-go capital program.
- (9) Further provided that it is the policy of the State to recognize and appropriate additional special, higher education, and federal revenues in the budget bill as approved by the General Assembly. Further provided that for the fiscal 2028 allowance, the Department of Budget and Management shall continue policies and procedures to minimize reliance

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on budget amendments for appropriations that could be included in a deficiency appropriation.

- (10) Further provided that budget amendments submitted for a fiscal year that has ended must be submitted to the General Assembly no later than October 31 of the next fiscal year to be considered for approval.

**Explanation:** This annual language defines the process under which budget amendments may be used.

Add the following section:

### **Section 25 Maintenance of Accounting Systems**

SECTION 25. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

- (1) The Secretary of Health shall maintain the accounting systems necessary to determine the extent to which funds appropriated for fiscal 2026 in program M00Q01.03 Medical Care Provider Reimbursements and M00Q01.10 Medicaid Behavioral Health Provider Reimbursements have been disbursed for services provided in that fiscal year and shall prepare and submit the monthly reports by fund type required under this section for that program.
- (2) The State Superintendent of Schools shall maintain the accounting systems necessary to determine the extent to which funds appropriated for fiscal 2026 to program R00A02.07 Students With Disabilities for nonpublic placements have been disbursed for services provided in that fiscal year and to prepare monthly reports as required under this section for that program.
- (3) The Secretary of Human Services shall maintain the accounting systems necessary to determine the extent to which funds appropriated for fiscal 2026 in program N00G00.01 Foster Care Maintenance Payments have been disbursed for services provided in that fiscal year, including detail by placement type for the average monthly caseload, average monthly cost per case, and the total expended for each foster care program, and to prepare the monthly reports required under this section for that program.
- (4) For the programs specified, reports must indicate by fund type total appropriations for fiscal 2026 and total disbursements for services provided during that fiscal year up through

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the last day of the second month preceding the date on which the report is to be submitted and a comparison to data applicable to those periods in the preceding fiscal year.

- (5) Reports shall be submitted to the budget committees, the Department of Legislative Services, the Department of Budget and Management, and the Comptroller beginning August 15, 2026, and submitted on a monthly basis thereafter.
- (6) It is the intent of the General Assembly that general funds appropriated for fiscal 2026 to the programs specified that have not been disbursed within a reasonable period, not to exceed 12 months from the end of the fiscal year, shall revert.

**Explanation:** This annual language requires the maintenance of accounting systems for certain programs, states the intent of the General Assembly that general funds not disbursed be reverted, and requires reporting of disbursements by the Maryland Department of Health (MDH), the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE), and the Department of Human Services (DHS).

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Report on appropriations and disbursements in M00Q01.03, M00Q01.10, R00A02.07, and N00G00.01	MDH MSDE DHS	August 15, 2026, and monthly thereafter

Add the following section:

### **Section 26    Positions Abolished in the Budget**

SECTION 26. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That no position identification number assigned to a position abolished in this budget may be reassigned to a job or function different from that to which it was assigned when the budget was submitted to the General Assembly. Incumbents in positions abolished may continue State employment in another position.

**Explanation:** This language prevents employees from being moved into positions abolished in the budget. It also allows that incumbents in abolished positions may continue State employment in another position.

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Add the following section:

### **Section 27 Injured Workers' Insurance Fund Accounts**

SECTION 27. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the General Accounting Division of the Comptroller of Maryland shall establish a subsidiary ledger control account to debit all State agency funds budgeted under subobject 0175 (Workers' Compensation) and to credit all payments disbursed to the Injured Workers' Insurance Fund (IWIF) via transmittal. The control account shall also record all funds withdrawn from IWIF and returned to the State and subsequently transferred to the General Fund. IWIF shall submit monthly reports to the Department of Legislative Services concerning the status of the account.

**Explanation:** This section provides continuation of a system to track workers' compensation payments to IWIF for payments of claims, current expenses, and funded liability for incurred losses by the State.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Report on the status of ledger control account	IWIF	Monthly beginning July 1, 2026

Add the following section:

### **Section 28 The "Rule of 100"**

SECTION 28. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Board of Public Works (BPW), in exercising its authority to create additional positions pursuant to Section 7-236 of the State Finance and Procurement Article, may authorize during the fiscal year no more than 100 positions in excess of the total number of authorized State positions on July 1, 2026, as determined by the Secretary of Budget and Management. Provided, however, that if the imposition of this ceiling causes undue hardship in any department, agency, board, or commission, additional positions may be created for that affected unit to the extent that an equal number of positions authorized by the General Assembly for the fiscal year are abolished in that unit or in other units of State government. It is further provided that the limit of 100 does not apply to any position that may be created in conformance with specific manpower statutes that may be enacted by the State or federal government nor to any positions created to implement block grant actions or to implement a program reflecting fundamental changes in federal/State relationships. Notwithstanding anything contained in this section, BPW may authorize additional positions to meet public emergencies resulting from an act of God and violent acts of man that are necessary to protect the health and safety of the people of Maryland. BPW may authorize the creation of additional

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positions within the Executive Branch provided that 1.25 contractual full-time equivalents (FTE) are abolished for each regular position authorized and that there be no increase in agency funds in the current budget and the next two subsequent budgets as the result of this action. It is the intent of the General Assembly that priority is given to converting individuals that have been in contractual FTEs for at least two years. Any position created by this method may not be counted within the limitation of 100 under this section. The numerical limitation on the creation of positions by BPW established in this section may not apply to positions entirely supported by funds from federal or other non-State sources so long as both the appointing authority for the position and the Secretary of Budget and Management certify for each position created under this exception that:

- (1) funds are available from non-State sources for each position established under this exception; and
- (2) any positions created will be abolished in the event that non-State funds are no longer available. The Secretary of Budget and Management shall certify and report to the General Assembly by June 30, 2027, the status of positions created with non-State funding sources during fiscal 2024 through 2027 under this provision as remaining, authorized, or abolished due to the discontinuation of funds.

**Explanation:** This annual language, the Rule of 100, limits the number of positions that may be added after the beginning of the fiscal year to 100 and provides exceptions to the limit.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Certification of the status of positions created with non-State funding sources during fiscal 2023 through 2027	Department of Budget and Management	June 30, 2027

Add the following section:

### **Section 29 Annual Report on Authorized Positions**

SECTION 29. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That immediately following the close of fiscal 2026, the Secretary of Budget and Management shall determine the total number of full-time equivalent (FTE) positions that are authorized as of the last day of fiscal 2026 and on the first day of fiscal 2027. Authorized positions shall include all positions authorized by the General Assembly in the personnel detail of the budgets for fiscal 2026 and 2027, including

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nonbudgetary programs, the Maryland Transportation Authority, the University System of Maryland self-supported activities, and Maryland Correctional Enterprises. The Department of Budget and Management shall also prepare a report during fiscal 2027 for the budget committees upon creation of regular FTE positions through Board of Public Works action and upon transfer or abolition of positions. It shall note, at the program level:

- (1) where regular FTE positions have been abolished;
- (2) where regular FTE positions have been created;
- (3) from where and to where regular FTE positions have been transferred; and
- (4) where any other adjustments have been made. Provision of contractual FTE information in the same fashion as reported in the appendices of the Governor's Fiscal 2027 Budget Books shall also be provided.

Further provided that this report shall also be submitted as an appendix with the Governor's Fiscal 2028 Budget Books, and that the report shall provide information that is consistent with information in the individual agency pages of the Budget Books and with data provided to the Department of Legislative Services.

**Explanation:** This annual language provides reporting requirements for regular positions and contractual FTEs.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Total number of FTEs on June 30, 2026, and July 1, 2026	Department of Budget and Management (DBM)	July 14, 2026
Report on the creation, transfer, or abolition of regular positions	DBM	With the Governor's fiscal 2028 budget submission and as needed

Add the following section:

### **Section 30 Annual Report on Health Insurance Receipts and Spending**

SECTION 30. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Secretary of Budget and Management shall include as an appendix in the Governor's Fiscal 2028 Budget Books an

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accounting of the fiscal 2026 actual, fiscal 2027 working appropriation, and fiscal 2028 estimated revenues and expenditures associated with the employees' and retirees' health plan. The data in this report should be consistent with the budget data submitted to the Department of Legislative Services. This accounting shall include:

- (1) any health plan receipts received from State agencies, as well as prescription rebates or recoveries, or audit recoveries, and other miscellaneous recoveries;
- (2) any health plan receipts received from employees and retirees, broken out by active employees, non-Medicare-eligible retirees, and Medicare-eligible retirees;
- (3) any premium, capitated, or claims expenditures paid on behalf of State employees and retirees for any health, mental health, dental, or prescription plan, as well as any administrative costs not covered by these plans, with health, mental health, and prescription drug expenditures broken out by medical payments for active employees, non-Medicare-eligible retirees, and Medicare-eligible retirees, and prescription drug expenditures broken out by active employees, non-Medicare-eligible retirees, and Medicare-eligible retirees; and
- (4) any balance remaining and held in reserve for future provider payments.

**Explanation:** This language provides an accounting of the health plan revenues received and expenditures made on behalf of State employees and retirees. The language proposes that the language in the report be consistent with the budget data submitted with the budget bill.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Accounting of the employee and retiree health plan revenues and expenditures	Department of Budget and Management	With the submission of the Governor's Fiscal 2028 Budget Books

Add the following section:

### **Section 31 Uniform Crime Report**

SECTION 31. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That \$100,000 of the general fund appropriation within the Department of State Police (DSP) may not be expended until DSP submits the Crime in Maryland, 2025 Uniform Crime Report (UCR) to the budget committees.

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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.

Further provided that, if DSP encounters difficulty obtaining, or validating the accuracy of the necessary crime data by November 1, 2026, from local jurisdictions who provide the data for inclusion in the UCR, DSP shall notify the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy (GOCPP). From each jurisdiction's third quarterly State Aid for Police Protection (SAPP) disbursement, the office shall withhold a portion, totaling at least 15% but no more than 50%, of that jurisdiction's SAPP grant for fiscal 2027 upon receipt of notification from DSP. GOCPP shall withhold SAPP funds until such a time that the jurisdiction submits its crime data to DSP, and DSP verifies the accuracy of the data. DSP and GOCPP shall submit a report to the budget committees indicating any jurisdiction from which crime data was not received by November 1, 2026, and the amount of SAPP funding from each jurisdiction.

**Explanation:** This annual language withholds a portion of the general fund appropriation until the budget committees receive the 2025 UCR. The language also specifies that GOCPP, upon receipt of notification from DSP, must withhold a portion of a delinquent jurisdiction's SAPP grant until certain crime data is received by DSP. Finally, DSP and GOCPP must submit a report to the budget committees that includes information on any jurisdiction that did not report crime data by November 1, 2026, and the amount of SAPP funding that is withheld from each jurisdiction.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
2025 UCR data verification	DSP	November 1, 2026
2025 UCR	DSP	45 days prior to expenditure of funds

Add the following section:

### **Section 32 Out-of-home Placements Report**

SECTION 32. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That \$100,000 of the general fund appropriation for the Department of Human Services Social Services Administration, \$100,000 of the general fund appropriation for the Department of Juvenile Services, \$100,000 of the general

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fund appropriation of the Maryland Department of Health Developmental Disabilities Administration, and \$100,000 of the general fund appropriation of the Maryland State Department of Education may not be expended until the Governor's Office for Children (GOC) submits a report on behalf of the Children's Cabinet to the budget committees on out-of-home placements (OOHP) containing:

- (1) the total number and one-day counts (as of October 15) of OOHPs and entries by jurisdiction, by agency, and by placement type for fiscal 2024, 2025, and 2026;
- (2) the total number and one-day counts (as of October 15) of out-of-state placements, including the number of family home, community-based, and noncommunity-based out-of-state placements for fiscal 2024, 2025, and 2026 categorized by state and by age category;
- (3) the costs associated with OOHPs;
- (4) an examination of recent placement trends;
- (5) findings of child abuse and neglect occurring while families are receiving family preservation services or within one year of each case closure; and
- (6) areas of concern related to trends in OOHPs and/or out-of-state placements and potential corrective actions that the Children's Cabinet and local management boards can take to address these concerns.

Further provided that each agency or administration that funds or places children and youth in OOHPs shall assist GOC and comply with any data requests necessary for the timely production of the report. The report shall be submitted to the budget committees by January 1, 2027, and the budget committees shall have 45 days from the date of the receipt of the report to review and comment. Funds not expended for this restricted purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise for any other purpose. Should the report not be submitted by the requested date, the restricted funds shall revert to the General Fund.

**Explanation:** The OOHP report is a report required by § 8-703(e) of the Human Services Article. It is also annually requested to be submitted to the budget committees. This report is a useful evaluative tool to assess the wellbeing of Maryland's youth and families and to identify areas of concern related to youth placed out of home. This language restricts funds in each of the data reporting agencies and specifies the data of interest to the General Assembly, including agency-specific data for out-of-home and out-of-state placements.

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OOHPs report	Department of Human Services Department of Juvenile Services GOC Maryland Department of Health Maryland State Department Of Education	January 1, 2027

Add the following section:

### Section 33 Medicaid State Plan Amendment

SECTION 33. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That \$200,000 of the general fund appropriation of the Department of Human Services (DHS) Social Services Administration and \$200,000 of the general fund appropriation for the Maryland Department of Health (MDH) Medical Care Programs Administration may not be expended until MDH and DHS submit a joint letter confirming the Medicaid State Plan Amendment has been submitted to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services that would allow for reimbursement of clinical care services for children in DHS and Maryland Department of Juvenile Services (DJS) out-of-home placements in residential child care settings. The report shall be submitted by December 1, 2026, 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 a 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.

**Explanation:** The General Assembly is interested in receiving updates on the submission of the State Plan Amendment (SPA). This language withholds funds in DHS and MDH pending submission of a joint letter confirming submission of the SPA that allows for reimbursement of clinical care services for children in DHS and DJS out-of-home placements in residential child care settings.

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Letter confirming submission of a Medicaid SPA	DHS MDH	December 1, 2026

Add the following section:

### Section 34 Artificial Intelligence Implementation

SECTION 34. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That \$250,000 of the general fund appropriation for the Department of Information Technology (DoIT) and \$250,000 of the general fund appropriation for the Department of General Services (DGS) may not be expended until DoIT and DGS submit a joint report to the budget committees on artificial intelligence (AI). The report shall include:

- (1) an update on the efforts the State has taken to implement AI statewide in accordance with the State's enablement strategy;
- (2) details on how DoIT prioritizes and focuses on the effective use of AI;
- (3) details on the findings of the AI study roadmap, including the timeline and plans to implement the findings;
- (4) details on the development and implementation of competitive proof of concept procurement for AI systems;
- (5) details on the procurement of systems that employ AI; and
- (6) an update on the regular impact assessments of AI systems.

DoIT, in collaboration with DGS, shall submit the report to the budget committees by November 1, 2026, 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 a 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:** In accordance with Chapter 496 of 2024, DoIT published the State's AI enablement strategy and AI study roadmap. Among other provisions, Chapter 496 also requires DoIT to develop and implement competitive proof of concept procurement for AI systems and conduct regular impact assessments of AI systems. This language restricts funds pending

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submission of a joint report on AI implementation and procurement and impact assessments of AI systems.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Report on AI implementation	DoIT DGS	November 1, 2026

Add the following section:

### **Section 35 Deep Creek Watershed Management Plan Implementation Report Intent**

SECTION 35. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That it is the intent of the General Assembly that the Department of Natural Resources, in collaboration with the Deep Creek Watershed Management Partnership and the Maryland Department of the Environment, produce a report on reactivating the implementation of the Deep Creek Watershed Management Plan initially adopted October 1, 2014, and amended March 7, 2016. Long-term monitoring has documented overall water quality to be generally good, but recent water quality trend analyses indicate areas showing signs of declining water quality and habitat conditions. Addressing these negative trends would sustain Deep Creek Lake and support the local workforce, infrastructure, and economy. The report shall include a review of the current gaps in implementation readiness and evaluate and recommend a prioritized, implementation-ready list of best management practices, credible planning-level cost estimates, and coordinated implementation and financing framework to support informed investments and near-term implementation decisions for the Deep Creek Watershed Management Plan. The report shall be submitted to the Western Maryland delegation by December 1, 2026.

**Explanation:** This action expresses the General Assembly’s intent that the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), in collaboration with the Deep Creek Watershed Management Partnership and the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE), complete a report on what is needed to reactivate implementation of the Deep Creek Watershed Management Plan initially adopted October 1, 2014, and amended March 7, 2016.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Deep Creek Watershed Management Plan reactivation report	DNR MDE	December 1, 2026

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Add the following section:

### Section 36 Pediatric Hospital Overstay

SECTION 36. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That \$100,000 of the general fund appropriation of the Department of Human Services (DHS) Social Services Administration and \$100,000 of the general fund appropriation for the Maryland Department of Health (MDH) Behavioral Health Administration may not be expended until DHS and MDH submit a joint report confirming that the departments have established a pediatric hospital overstay coordinator within each department, as required by § 19-390 of the Health – General Article. The report shall confirm that the coordinators performed duties required by the article, including maintenance of data associated with pediatric hospital overstay. The report shall include the data collected for each month of the period July 2025 through October 2026. The report shall be submitted by December 1, 2026, 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 a 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.

**Explanation:** The General Assembly is interested in monitoring the status of pediatric overstays in hospitals. This language withholds funds in DHS and MDH pending the submission of a joint report confirming that the departments have performed activities as required by § 19-390 of the Health Article. Among other requirements, the Article requires the pediatric hospital overstay coordinators to review policies and procedures and make recommendations for necessary changes to better serve pediatric hospital overstay patients and maintain data on pediatric hospital overstay, including length of stay, information on the responsible State agency, placement options sought by the patient, and information regarding previous hospital admissions for behavioral health diagnosis.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Report on pediatric hospital overstays	DHS MDH	December 1, 2026

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Add the following section:

### **Section 37 Fiscal 2026 Legislative Additions**

SECTION 37. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That funds are added, and shall be available immediately upon the enactment of this budget, to the fiscal 2026 working appropriation in the following manner:

- (1) \$59,314,476 in special funds from the Fiscal Responsibility Fund is added to the fiscal 2026 working appropriation for program F50A01.01 Information Technology Investment Fund (ITIF) within the Department of Information Technology (DoIT) for the purpose of funding of Major Information Technology Development Projects. The Secretary of DoIT may allocate the funds among projects. Unexpended funds shall be retained within ITIF for use for projects in fiscal 2027;
- (2) \$51,200,000 in general funds is added to the fiscal 2026 appropriation for S00A25.07 Rental Housing Programs – Capital Appropriation within the Department of Housing and Community Development;
- (3) \$3,000,000 in pay-as-you-go general funds is added to the fiscal 2026 appropriation for program H00H01.02 Statewide Capital Appropriation within the Department of General Services for the purpose of providing grants to companies that specialize in regenerative medicine and other advanced manufacturing. The Maryland Technology Development Corporation shall award and administer these grants. Grant recipients may only use grant proceeds for:
  - (a) the acquisition, renovation, or construction of space for regenerative medicine and other advanced manufacturing;
  - (b) infrastructure improvements necessary to support regenerative medicine and other advanced manufacturing and
  - (c) equipment necessary for regenerative medicine and other advanced manufacturing.

Funds not expended for this added purpose in (3) of this Section may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund.

**Explanation:** This section outlines funds added to the fiscal 2026 appropriation.

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Add the following section:

### **Section 38 Strategic Energy Investment Fund**

SECTION 38. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That funds are added to the fiscal 2027 appropriation in the following manner:

- (1) \$100,000,000 in special funds from the Strategic Energy Investment Fund (SEIF) Alternative Compliance Payment (ACP) revenue or Account is added to the appropriation for C90G00.01 General Administration and Hearings within the Public Service Commission (PSC) for the purpose of providing grants to utilities to provide a downpayment on EmPOWER Maryland Residential program costs contingent on the enactment of legislation expanding the allowable uses of SEIF ACPs to include providing funds for a downpayment on EmPOWER Maryland Residential program costs. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise and shall be canceled;
- (2) \$100,000,000 in special funds from the SEIF ACP revenue or Account is added to the appropriation for D13A13.08 Renewable and Clean Energy Programs and Initiatives within the Maryland Energy Administration (MEA) for the purpose of providing grants for new renewable energy and new energy storage capacity under a reverse auction process contingent on the enactment of legislation expanding the allowable uses of SEIF ACPs to include a new grant program in MEA to provide grants based on a reverse auction process. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise and shall be canceled;
- (3) \$38,000,000 in special funds from the SEIF ACP revenue or Account is added to the appropriation for C90G00.01 General Administration and Hearings within PSC for the purpose of offsetting ratepayer costs associated with the Limited Income Discount Program contingent on the enactment of legislation expanding the allowable uses of SEIF ACPs to include offsetting ratepayer costs associated with the Limited Income Discount Program. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise and shall be canceled;
- (4) \$9,850,000 in special funds from the SEIF ACP revenue or Account is added to the appropriation for D25E03.02 Capital Appropriation within the Interagency Commission on School Construction for the purpose of public school HVAC upgrades in Baltimore City contingent on the enactment of legislation expanding the allowable uses of SEIF

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ACPs to include public school HVAC upgrades. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise and shall be canceled;

- (5) \$2,000,000 in special funds from the SEIF ACP revenue or Account is added to the appropriation for D13A13.08 Renewable and Clean Energy Programs and Initiatives within MEA for the purpose of additional funding for the Residential and Commercial Energy Storage Grant program contingent on the enactment of legislation expanding the allowable uses of SEIF ACPs to include the Residential and Commercial Energy Storage Grant Program. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise and shall be canceled; and
- (6) \$150,000 in special funds from the SEIF ACP revenue or Account is added to the appropriation for E00A08.01 Office of Policy, Public Works and Investment, The Office of Public Engagement and Communications, General Accounting within the Comptroller of Maryland for the purpose of conducting a comprehensive study of the HVAC systems in four 21st Century School Buildings in Baltimore City experiencing chronic operational challenges, including Arlington Elementary, Arundel Elementary, Govans Elementary, and Pimlico Elementary/Middle. As part of the study, the Comptroller shall provide an assessment of the root causes of the failures, recommendations for remediation, and a cost analysis. The study shall examine the specific design, installation, operations and maintenance issues contributing to system failures, classroom discomfort, and emergency closures. The Comptroller shall submit a report to the budget committees by December 1, 2026, detailing the findings, including cost estimates for repairs and recommendations for improvement. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise and shall be canceled.

**Explanation:** This section outlines fiscal 2027 funding from Alternative Compliance Payments that are added for various purposes contingent on legislation authorizing the uses of funds for these purposes.

Add the following section:

### **Section 39 Fiscal 2027 Legislative Additions**

SECTION 39. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That funds are added to the fiscal 2027 appropriation in the following manner:

- (1) \$23,100,000 in general funds and \$23,100,000 in federal funds from the Medical Assistance Program are added to the appropriation for M00M01.02 Community Services

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within the Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) within the Maryland Department of Health for the purpose of restoring funds to reduce the amount of cost containment proposed for fiscal 2027. Cost containment actions that DDA implements in fiscal 2027 shall be limited to the following actions:

- (a) modify the reasonable and customary wages for family as staff;
- (b) modify the reasonable and customary wages for non-family as staff with wage enhancements for benefits;
- (c) eliminate the reasonable and customary wages for unlicensed vendors, excluding nursing staff and support brokers;
- (d) implement a 60/40 hourly cap on family as staff in a week;
- (e) eliminate the wage exception process that allows participants to request wages for staff higher than the reasonable and customary wages;
- (f) enforce a dedicated hours policy;
- (g) cap fee-for-service rates at 102% of the fully loaded brick rates; and
- (h) reduce rates by 2% for community service providers and coordinator of community service agencies.

Further provided that DDA shall not implement a cap on person-centered plan budgets.

Funds not expended for these added purposes may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund or be canceled;

- (2) \$20,000,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program R00A02.59 Child Care Assistance Grants within the Maryland State Department of Education for the purpose of providing funds to the Child Care Scholarship program to reduce the waitlist. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;
- (3) \$10,000,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program C81C00.01 Legal Counsel and Advice within the Office of the Attorney General for the purpose of providing a grant to the Maryland Legal Services Corporation for access to counsel. Funds not

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expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;

- (4) \$8,077,623 in general funds and \$8,090,991 in federal funds from the Medical Assistance Program is added to the appropriation for M00Q01.03 Medical Care Provider Reimbursements within the Medical Care Programs Administration within the Maryland Department of Health for the purpose of funding a one percent provider rate increase for nursing facilities. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund or be canceled;
- (5) \$8,000,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program T00C00.04 Office of Finance Programs within the Department of Commerce for the purpose of the Western Maryland Economic Future Investment Fund. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;
- (6) \$6,000,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for S00A29.01 Homeless Solutions within the Department of Housing and Community Development for the purpose of supplementing funding for the Rental Assistance for Community School Families Program. Provided that \$3,000,000 of this appropriation may be used only for Rental Assistance for Community School Families in Prince George’s County. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;
- (7) \$5,000,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program M00F03.04 Family Health and Chronic Disease Services within the Prevention and Health Promotion Administration within the Maryland Department of Health for the purpose of supporting Community Access grants. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;
- (8) \$5,000,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for T50T01.04 Maryland Innovation Initiative within the Maryland Technology Development Corporation for the purpose of supplementing funding for the Maryland Innovation Initiative. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;
- (9) \$4,000,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program T50T01.01 Technology Development, Transfer and Commercialization within the Maryland Technology Development Corporation for the purpose of the Maryland Growth Initiative,

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contingent on the enactment of SB 763 or HB 1596 establishing the Maryland Growth Initiative. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;

- (10) \$3,000,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation of D13A13.08 Renewable and Clean Energy Programs and Initiatives within the Maryland Energy Administration for the purpose of providing funding to the Maryland Clean Energy Center. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;
- (11) \$2,000,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program D40W01.03 Planning Data and Research within the Department of Planning for the purpose of an integrated data dashboard. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;
- (12) \$2,000,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program D26A07.03 Community Services within the Maryland Department of Aging for the purpose of providing funding for the operation of the Long-Term Care Ombudsman Office. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;
- (13) \$2,000,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program J00H01.01 Transit Administration within the Maryland Transit Administration (MTA) within the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) for the purpose of funding a pilot bus route from White Marsh to Tradepoint Atlantic in Baltimore County. Further provided that MDOT shall submit a report to the budget committees by June 1, 2027, including the following: data on the pilot bus route daily and monthly ridership, including a profile of riders and trip purpose; cost effectiveness; including cost per passenger trip, on-time performance and average travel times; access to jobs along the pilot bus route and related economic impact; and a comparison of the pilot bus route to other commuter bus routes in Maryland. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;
- (14) \$1,500,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program R75T00.01 Support for State Operated Institutions of Higher Education for R30B28 University of Baltimore for the purpose of providing funding to the Schaefer Center for Public Policy. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;

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- (15) \$1,500,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program D18A01.01 Governor’s Office for Children for the purpose of providing an operating grant to the Boys and Girls Clubs of Maryland. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;
- (16) \$1,500,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for T00B00.01 Office of the Deputy Secretary – Innovation and Growth within the Department of Commerce (Commerce) for the purpose of the Maryland’s Future Fund, contingent on the enactment of SB 770 or HB 1473 establishing the Maryland’s Future Fund within Commerce. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to Maryland’s Future Fund;
- (17) \$1,000,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program M00R01.01 Maryland Health Care Commission within the Health Regulatory Commissions within the Maryland Department of Health for the purpose of providing a grant to the Maryland Patient Safety Center. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;
- (18) \$1,000,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program D21A01.01 Administrative Headquarters within the Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention and Policy for the purpose of awarding a grant to the Maryland Coalition Against Sexual Assault for support of community rape crisis centers. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;
- (19) \$1,000,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program D21A01.01 Administrative Headquarters within the Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention and Policy for the purpose of providing grants to domestic violence centers through the Domestic Violence Centers Grant Program. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;
- (20) \$1,000,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program D40W01.07 Management Planning and Educational Outreach within the Department of Planning for the purpose of providing a grant to the Maryland Center for History and Culture. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;

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- (21) \$1,000,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program R75T00.01 Support for State Operated Institutions of Higher Education for R30B30 University of Maryland Global Campus for the purpose of supporting the Maryland Completion Scholarship program. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;
- (22) \$1,000,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for T00C00.03 Office of Business Advancement, Recruitment and Retention within the Department of Commerce for the purpose of the Maryland Workforce Launch Pilot Program, contingent on the enactment of SB 869 establishing the Maryland Workforce Launch Pilot Program in the Department of Commerce. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;
- (23) \$1,000,000 in general funds for program D05E01.10 Miscellaneous Grants to Private Nonprofit Groups within Board of Public Works for the purpose of providing a grant to the Maryland Association of Boards of Education to establish direct primary care health centers for school system employees, county government employees, city government employees, and families of these employees in Maryland's 23 counties and Baltimore City. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;
- (24) \$1,000,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program R00A02.07 Students With Disabilities within the Aid to Education budget within the Maryland State Department of Education for the purpose of a grant to Anne Arundel County Public Schools for a pilot program for high acuity students. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;
- (25) \$750,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program D21A01.02 Local Law Enforcement Grants within the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy to provide an operating grant to the Maryland Children's Alliance and support Child Advocacy Centers. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;
- (26) \$600,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program M00F06.01 Office of Preparedness and Response within the Maryland Department of Health for the purpose of providing a grant to the Maryland Information Network for 2-1-1 for development of the Maryland Information Exchange. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;

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- (27) \$550,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program T50T01.03 Maryland Stem Cell Research Fund within the Maryland Technology Development Corporation for the purpose of supplementing funding for the Maryland Stem Cell Research Fund. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;
- (28) \$500,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program D40W01.07 Management Planning and Educational Outreach within the Department of Planning for the purpose of a passthrough grant for the Strengthening the Humanities in Nonprofits for Equity (SHINE) program within Maryland Humanities to support small and mid-size nonprofits in strengthening artistic, cultural, and educational opportunities and programming in communities across the State. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;
- (29) \$500,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program R00A03.03 Other Institutions within Funding for Educational Organizations within the Maryland State Department of Education for the purpose of providing a grant to the Maryland Academy of Sciences to support Maryland Science Center operations. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;
- (30) \$500,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program D21A01.01 Administrative Headquarters within the Governor’s Office for Crime Prevention and Policy for the purpose of providing an operating grant to Vehicles for Change Inc. to provide training in automotive repair to formerly incarcerated individuals. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;
- (31) \$500,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program D52A01.01 Maryland Department of Emergency Management for the purpose of providing additional funding to the Maryland State Firefighters Association for Volunteer Company Assistance Fund for loans. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;
- (32) \$500,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program T00B00.03 Office of Strategic Industries and Entrepreneurship within the Department of Commerce for the purpose of a grant to the Maryland Tech Council for BioHub Maryland. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;

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- (33) \$500,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program R00A03.03 Other Institutions within Funding for Educational Organizations within the Maryland State Department of Education for the purpose of providing a grant to NorthBay. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;
- (34) \$500,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program T00D00.05 Maryland State Arts Council within the Department of Commerce for the purpose of providing a grant to Baltimore Center Stage. Further provided that these added funds shall not be included in the fiscal 2028 calculation of Arts Council formula funding. Further provided that these funds shall not be considered by the Maryland State Arts Council in the determination of any grant amount provided by the Maryland State Arts Council to the organization. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;
- (35) \$2,000,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program D18A01.03 The Children’s Cabinet Interagency Fund within the Governor’s Office for Children for the purpose of providing grants to local management boards (LMBs), to be allocated among the jurisdictions in the same proportion as other awards to all LMBs are made in fiscal 2027. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;
- (36) \$500,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program R15P00.04 Content Enterprises within the Maryland Public Broadcasting Commission for the purpose of providing funds to Maryland Public Television. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;
- (37) \$500,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program T00D00.05 Maryland State Arts Council within the Department of Commerce for the purpose of providing a grant to the Baltimore Museum of Art. Further provided that these added funds shall not be included in the fiscal 2028 calculation of Arts Council formula funding. Further provided that these funds shall not be considered by the Maryland State Arts Council in the determination of any grant amount provided by the Maryland State Arts Council to the organization. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;
- (38) \$500,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program M00F03.04 Family Health and Chronic Disease Services within the Prevention and Health Promotion Administration within the Maryland Department of Health for the purpose of supporting the Professional and Volunteer Firefighter Innovative Cancer Screening Technologies

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Program. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;

- (39) \$500,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program K00A04.01 Statewide Operations within the Department of Natural Resources for the purpose of providing a grant to the Friends of Patapsco Valley State Park Ltd. for promoting stewardship of Patapsco Valley State Park through programming, sustainable recreation, and the preservation and restoration of natural resources. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;
- (40) \$500,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program R00A03.03 Other Institutions within Funding for Educational Organizations within the Maryland State Department of Education for the purpose of providing a grant to the Cal Ripken, Sr. Foundation to support operating expenses for STEM centers. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;
- (41) \$500,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program R00A01.01 Office of the State Superintendent within Headquarters within the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) for the purpose of supporting costs associated with Artificial Intelligence Ready Schools Act initiatives, such as establishing an artificial intelligence (AI) Education Collaborative to monitor, evaluate, and establish metrics regarding AI implementation in schools, contingent on the enactment of SB 720 or HB 1057 requiring MSDE to provide certain guidance on AI to local school systems and evaluate AI tools. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;
- (42) \$500,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program R75T00.01 Support for State Operated Institutions of Higher Education for R30B36 University System of Maryland Office for the purpose of creating a statewide Artificial Intelligence partnership and Maryland Tech Extension Hubs, contingent upon enactment of SB 597 creating a statewide Artificial Intelligence partnership and Maryland Extension Hubs. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;
- (43) \$500,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for T00C00.03 Office of Business Advancement, Recruitment and Retention within the Department of Commerce for the purpose of providing a grant to the Maryland Economic Development Corporation (MEDCO) to develop technology solutions to streamline and reduce duplication in required filings for small businesses across multiple agencies, including the State

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Department of Assessments and Taxation, the Comptroller of Maryland, and the Maryland Department of Labor. Further provided that MEDCO shall submit a report to the budget committees by December 1, 2026, on its progress along with any recommendations for legislative actions to streamline required filings for small businesses. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;

- (44) \$500,000 in general funds is added to the fiscal 2027 appropriation for program D05E01.10 Miscellaneous Grants to Private Nonprofit Groups within the Board of Public Works for the purpose of providing a grant to Chesapeake Multicultural Resource Center. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;
- (45) \$400,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program D12A02.01 General Administration within the Department of Disabilities for the purpose of the Individuals with Disabilities and Service-Disabled Veterans Boating Fund. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;
- (46) \$400,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program R75T00.01 Support for State Operated Institutions of Higher Education for R30B34 University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science for the purpose of providing funding for general operations of the Horn Point Laboratory. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;
- (47) \$400,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for T00D00.03 Maryland Tourism Development Board within the Department of Commerce for the purpose of the Maryland Alcohol Manufacturing Promotion Fund. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;
- (48) \$350,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program T00D00.05 Maryland State Arts Council within the Department of Commerce for the purpose of providing a grant to the Chesapeake Shakespeare Company to support the Shakespeare Beyond initiative. Further provided that these added funds shall not be included in the fiscal 2028 calculation of Arts Council formula funding. Further provided that these funds shall not be considered by the Maryland State Arts Council in the determination of any grant amount provided by the Maryland State Arts Council to the organization. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;

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- (49) \$300,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program D18A01.01 Governor's Office for Children for the purpose of providing a grant to the Maryland Association of Youth Service Bureaus to stabilize existing Youth Service Bureaus and support the reestablishment of closed bureaus. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;
- (50) \$300,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program T00D00.05 Maryland State Arts Council within the Department of Commerce for the purpose of providing a grant to the Hippodrome Foundation, Inc. Further provided that at least \$250,000 of this added appropriation shall be used for a study of facility needs by the Maryland Stadium Authority. Further provided that these added funds shall not be included in the fiscal 2028 calculation of Arts Council formula funding. Further provided that these funds shall not be considered by the Maryland State Arts Council in the determination of any grant amount provided by the Maryland State Arts Council to the organization. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;
- (51) \$300,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program R00A02.13 Innovative Programs within the Aid to Education budget within the Maryland State Department of Education for the purpose of a grant to Thread, Inc. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;
- (52) \$300,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program D05E01.10 Miscellaneous Grants to Private Nonprofit Groups within the Board of Public Works for the purpose of providing a grant to Goodwill Industries of the Chesapeake, Inc. for helping individuals with barriers to employment become self-sufficient through training and employment services. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;
- (53) \$300,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program P00G01.07 Workforce Development within the Division of Workforce Development and Adult Learning within the Maryland Department of Labor for the purpose of awarding grants under the Employment Advancement Right Now program to industry partnerships for a leasing agent training program to train, prepare, and connect job seekers with careers in the residential rental housing industry in Maryland. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;

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- (54) \$250,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program M00F03.04 Family Health and Chronic Disease Services within the Prevention and Health Promotion Administration within the Maryland Department of Health for the purpose of providing a grant to the Zaching Against Cancer Foundation. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;
- (55) \$250,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program R75T00.01 Support for State Operated Institutions for Higher Education for R30B24 Towson University for the purpose of providing funding for the Maryland Center for Community Schools. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;
- (56) \$300,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program R75T00.01 Support for State Operated Institutions of Higher Education for R30B24 Towson University for the purpose of providing funding for the Dr. Nancy Grasmick Leadership Institute. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;
- (57) \$250,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program D26A07.03 Community Services within the Maryland Department of Aging for the purpose of providing a grant to Maryland Consumer Rights Coalition for the Securing Older Adult Resources Program. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;
- (58) \$300,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program D28A03.41 General Administration within the Maryland Stadium Authority for the purpose of a comprehensive assessment of the condition of The Joseph Meyerhoff Symphony Hall and associated structures on the campus in Baltimore City. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;
- (59) \$250,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for S00A24.01 Neighborhood Revitalization within the Department of Housing and Community Development for the purpose of providing an operating grant to the Robert W. Johnson Community Center, Inc. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;
- (60) \$250,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program R00A03.03 Other Institutions within Funding for Educational Organizations within the Maryland State

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Department of Education for the purpose of providing a grant to Living Classrooms Foundation, Inc. to support educational programming. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;

- (61) \$250,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program M00F03.04 Family Health and Chronic Disease Services within the Prevention and Health Promotion Administration within the Maryland Department of Health for the purpose of providing the Maryland Department of Health funding for dementia healthcare provider education initiatives. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;
- (62) \$400,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program M00F03.04 Family Health and Chronic Disease Services within the Prevention and Health Promotion Administration within the Maryland Department of Health for the purpose of providing a grant to Frederick Health for the Family Connects program in Frederick County. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;
- (63) \$250,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program D05E01.11 Miscellaneous Grants to Local Governments within the Board of Public Works for the purpose of providing a grant to the West Baltimore County Redevelopment Authority for making recommendations to Baltimore County to acquire, develop, redevelop or dispose of certain land or property in west Baltimore County. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;
- (64) \$250,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program J00A01.02 Operating Grants-in-Aid within the Maryland Department of Transportation for the purpose of providing a grant for the operations of the Pride of Baltimore II. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;
- (65) \$250,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program D26A07.03 Community Services within the Maryland Department of Aging for the purpose of providing a grant to Gilchrist Hospice Care Inc. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;
- (66) \$250,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program R75T00.01 Support for State Operated Institutions of Higher Education for R30B27 Coppin State University

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for the purpose of campus safety. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;

- (67) \$250,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program M00A01.01 Executive Direction within the Office of the Secretary within the Maryland Department of Health for the purpose of providing a grant to the ALS Association District of Columbia, Maryland, Virginia Chapter. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;
- (68) \$250,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program P00G01.07 Workforce Development within the Division of Workforce Development and Adult Learning within the Maryland Department of Labor for the purpose of providing a grant to Dwyer Workforce Development to support healthcare workforce training. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;
- (69) \$200,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program E00A01.01 Executive Direction within the Comptroller of Maryland for the purpose of conducting a study related to economic growth trends in Maryland, contingent on the enactment of SB 770 or HB 1473 establishing the Maryland's Future Fund to provide funds for projects recommended by the Maryland's Future Board. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;
- (70) \$200,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program R75T00.01 Support for State Operated Institutions of Higher Education for R30B22 University of Maryland, College Park for the purpose of providing a grant to the TerpsEXCEED Program. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;
- (71) \$200,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program D21A01.01 Administrative Headquarters within the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy to provide an operating grant to the Maryland Crime Victims' Resource Center. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;
- (72) \$200,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program D05E01.10 Miscellaneous Grants to Private Nonprofit Groups within the Board of Public Works for the purpose of providing a grant to Historic Annapolis for management of historic

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properties. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;

- (73) \$200,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for S00A24.01 Neighborhood Revitalization within the Department of Housing and Community Development for the purpose of providing a grant to Humanim for iHomes. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;
- (74) \$200,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program D21A01.01 Administrative Headquarters within the Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention and Policy (GOCPP) for the purpose of procuring a consultant to develop a report that evaluates the levels of violence within Maryland’s adult prison system. The completed evaluation shall include recommendations for the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services (DPSCS) to reduce violence and deaths among incarcerated individuals and correctional staff. The evaluation shall further summarize existing best practices related to rehabilitation and make recommendations for DPSCS and/or other criminal justice partners to implement. GOCPP shall submit this report to the budget committees by June 30, 2027. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;
- (75) \$150,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program K00A04.01 Statewide Operations within the Department of Natural Resources for the purpose of providing a grant to Parks & People for creating a community of environmental stewards for a healthier Baltimore. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;
- (76) \$150,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for T00D00.05 Maryland State Arts Council within the Department of Commerce for the purpose of providing a grant to the Merriweather Arts and Culture Center. Further provided that these added funds shall not be included in the fiscal 2028 calculation of Arts Council formula funding. Further provided that these funds shall not be considered by the Maryland State Arts Council in the determination of any grant amount provided by the Maryland State Arts Council to the organization. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;
- (77) \$150,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for S00A24.01 Neighborhood Revitalization within the Department of Housing and Community Development for the purpose of supplementing funding for the Main Street Improvement Program. Funds not

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expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;

- (78) \$150,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program R00A03.03 Other Institutions within Funding for Educational Organizations within the Maryland State Department of Education for the purpose of providing a grant to the Autism Society of Maryland to expand services. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;
- (79) \$150,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program M00L01.02 Community Services within the Behavioral Health Administration within the Maryland Department of Health for the purpose of providing a grant to Easterseals for behavioral health services. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;
- (80) \$150,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program E50C00.10 Charter Unit within the State Department of Assessments and Taxation for the purpose of waiving business licensing fees for former federal employees whose employment was terminated due to reductions in force. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;
- (81) \$150,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program R00A03.03 Other Institutions within Funding for Educational Organizations within the Maryland State Department of Education for the purpose of providing a grant to the Chesapeake Bay Outward Bound School. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;
- (82) \$150,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for T00C00.03 Office of Business Advancement, Recruitment and Retention in the Department of Commerce for the purpose of a grant to the Greater Washington Board of Trade Foundation for its Business Growth Initiative. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;
- (83) \$130,000 in general funds and 1.0 regular position is added to the appropriation for program R62I00.01 General Administration within the Maryland Higher Education Commission for the purpose of establishing and funding a Historically Black Colleges and Universities liaison. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be

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transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;

- (84) \$100,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for T00C00.09 Office of Business Assistance within the Department of Commerce for the purpose of providing a grant to Prince George's Financial Services Corporation d.b.a. FSC First for the Level Up program. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;
- (85) \$200,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for T00C00.03 Office of Business Advancement, Recruitment and Retention in the Department of Commerce for the purpose of a grant to the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments for the Talent Capital Initiative. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;
- (86) \$100,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program M00L01.02 Community Services within the Behavioral Health Administration within the Maryland Department of Health for the purpose of providing a grant to Camp Attaway. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;
- (87) \$100,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program R00A03.03 Other Institutions within Funding for Educational Organizations within the Maryland State Department of Education for the purpose of providing a grant to Glenwood Academy. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;
- (88) \$100,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program N00I00.07 Office of Grants Management within the Family Investment Administration within the Department of Human Services for a grant to Columbia Community Care. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;
- (89) \$100,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program J00H01.06 Statewide Program Operations within the Maryland Transit Administration within the Maryland Department of Transportation for the purpose of providing a grant for the Neighbor Ride program, which provides door-to-door transportation services for seniors in Howard County. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;

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- (90) \$100,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for S00A24.01 Neighborhood Revitalization within the Department of Housing and Community Development for the purpose of providing a grant to the Mission First Housing Development Corporation for programming at Patuxent Commons. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;
- (91) \$100,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program R00A03.03 Other Institutions within Funding for Educational Organizations within the Maryland State Department of Education for the purpose of providing a grant to the Water's Edge Museum for the Chesapeake Bay Mapping and Youth Leadership Program. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;
- (92) \$100,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program D05E01.11 Miscellaneous Grants to Local Governments within the Board of Public Works for the purpose of providing a grant to Baltimore City Recreation and Parks for portable flood lighting for youth fields. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;
- (93) \$100,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program D05E01.11 Miscellaneous Grants to Local Governments within the Board of Public Works for the purpose of providing a grant to Baltimore City Department of Transportation for stop sign safety camera implementation. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;
- (94) \$100,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program T00B00.03 Office of Strategic Industries and Entrepreneurship within the Department of Commerce for the purpose of a grant to the Technology Advancement Center. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;
- (95) \$100,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program R00A03.03 Other Institutions within Funding for Educational Organizations within the Maryland State Department of Education for the purpose of providing a grant to the AthLife Foundation. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;

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- (96) \$100,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program D05E01.10 Miscellaneous Grants to Private Nonprofit Groups within the Board of Public Works for the purpose of providing a grant to the Olney Civic Fund for planning community events such as Olney Days. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;
- (97) \$75,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program D05E01.10 Miscellaneous Grants to Private Nonprofit Groups within the Board of Public Works for the purpose of providing a grant to the Western Maryland Scenic Railroad for running steam and diesel excursions from Cumberland to Frostburg. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;
- (98) \$75,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program M00F03.04 Family Health and Chronic Disease Services within the Prevention and Health Promotion Administration within the Maryland Department of Health for the purpose of providing a grant to Horizon Day Camp. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;
- (99) \$75,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program P00G01.07 Workforce Development within the Division of Workforce Development and Adult Learning within the Maryland Department of Labor for the purpose of providing a grant to Lincoln Technical Institute, Inc. to support a regional technical career fair for high school students. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;
- (100) \$75,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for S00A20.01 Office of the Secretary within the Department of Housing and Community Development for the purpose of conducting a study on housing industry apprenticeships. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;
- (101) \$150,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for T00D00.03 Maryland Tourism Development Board within the Department of Commerce for the purpose of providing a grant to the Military Bowl Foundation. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;

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- (102) \$65,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program T00D00.05 Maryland State Arts Council within the Department of Commerce for the purpose of providing a grant to the Fund for Art in Ellicott City, Inc. Further provided that these added funds shall not be included in the fiscal 2028 calculation of Arts Council formula funding. Further provided that these funds shall not be considered by the Maryland State Arts Council in the determination of any grant amount provided by the Maryland State Arts Council to the organization. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;
- (103) \$65,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program R00A03.03 Other Institutions within Funding for Educational Organizations within the Maryland State Department of Education for the purpose of providing a grant to the Assateague Coastal Trust Coast Kids program for educational programming. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;
- (104) \$60,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for S00A29.01 Homeless Solutions within the Department of Housing and Community Development for the purpose of providing a grant to the Maryland Community Action Partnership for a needs assessment. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;
- (105) \$50,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program D18A01.01 Governor's Office for Children for the purpose of providing a grant to the City of Frederick for operating or programming costs associated with the Frederick Youth Center. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;
- (106) \$50,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program M00F01.01 Executive Direction within the Office of the Deputy Secretary for Public Health Services within the Maryland Department of Health for the purpose of providing a grant to the YMCA of the Chesapeake for health intervention programs. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;
- (107) \$150,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program M00L01.02 Community Services within the Behavioral Health Administration within the Maryland Department of Health for the purpose of a grant to Hygea Healthcare for residential addiction treatment. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;

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- (108) \$50,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program D05E01.10 Miscellaneous Grants to Private Nonprofit Groups within the Board of Public Works for the purpose of providing a grant to Cumberland Valley Race Management, LLC for the JFK 50 Mile ultramarathon. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;
- (109) \$50,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program P00G01.07 Workforce Development within the Division of Workforce Development and Adult Learning within the Maryland Department of Labor for the purpose of providing a grant to Foundation for Educational Development, Inc. for the STEM City Baltimore Workforce Development Initiative. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;
- (110) \$50,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program T00D00.05 Maryland State Arts Council within the Department of Commerce for the purpose of providing a grant to the Boulanger Initiative, Inc. Further provided that these added funds shall not be included in the fiscal 2028 calculation of Arts Council formula funding. Further provided that these funds shall not be considered by the Maryland State Arts Council in the determination of any grant amount provided by the Maryland State Arts Council to the organization. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;
- (111) \$45,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program D05E01.10 Miscellaneous Grants to Private Nonprofit Groups within the Board of Public Works for the purpose of providing a grant to Baltimore City Recreation and Parks for a flag football league. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;
- (112) \$37,500 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program D18A01.01 Governor's Office for Children to provide an operating grant to End Time Harvest Ministries Inc. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;
- (113) \$37,500 in general funds is added to the appropriation for S00A24.01 Neighborhood Revitalization within the Department of Housing and Community Development for the purpose of providing a grant to Port Towns Community Development Corporation. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;

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- (114) \$37,500 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program D21A01.01 Administrative Headquarters within the Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention and Policy to provide an operating grant to Community Advocates for Family & Youth. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;
- (115) \$37,500 in general funds is added to the appropriation for S00A24.01 Neighborhood Revitalization within the Department of Housing and Community Development for the purpose of providing a grant to the Carole Highlands Neighborhood Association. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;
- (116) \$35,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for S00A24.01 Neighborhood Revitalization within the Department of Housing and Community Development for the purpose of providing a grant to Parity Baltimore Incorporated. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;
- (117) \$30,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program D18A01.01 Governor’s Office for Children for the purpose of providing an operating grant to Board Room Chess Inc. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;
- (118) \$25,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program R00A03.03 Other Institutions within Funding for Educational Organizations within the Maryland State Department of Education for the purpose of providing a grant to Arts for Learning Maryland, initially known as Young Audiences of Maryland. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;
- (119) \$25,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program R00A02.13 Innovative Programs within the Aid to Education budget within the Maryland State Department of Education for the purpose of a grant to OhanaHC. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;
- (120) \$25,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program M00F03.04 Family Health and Chronic Disease Services within the Prevention and Health Promotion Administration within the Maryland Department of Health for the purpose of providing a grant to For 3 Sisters, Inc. to support people affected by breast cancer. Funds not expended

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for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;

- (121) \$25,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program T00C00.03 Office of Business Advancement, Recruitment and Retention within the Department of Commerce for the purpose of a grant to the Greater Silver Spring Chamber of Commerce. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;
- (122) \$25,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program T00C00.03 Office of Business Advancement, Recruitment and Retention within the Department of Commerce for the purpose of a grant to the Olney Chamber of Commerce. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;
- (123) \$25,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program T00C00.03 Office of Business Advancement, Recruitment and Retention within the Department of Commerce for the purpose of a grant to the Gaithersburg-Germantown Chamber of Commerce. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;
- (124) \$10,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program D40W01.07 Management Planning and Educational Outreach within the Department of Planning for the purpose of a grant to the Sandy Spring Slave Museum and African Art Gallery. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;
- (125) \$10,000,000 in special funds from the Blueprint for Maryland's Future Fund is added to the appropriation for program R00A02.06 Prekindergarten within the Maryland State Department of Education for the purpose of providing funds to support the Prekindergarten Expansion Grant Program. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall be canceled;
- (126) \$5,687,000 in special funds from the Blueprint for Maryland's Future Fund is added to the appropriation for program R00A02.59 Child Care Assistance Grants within the Maryland State Department of Education for the purpose of providing funds for the Maryland Child Care Credential Program. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall be canceled;

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- (127) \$1,500,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program M00F02.01 Office of Population Health Improvement within the Maryland Department of Health for the purpose of providing a grant to CCI Health Services for the Family Medicine Residency Program. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;
- (128) \$1,417,383 in general funds and 25.0 regular positions are added to the appropriation for program E00A04.03 Taxpayer Services within the Comptroller of Maryland for the purpose of addressing personnel shortages and improving customer service. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;
- (129) \$100,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program P00G01.07 Workforce Development within the Maryland Department of Labor for the purpose of providing a grant to Consult Lemonade to support technology workforce development for underrepresented communities. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;
- (130) \$1,300,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program P00G01.15 Cyber Maryland Program within the Division of Workforce Development and Adult Learning within the Maryland Department of Labor for the purpose of providing a grant to BCR Cyber for the Cyber Workforce Accelerator program. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;
- (131) \$1,000,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program R00A01.04 Division of Early Childhood within Headquarters within the Maryland State Department of Education for the purpose of providing funds for the Child Care Administration Tracking System. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;
- (132) \$856,686 in general funds and 8.0 regular positions are added within the Department of Legislative Services for the following uses:
- (a) \$503,008 to the appropriation for program B75A01.07 Office of Policy Analysis for the purpose of creating and funding 4.0 policy analyst positions;
  - (b) \$235,785 to the appropriation for program B75A01.07 Office of Policy Analysis for the purpose of creating and funding 3.0 legislative assistant positions; and

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- (c) \$117,893 to the appropriation for program B75A01.04 Office of Operations and Support Services for the purpose of creating and funding 1.0 human resources position.

Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;

- (133) \$800,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program V00E01.02 Facility Operations Administration and Support within the Department of Juvenile Services for the purpose of providing additional funding for the Boys' Village of Maryland Cemetery project. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;
- (134) \$500,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program D18A01.01 Governor's Office for Children to provide an operating grant to Latin American Youth Center, Inc. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;
- (135) \$450,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program R62I00.07 Educational Grants Maryland Higher Education Commission for the purpose of providing funding for the Next Generation Scholars program. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;
- (136) \$330,000 in general funds and 3.0 positions are added to the appropriation for program J00A01.01 Executive Direction within The Secretary's Office within the Maryland Department of Transportation for the purpose of creating and funding 3.0 new positions. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;
- (137) \$800,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program D15A05.05 Governor's Office of Community Initiatives within Executive Department – Boards, Commissions and Offices for the purpose of providing funds for the Governor's Office of Immigrant Affairs to provide immigrant services in rural areas. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;
- (138) \$250,000 in general funds and 2.0 regular positions are added for the purpose of creating and funding pediatric hospital overstay coordinators in the following amounts and programs:

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- (a) \$125,000 and 1.0 regular position are added for program M00L01.02 Community Services within the Behavioral Health Administration within the Maryland Department of Health; and
- (b) \$125,000 and 1.0 regular position are added for program N00B00.04 General Administration within the Social Services Administration within the Department of Human Services.

Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;

- (139) \$250,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program F50B04.01 State Chief of Information Technology within the Department of Information Technology for the purpose of procuring services from a third party to conduct an independent study regarding compensation, salaries, recruitment, and retention of the State's information technology and cybersecurity personnel contingent on the enactment of HB 1335 requiring a study. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;
- (140) \$250,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program M00F02.01 Office of Population Health Improvement within the Maryland Department of Health for the purpose of providing a grant to the Women's Health Center of Maryland for the purpose of expanding access to care and clinical capacity. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;
- (141) \$250,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program R75T00.01 Support for State Operated Institutions of Higher Education for R30B22 University of Maryland, College Park for the purpose of providing a grant to The Judge Alexander Williams, Jr. Center for Education, Justice and Ethics. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;
- (142) \$250,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program R00A03.03 Other Institutions within Funding for Educational Organizations within the Maryland State Department of Education for the purpose of providing a grant to Living Classrooms Foundation, Inc. to support Baltimore's Sail 250. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;

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- (143) \$250,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program D16A06.01 Office of the Secretary of State within the Secretary of State for the purpose of providing a grant to the Sister States of Maryland, Inc. for the Dr. Joseph E. Harris Port Markers Trail. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;
- (144) \$250,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program K00A04.01 Statewide Operations within the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for the purpose of conducting a feasibility study of the creation of a State park on portions of the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center contingent upon the federal government officially notifying DNR of its intent to dispose of the property and granting DNR access to the property to conduct field and site evaluations necessary to complete the study. The study shall be conducted on the following portions of the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center: the area known as the East Farm, bounded by Powder Mill Road on the north and the Baltimore-Washington Parkway on the west, and that portion of the areas known as the Central Farm, which is bounded on the north by Beaver Dam Road, on the west by Research Road, and on the east by the Baltimore-Washington Parkway. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;
- (145) \$250,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program D28A03.41 General Administration within the Maryland Stadium Authority for the purpose of a comprehensive assessment and feasibility study of the establishment of a childcare center at the Old Annapolis Post Office building and grounds. It is the intent of the General Assembly that the proposed center provide priority placement for children of State employees who work in the State Government Center – Annapolis Complex. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;
- (146) \$250,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program R00A02.13 Innovative Programs within the Aid to Education budget within the Maryland State Department of Education for the purpose of a grant to the Maggie McIntosh School Arts Fund to provide subgrants to specified schools in Baltimore City to purchase art supplies for classrooms and provide arts experiences to students. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;
- (147) \$250,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program M00R01.03 Maryland Community Health Resources Commission within the Health Regulatory Commissions within the Maryland Department of Health for the purpose of a study of how to meet the need for behavioral health services for young adults in Prince George's

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County. In completing the study, the Maryland Community Health Resources Commission shall include recommendations for the establishment of comprehensive behavioral health services to meet the needs across a continuum of care. In developing the recommendations, consideration should be made regarding the establishment of adolescent and young adult crisis beds, step down units or beds for after a crisis or to avoid a crisis for adolescents and young adults, comprehensive neurobehavioral outpatient services to address mental health needs for adolescents and young adults, and whether these services can or should be provided by a single provider or multiple providers. The study shall be submitted to the budget committees by December 1, 2026. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;

- (148) \$200,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for D60A10.01 Archives within the State Archives for the purpose of the Maryland Reparations Commission. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;
- (149) \$150,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program D21A01.01 Administrative Headquarters within the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy to provide an operating grant to Change The Conversation, Inc. for activities with Frederick County Public Schools. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;
- (150) \$150,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program R00A01.04 Division of Early Childhood within Headquarters within the Maryland State Department of Education for the purpose of providing a grant to Child Resource Connect also known as Prince George's Child Resource Center, Inc. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;
- (151) \$150,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program R75T00.01 Support for State Operated Institutions for Higher Education for R30B21 University of Maryland, Baltimore Campus for the purpose of funding the Center for Infant and Child Loss at the University of Maryland School of Medicine. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;
- (152) \$150,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for S00A24.01 Neighborhood Revitalization within the Department of Housing and Community Development for the purpose of providing a grant to the Friends of White Oak. Funds not expended for this

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added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;

- (153) \$125,000 in special funds from Waterway Improvement Fund is added to the appropriation for program K00A17.01 Fishing and Boating Services within the Department of Natural Resources for the purpose of supporting activities funded by the Waterway Improvement Fund. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall be canceled;
- (154) \$100,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program E50C00.08 Property Tax Credit Programs within the State Department of Assessments and Taxation for the purpose of providing funds for the Homeowner Protection Program. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;
- (155) \$100,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program R75T00.01 Support for State Operated Institutions for Higher Education for R30B22 University of Maryland, College Park Campus (UMCP) for the purpose of funding the Partnership for Action Learning in Sustainability that is administered by the National Center for Smart Growth at UMCP. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;
- (156) \$100,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program D05E01.10 Miscellaneous Grants to Private Nonprofit Groups within the Board of Public Works for the purpose of providing a grant to Annapolis Immigration Justice Network, Inc. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;
- (157) \$100,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program N00I00.07 Office of Grants Management within the Family Investment Administration within the Department of Human Services for the purpose of a grant to Anne Arundel County Food Bank, Inc. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;
- (158) \$100,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program D05E01.10 Miscellaneous Grants to Private Nonprofit Groups within the Board of Public Works for the purpose of providing a grant to Lakeland Community Heritage Project, Inc. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;

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- (159) \$100,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program D05E01.10 Miscellaneous Grants to Private Nonprofit Groups within the Board of Public Works for the purpose of providing a grant to Field of Firsts Foundation, Inc. to support the College Park Aviation Museum operated by the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;
- (160) \$100,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for S00A24.01 Neighborhood Revitalization within the Department of Housing and Community Development for the purpose of providing a grant to Laurel Advocacy and Referral Services, Inc. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;
- (161) \$65,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program R62I00.07 Educational Grants Maryland Higher Education Commission for the purpose of funding program development research and grant writing related to social connection in the Office of the Provost at Goucher College. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;
- (162) \$50,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program D18A01.01 Governor's Office for Children to provide an operating grant to Vine Corps, Inc. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;
- (163) \$50,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for S00A24.01 Neighborhood Revitalization within the Department of Housing and Community Development for the purpose of providing a grant to the Huntington City Community Development Corporation. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;
- (164) \$50,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program D26A07.03 Community Services within the Maryland Department of Aging for the purpose of providing a grant to Neighbors Helping Neighbors of College Park. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;
- (165) \$50,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program N00I00.07 Office of Grants Management within the Family Investment Administration within the Department of Human Services for the purpose of a grant to College Park Community Food Bank,

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Inc. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;

- (166) \$30,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program D18A01.01 Governor's Office for Children to provide an operating grant to Empowering Minds of Maryland Youth, Inc. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;
- (167) \$20,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for T00C00.03 Office of Business Advancement, Recruitment and Retention within the Department of Commerce for the purpose of a grant to the Black Enterprise Resource Center for the Maryland Small Batch Manufacturing Ecosystem Project and Innovation Training Center. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;
- (168) \$20,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program D18A01.01 Governor's Office for Children to provide an operating grant to Action For Kindness. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;
- (169) \$10,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program M00L01.02 Community Services within the Behavioral Health Administration within the Maryland Department of Health for the purpose of providing a grant to NAMI Prince George's County, MD Inc. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;
- (170) \$27,000,000 in special funds from the State Lottery Fund are added within the Maryland Stadium Authority for the following uses:
- (a) \$18,000,000 to the appropriation for program D28A03.41 General Administration for the purpose of a grant to the Maryland Economic Development Corporation (MEDCO) for the purpose of a mixed use development that includes a soccer stadium at the University of Maryland, College Park. It is the intent of the General Assembly that any project developed using these funds include a mixed use portion and that it will operate 363 days of the year and complement the growth of College Park and Prince George's County. It is the intent of the General Assembly that the project receive private sector investment of at least \$40 million in project costs;

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- (b) \$4,000,000 to the appropriation for program D28A03.41 General Administration for the purpose of a grant to The Velocity Companies along the Blue Line corridor for infrastructure improvements and economic development;
  - (c) \$2,000,000 to the appropriation for program D28A03.41 General Administration for the purpose of a grant to Atlantic Pacific Companies to support the Addison Park Development Project;
  - (d) \$1,500,000 to the appropriation for program D28A03.41 General Administration for the purpose of a grant to the Prince George’s County Redevelopment Authority to support Artspace in Mount Rainier;
  - (e) \$750,000 to the appropriation for program D28A03.41 General Administration for a grant to Town of Colmar Manor for the Colmar Manor Community Center and Town Hall; and
  - (f) \$750,000 to the appropriation for program D28A03.41 General Administration for the purpose of a grant to the Town of Cottage City for converting a firehouse to a community outreach center;
- (171) \$5,000,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program M00M01.02 Community Services within the Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) within the Maryland Department of Health for the purpose of a contract for data analytics support and tool development to ensure financial and programmatic efficiency. DDA shall review the plans for the contract with stakeholder groups and engage stakeholders in a discussion of any systemic findings and policy changes under consideration as a result of the contract. DDA shall submit quarterly reports beginning July 1, 2026, on the status of the contract, ongoing activities, and stakeholder engagement. Stakeholder participants should include Community Services program participants, family members, community service providers, coordinators of community services, and direct support professionals. Engagement shall occur through existing DDA advisory and stakeholder bodies, including but not limited to the Maryland Integrated Disability Services Executive Council, the Coordinators of Community Services Community of Practice, the Rate Review Advisory Group, and the Waiver Advisory Committee. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;
- (172) \$2,750,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program D60A10.01 Archives within the State Archives for the purpose of supplementing funding for the State Archives. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;

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- (173) \$2,000,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program L00A12.20 Maryland Agricultural and Resource-Based Industry Development Corporation within the Maryland Department of Agriculture for the purpose of funding the Maryland Seafood Industry Financial Assistance Fund to provide financial assistance, including loans, to commercial watermen and small businesses in the seafood industry, contingent on the enactment of SB 558 or HB 1599 creating the Maryland Seafood Industry Financial Assistance Fund. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;
- (174) \$550,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program R11A11.02 Aid to Libraries within the Maryland State Library Agency for the purpose of providing a grant to the Enoch Pratt Free Library. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;
- (175) \$500,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program M00R01.02 Health Services Cost Review Commission within the Health Regulatory Commissions within the Maryland Department of Health for the purpose of providing a grant to the Chesapeake Regional Information System for our Patients to be distributed to DrFirst. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;
- (176) \$500,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program M00Q01.09 Office of Eligibility Services within the Medical Care Programs Administration within the Maryland Department of Health for the purpose of providing funding for navigators to assist individuals applying for and renewing Medicaid and Maryland Children's Health Program coverage. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;
- (177) \$500,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program D21A01.01 Administrative Headquarters within the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy for the purpose of providing a grant to Dieter's Close Quarters Defense, Inc. to support a program for children. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;
- (178) \$500,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program T50T01.01 Technology Development, Transfer and Commercialization within the Maryland Technology Development Corporation for the purpose of a grant to the Baltimore Tech Hub Consortium to support its Regional Innovation Office. Funds not expended for this

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added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;

- (179) \$420,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program T50T01.01 Technology Development, Transfer and Commercialization within the Maryland Technology Development Corporation for the purpose of a grant to UpSurge Baltimore for the UpRise program. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;
- (180) \$300,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program J00H01.01 Transit Administration within the Maryland Transit Administration within the Maryland Department of Transportation for the purpose of providing a grant to the Baltimore Development Corporation for a study related to transit-oriented development. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;
- (181) \$300,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program P00G01.07 Workforce Development and Adult Learning within the Maryland Department of Labor for the purpose of activities to support the implementation of the Workforce Pell Grant Program contingent on the enactment of SB 509 establishing requirements related to the Workforce Pell Grant program. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;
- (182) \$280,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program K00A04.01 Statewide Operations within the Department of Natural Resources for the purpose of conducting a comprehensive park master plan for the proposed Gwynns Falls State Park that will define the park boundaries and engage citizens in the planning. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;
- (183) \$250,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for S00A24.01 Neighborhood Revitalization within the Department of Housing and Community Development for the purpose of providing a grant to the Howard County Housing Commission for the Artists Flats project. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;
- (184) \$250,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program R62I00.05 The Senator John A. Cade Funding Formula within the Maryland Higher Education Commission for the purpose of a grant to Prince George's County to study the feasibility

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of establishing an Aerospace Aviation program at Prince George's Community College. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;

- (185) \$250,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program T00D00.07 Baltimore Symphony Orchestra within the Department of Commerce for the purpose of providing a grant to the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra for Music for Maryland. Further provided that these funds shall not be considered by the Maryland State Arts Council in the determination of any grant amount provided by the Maryland State Arts Council to the organization. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;
- (186) \$150,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program R15P00.04 Content Enterprises within the Maryland Public Broadcasting Commission (MPBC) for the purpose of a documentary about Ludwig "Lou Davis" Davidsburg. Further provided that it is the intent of the General Assembly that MPBC supplement the appropriation for this purpose with funds and resources from non-State sources, including nonprofit grants and pro-bono services. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;
- (187) \$150,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program D91A01.01 General Administration within the West North Avenue Development Authority for the purpose of providing a grant to the Baltimore Arts Realty Corporation to support its Smart Garments Center. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;
- (188) \$100,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program D05E01.11 Miscellaneous Grants to Local Governments for the purpose of a grant to the Montgomery County Department of Recreation for a new recreation center. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;
- (189) \$100,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program D26A07.03 Community Services within the Maryland Department of Aging for the purpose of providing a grant to Comprehensive Housing Assistance, Inc. for the Senior Villages Program. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;
- (190) \$75,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program D26A07.03 Community Services within the Maryland Department of Aging for the purpose of providing a grant to Senior Family Supports. Funds not expended for this added purpose

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may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;

- (191) \$50,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation of N00I00.07 Office of Grants Management within the Family Investment Administration within the Department of Human Services for the purpose of increasing the grant to Roberta's House. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;
- (192) \$20,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program D05E01.10 Miscellaneous Grants to Private Nonprofit Groups within the Board of Public Works for the purpose of providing a grant to Team Thrill Youth Sports Organization Inc. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;
- (193) \$10,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program D05E01.10 Miscellaneous Grants to Private Nonprofit Groups within the Board of Public Works for the purpose of providing a grant to Leader Breeders Inc. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;
- (194) \$4,000,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program H00H01.03 Miscellaneous Grants – Capital Appropriation within the Department of General Services for the purpose of providing a grant to Revolutionary VP, Inc. for a new production studio. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund; and
- (195) \$42,210,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for S00A24.02 Neighborhood Revitalization – Capital Appropriation within the Department of Housing and Community Development for the purpose of the Baltimore Vacants Reinvestment Initiative.

**Explanation:** This section outlines the fiscal 2027 legislative additions. This section also includes language requiring reports: (1) MDOT with data related to a pilot bus route; (2) MEDCO to submit a report with legislative recommendations to streamline required business filings; (3) GOCPP to submit an evaluation related to violence in Maryland's prisons; (4) MCHRC to submit a study with recommendations on adolescent behavioral health services in Prince George's County; and (5) DDA quarterly reports on DDA data analytics contract.

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Information Request	Author	Due Date
Report on pilot bus route	MDOT	June 1, 2027
Report on streamlining required business filings	MEDCO	December 1, 2026
Evaluation related to violence in Maryland's prisons	GOCPP	June 30, 2027
Report on behavioral health services for adolescents in Prince George's County	MCHRC	December 1, 2026
Quarterly reports on DDA data analytics contract	DDA	July 1, 2026 October 1, 2026 January 1, 2027 April 1, 2027

Add the following section:

### **Section 40 Senior Prescription Drug Assistance Program Fund Swap**

SECTION 40. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That \$3,000,000 of the general fund appropriation made for the purpose of retiree health insurance in program Q00S02.08 Eastern Correctional Institution within the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services (DPSCS) shall be reduced. DPSCS is authorized to process a budget amendment to replace these funds with special funds from the Senior Prescription Drug Assistance Program Fund for the purpose of funding retiree Health Reimbursement Accounts for certain retirees.

**Explanation:** This action reduces general funds with the intention of replacement with special funds available in the Senior Prescription Drug Assistance Program Fund. These funds will support costs for Health Reimbursement Accounts for certain retirees as authorized in existing law.

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Add the following section:

### **Section 41 Requirements for Police Certification**

SECTION 41. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That it is the intent of the General Assembly that the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission (MPTSC) within the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services (DPSCS) and the Department of State Police (DSP) require, as part of the application for police certification, an attestation made by the individual under penalty of perjury that the applicant is not currently affiliated with or has not previously been affiliated with and not subsequently renounced affiliation to any racially or ethnically motivated violent extremist group or other domestic terrorist group as defined by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and assessed in 2020, 2021, and 2022 by FBI and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. It is the intent of the General Assembly that the requirement for attestation be included in the application for police certification in perpetuity.

Further provided that \$250,000 of the general fund appropriation for MPTSC within DPSCS and \$250,000 of the general fund appropriation for DSP may not be expended until DPSCS and DSP submit a joint report to the budget committees on the implementation of requirements for certain attestations from individuals prior to providing police certification. The report shall discuss the timeline and implementation of requirements for attestation under penalty of perjury, as part of the application for police certification, police certification renewal, and other onboarding processes, that an individual is not affiliated with racially or ethnically motivated violent extremist groups or other domestic terrorist groups as defined by the FBI and assessed in 2020, 2021, and 2022 by the FBI and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. The report shall include the policies and verification procedures established to require law enforcement agencies to receive applicants' attestations that they are not affiliated with the specified groups. The report shall also include a description of the policies, requirements, and procedures in place to ensure that all police officers and individuals trained to become police officers are not affiliated or members of the specified groups.

The joint report shall be submitted to the budget committees by November 1, 2026, 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 a 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:** This language expresses the intent of the General Assembly that MPTSC and DSP require attestation under penalty of perjury from applicants for police certification that they are not affiliated or have previously been affiliated with certain racially or ethnically motivated violent extremist groups or other domestic terrorist groups. This language also restricts funds

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from MPTSC and DSP pending the submission of a joint report on the implementation of policies and requirements related to these attestation requirements through application for police certification, renewal of police certification, and other onboarding processes, including procedures for law enforcement agencies to verify and receive attestations.

<b>Information Request</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Report on vetting procedures for police officers	DPSCS DSP	November 1, 2026

Add the following section:

### **Section 42    Timing of Budget Amendments**

SECTION 42. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That \$100,000 of the general fund appropriation to the Department of Human Services, \$100,000 of the general fund appropriation of the Maryland Department of Health, \$100,000 of the general fund appropriation of the Department of Commerce, \$100,000 of the general fund appropriation for the Office of the Public Defender, and \$100,000 of the appropriation for the State Department of Assessments and Taxation may not be expended unless the respective agency submits all fiscal 2026 budget amendments prior to October 31, 2026. Funds restricted pending the receipt of the budget amendments may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund.

**Explanation:** Fiscal 2026 budget bill language required the Department of Budget and Management to submit all budget amendments to the Department of Legislative Services no later than October 31, 2025. Several agencies submitted budget amendments over a month late, impeding legislative review in some cases and limiting transparency into agency finances. This action restricts funding in agencies that submitted fiscal 2025 budget amendments after November 1, 2025, pending timely submission of fiscal 2026 budget amendments.

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Information Request	Author	Due Date
Fiscal 2026 budget amendments	Department of Human Services Maryland Department of Health Department of Commerce Office of the Public Defender State Department of Assessment and Taxation	October 31, 2026

Add the following section:

### **Section 43 Reduced Unneeded Fiscal Responsibility Funds in Fiscal 2026**

SECTION 43. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That funds are reduced immediately upon passage of this budget from the fiscal 2026 appropriation in the following manner: \$59,314,476 in special funds from the Fiscal Responsibility Fund is reduced from the appropriation for program N00G00.08 Assistance Payments within the Department of Human Services that was made for the purpose of providing partial State funded Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits during the federal government shutdown.

**Explanation:** During a State of Emergency related to the federal government shutdown, \$62 million from the Fiscal Responsibility Fund was transferred to the Department of Human Services to pay partial State-funded Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits in that month. Due to court rulings, the federal government ultimately distributed funds for a partial benefit prior to the end of the federal government shutdown, reducing the needed funds to pay a partial benefit through State funds. As a result, DHS used only \$2,685,524 of the appropriated funds. The remainder of these funds would revert back to the Fiscal Responsibility Fund at the close of the fiscal year. The Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act of 2026 assumes that these funds are available to be transferred, along with other balance in the fund, to the general fund in fiscal 2026. This action reduces the appropriation by the amount of the unused appropriation.

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Add the following section:

### **Section 44 Crime Victim Compensation Funds**

SECTION 44. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That \$3,000,000 in federal funds made for the purpose of the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board program is reduced immediately upon passage of this budget from the fiscal 2026 appropriation for program D21A03.01 Victim Services Unit within the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy.

**Explanation:** This action reduces the fiscal 2026 federal fund appropriation because Crime Victim Compensation funds are not available.

Add the following section:

### **Section 45 Authorize a Budget Amendment for the Strategic Energy Planning Office**

SECTION 45. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Governor is authorized to process a fiscal 2027 budget amendment of up to \$5,000,000 in special funds available from an assessment authorized under Section 2-110 of the Public Utilities Article for the costs and expenses associated with the Strategic Energy Planning Office. The Governor is also authorized to create up to 9.0 regular positions for the Strategic Energy Planning Office. It is the intent of the General Assembly that the Department of Budget and Management notify the Public Service Commission by no later than June 15, 2026, of the amount of appropriation that will be included in the authorized budget amendment.

**Explanation:** This section authorizes the Governor to create new positions and provide funding to the new Strategic Energy Planning Office created by Chapters 7 and 19 of the 2025 special session using funding available through an assessment as authorized in Section 2-110 of the Public Utilities Article.

Add the following section:

### **Section 46 Nonprofit Registration with Secretary of State**

SECTION 46. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That no funds may be provided to a nonprofit organization through Section 1 of this Act unless:

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- (1) for a nonprofit organization receiving a grant from a State agency or institution of higher education, the nonprofit organization:
  - (i) provides evidence that it is current on its registration status with the Maryland Secretary of State at the time the grant agreement is signed;
  - (ii) provides evidence that it is an exempt organization that is complying with any filing requirements of the Maryland Secretary of State related to exempt organizations; or
  - (iii) certifies to that State agency or institution of higher education that it is not required to register or file as an exempt organization with the Maryland Secretary of State because it does not solicit charitable contributions in Maryland; or
  
- (2) for a nonprofit organization receiving funding from a State agency or institution of higher education, the nonprofit organization:
  - (i) provides evidence that it is current on its registration status with the Maryland Secretary of State at the time of signing of a new contract and at least once a year upon completion of its annual registration process;
  - (ii) provides evidence that it is an exempt organization that is complying with any filing requirements of the Maryland Secretary of State related to exempt organizations; or
  - (iii) certifies to that State agency or institution of higher education that it is not required to register or file as an exempt organization with the Maryland Secretary of State because it does not solicit charitable contributions in Maryland.

**Explanation:** This section requires any nonprofit organization receiving funding from the State to be current on its registration at the time of a signed grant agreement or signing of a new contract. For multi-year contracts, the nonprofit is required to provide evidence it is current on registration upon completion of the annual registration process. For exempt organizations, the language requires that the organization provide evidence that it is complying with filing requirements for exempt organizations or provides certification that it is not required to register or file as an exempt organization because it does not solicit charitable contributions.

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Amend the following language:

SECTION ~~48.~~ 47.

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**Explanation:** This action is technical to renumber sections.

