Chapter 397

(House Bill 72)

AN ACT concerning

Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act of 2011

FOR the purpose of altering or repealing certain required appropriations; altering the distribution of certain revenues; altering or repealing certain funding requirements; altering the authorized use of certain funds; altering or repealing certain grant programs; altering for a certain fiscal year a certain percentage used to determine eligibility for and the amount of certain State grants to certain counties and Baltimore City based on per capita yield of county income taxes: authorizing certain units of government to charge a certain fee for certain purposes; repealing altering certain requirements for a certain notice relating to abandoned property to be published in certain newspapers; requiring the Comptroller to maintain, or cause to be maintained, an abandoned property database containing the names and last known addresses, if any, of persons listed in certain reports; requiring the Comptroller to maintain, or cause to be maintained, a certain Internet website relating to the abandoned property database; requiring the Comptroller to publish certain notices of a certain Internet website: altering the distribution of certain moving violation surcharges; altering the amount of a certain surcharge imposed for recording certain instruments for certain fiscal years; altering a certain fee certain fees imposed on persons supervised by the Division of Parole and Probation; altering certain provisions relating to the annual budgets of county boards of education; altering certain State education funding for a certain fiscal year; certain fiscal years; requiring the State to provide a certain grant to a county board of education if certain funding provided to a county board decreases by a certain *amount*: providing that certain grants to county boards of education may be funded from the proceeds of certain bonds; requiring certain counties to reimburse the State for certain nonpublic education costs; authorizing the Maryland Higher Education Commission to impose certain fees; altering the calculation of certain State aid to community colleges; authorizing certain community college boards of trustees to charge out-of-county fees to certain students enrolled in certain programs; altering the calculation of certain State aid to certain nonpublic institutions of higher education; prohibiting new awards under a certain scholarship program and abolishing the program by a certain date; altering the payment schedule for certain developmental disabilities providers: providing for the accreditation of certain youth camps by nationally recognized organizations; altering certain youth camp regulatory responsibilities of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene: repealing certain youth camp inspection requirements; abolishing the Youth Camp Safety Advisory Council: altering certain hospital assessments for certain purposes

establishing a Need-based Student Financial Assistance Fund as a special, non-lapsing fund to be administered by the Commission; altering the amount of the fee collected by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene for certain certificates and reports; altering the amount of certain fees collected by local health departments required to be transferred to the General Fund of the State; requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to ensure that certain publicly operated hospitals pay certain assessments comparable to certain assessments imposed on certain hospitals; requiring the Developmental Disabilities Administration to ensure that certain providers do not have an overall funding reduction for a certain year as a result of certain changes in reimbursement policies for certain absence days; altering certain provisions relating to certain hospital assessments; requiring the Health Services Cost Review Commission for a certain fiscal year to approve a combination of hospital assessments and remittances in a certain amount for certain purposes; requiring the Commission and the Department to adopt certain policies that will provide at least a certain amount from certain revenues and certain savings; altering a certain quality assessment on certain nursing facilities; repealing the sunset date for the quality assessment paid by certain nursing facilities; removing a certain limitation applicable to certain counties on the amount of certain license fees authorized to be imposed by the counties for certain licenses for food establishments; making the Injured Workers' Insurance Fund subject to the premium tax; altering certain provisions relating to certain requirements that certain nonprofit health service plans use certain funds for certain purposes under certain circumstances; requiring that certain information be included in a certain plan prior to approval by the Department of Information Technology; providing that certain proceeds derived from certain sales by the Department of State Police be allocated to the State Annuity Bond Fund; authorizing the Maryland Environmental Service to establish certain project reserve funds; authorizing the Service to credit to certain project reserve funds only moneys that are reimbursable to the State; prohibiting the Service from retaining more than certain amounts in the certain project reserve funds; requiring the reversion of certain excesses to certain funds; requiring the transfer of certain interest from certain funds into the General Fund; authorizing the State to establish separate health insurance benefit options for retirees that differ from those for active employees; requiring that the health insurance benefit option for retirees include a certain prescription drug benefit; altering eligibility in the State Employees and Retirees Health and Welfare Benefits Program for certain retirees who begin State service on or after a certain date and their surviving spouses or dependent children; authorizing requiring the State to discontinue certain health benefits for certain retirees in a certain year; altering certain requirements that certain subsidies be deposited in the State Employees and Retirees Health and Welfare Benefits Program; setting a certain limit on a certain amount paid by the State to certain funds of the State Retirement and Pension System; requiring the Board of Trustees for the State Retirement and Pension System to certify certain information to the Governor and the Secretary of Budget and Management on or before certain

dates; requiring the Governor to include certain amounts in the budget bill for payment to the State Retirement and Pension System; establishing a certain reformed contributory pension benefit for new and certain returning members of the Employees' Pension System and the Teachers' Pension System on or after a certain date; altering for certain members of the Employees' Pension System and the Teachers' Pension System State Retirement and Pension System the method for calculating the average final compensation that is used to determine certain retirement allowances; requiring the adjustment of a certain employer contribution rate for certain State retirement and pension systems to reflect the cost of legislative changes under certain circumstances; requiring certain members of the Employees' Pension System and the Teachers' Pension System to make a certain selection that affects the rate of member contributions and the rate used to calculate certain benefits; providing for a certain selection if an individual fails to make a selection on or before a certain date or within a certain time period; making the selections irrevocable and not subject to change; altering the rate of member contributions and the method for calculating eertain benefits for certain members of the Employees' Pension System and the Teachers' Pension System; providing that certain members of the Employees' Pension System or Teachers' Pension System who separate from service and return to service under certain circumstances are subject to a certain benefit: requiring the Board of Trustees of the State Retirement and Pension System to submit a certain annual report to the Joint Committee on Pensions on or before a certain date for a certain period of time; providing that employees of certain participating governmental units participating in the State Retirement and Pension System are not subject to a certain reformed contributory pension benefit; altering eligibility for, and the method of calculating, an early service retirement allowance for certain members of the Employees' Pension System and the Teachers' Pension System; altering the number of years of eligibility service required for certain members of the State Police Retirement System to become eligible to receive certain retirement benefits; altering certain eligibility requirements for participation in certain deferred retirement option programs for members of the State Police Retirement System and the Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System: altering the rate of member contributions for certain members of the Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System; altering the interest rate that certain benefits earn in certain deferred retirement option programs for members of the State Police Retirement System and the Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System; altering the rate of member contributions for certain members of the Judges' Retirement System; altering certain eligibility requirements for a certain vested allowance for certain members of the Employees' Pension System and the Teachers' Pension System State Retirement and Pension System; providing for altering a certain cost-of-living adjustment for members of the Employees' Pension System and the Teachers' Pension System State Retirement and Pension System who are subject to the reformed contributory pension benefit; altering the method for applying service credit for military service so as to use the accrual rate in effect at the time of application for the military service credit: clarifying that certain

members of the State Reformed Contributory Employees' Pension System or the State Reformed Contributory Teachers' Pension System may transfer certain service credit in a certain manner; requiring the Governor's Salary Commission, the Judicial Compensation Commission, and the General Assembly Salary Commission to make certain recommendations concerning benefit and contribution levels; requiring the Board of Trustees for the State Retirement and Pension System to provide certain reports to the Governor and the Joint Committee on Pensions; providing that certain administrative and operational expenses of the Board of Trustees of the State Retirement and Pension System and the State Retirement Agency shall be paid by certain employers in a certain manner and may not be transferred from certain funds, except under certain circumstances; requiring certain amounts transferred from certain funds to be reimbursed from certain payments for administrative and operational expenses; reducing certain amounts required to be included annually in the budget bill by the amount of certain administrative and operational expenses required to be paid by certain employers; requiring the Board of Trustees to certify certain amounts to the Governor and the Secretary of Budget and Management relating to the State's contribution to the State Retirement and Pension System; requiring the Governor to include certain amounts in the budget bill in addition to certain required contributions: requiring the State to pay a certain share of the administrative and operational expenses for certain libraries; requiring the Board of Trustees to determine and certify to the State and certain employers certain amounts payable certify to the Secretary of Budget and Management certain percentages of membership employed by certain employers as of a certain date and certify to certain local employers certain amounts payable to the Board of Trustees; requiring the Board of Trustees to provide certain notifications; requiring the Governor to include a certain amount certified by the Board of Trustees appropriation for administrative and operational expenses in the annual budget bill; providing for the manner of payment of certain administrative and operational expenses of the Board of Trustees by certain employers; authorizing certain employers to deduct certain amounts from certain required employer contributions; requiring the Comptroller to exercise the right of setoff against any money due or becoming due to certain employers under certain circumstances; authorizing the payment of certain grants for a certain fiscal year; altering certain provisions relating to a certain credit allowed to vendors for collecting and paying the sales and use tax; requiring the counties and Baltimore City to share certain costs of administering the Department of Assessments and Taxation; authorizing the Comptroller to withhold the distribution of certain local income tax revenue to a county or Baltimore City under certain circumstances; altering the calculation of a certain mandatory property tax credit for certain property located in certain enterprise zones; authorizing the governing body of a county or of a municipal corporation to grant, by law, a local supplement to a certain mandatory property tax credit for certain property located in certain enterprise zones; providing that a county or municipal corporation may not obtain reimbursement from the State for the revenues that would have been collected if a certain local supplement had not

been granted; prohibiting the transfer or diversion of funds in the Transportation Trust Fund unless certain legislation is enacted prior to the transfer or diversion; altering certain provisions relating to the funding of a certain highway; altering the pledging of certain revenues for certain purposes; providing that certain altered distributions of certain revenues do not apply until certain bonds are no longer outstanding and unpaid, except under certain circumstances; requiring the Maryland Transit Administration to include certain information in a certain report; requiring the Administration to set certain fares and collect other operating revenues for certain transit services at an amount sufficient to achieve a certain farebox recovery requirement; prohibiting the Administration from reducing the level of services provided for the purpose of achieving a certain farebox recovery requirement; requiring the Maryland Aviation Administration Fire Rescue Service to charge a certain ambulance transport fee; altering the distribution of certain highway user revenues for a certain fiscal year; requiring certain tax clearance verification before registration or renewal of; altering certain limitations and requirements relating to certain miscellaneous fees that the Motor Vehicle Administration is authorized to set; altering the amount of certain fees related to motor vehicles; altering certain provisions relating to a certain fee for certain vehicle emissions inspections; altering the amount a vehicle dealer may retain for collecting and remitting the vehicle excise tax; altering a certain limitation on the amount that a vehicle dealer may charge as a dealer processing charge; prohibiting the Motor Vehicle Administration from renewing or transferring the registration of a motor vehicle: requiring certain tax clearance verification before issuance or renewal of under certain circumstances; prohibiting the Administration from renewing a driver's license under certain circumstances; requiring the Administration to cooperate with the Comptroller and the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation to develop certain procedures and adopt certain regulations: repealing certain prohibitions on the State entering into certain agreements or spending funds for certain purposes; requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to assess certain fees against certain licensees under certain circumstances; requiring the Administration to send a notice to an individual subject to a certain fee: requiring the suspension of an individual's driver's license unless the individual pays a certain fee; providing for the distribution of certain fees assessed by the Administration; requiring a court to provide a certain notice to a certain defendant; repealing certain credits allowed against certain taxes for the purchase of Maryland-mined coal; delaying a certain requirement for the State Department of Education to conduct a certain study of the adequacy of education funding in the State; requiring the study to incorporate certain standards and certain results from certain assessments; authorizing certain funds in the Fair Campaign Financing Fund to be used to implement an online campaign finance reporting system in a certain fiscal year; authorizing the transfer of certain funds for certain purposes; providing that the Governor is not required to include certain appropriations in the budget for cortain fiscal years under certain circumstances; providing that certain retirees of the State Retirement Agency may be exempt from a certain earnings offset

for a certain period of time if they are reemployed by the State Retirement Agency in a certain manner; authorizing the Governor to include in the budget bill for a certain fiscal year a certain amount for the State's contributions to the State Retirement and Pension System: prohibiting certain payments for certain rate increases for certain providers for a certain fiscal year; prohibiting the payment of certain merit increases for certain State employees for a certain period; authorizing the prefunding of certain education funding obligations; providing that if certain institutions of higher education create a certain voluntary separation program, the institutions shall provide that certain positions be abolished and may not recreate certain positions and certain funds appropriated for a certain fiscal year shall be transferred to the General Fund; requiring the transfer of certain funds to the General Fund to reimburse the State for certain State administrative expenses, subject to certain contingencies; allowing a county under certain circumstances to deduct any reduction in certain costs from the amount the county is required to appropriate to the county board of education for a certain fiscal year; stating the intent of the General Assembly that certain funds shifted by Baltimore City to the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners be included in the calculation of certain State education aid for a certain fiscal year; requiring that a penalty imposed on a county or Baltimore City for not meeting a certain local maintenance of funding effort requirement be calculated in a certain manner; requiring the Maryland Insurance Administration to work with the Health Services Cost Review Commission and the Maryland Health Care Commission to develop a mechanism for identifying hospital rate adjustments and assessments as components in a certain process, take into account in its work certain items. and report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing that a certain memorandum of understanding negotiated and ratified within a certain period complies with certain provisions of law governing collective bargaining: defining certain terms: altering certain definitions; making the provisions of this Act severable; providing for the effective dates and application of this Act; making certain provisions of this Act subject to certain contingencies; and generally relating to the financing of State government.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

<u>Article 24 – Political Subdivisions – Miscellaneous Provisions</u> <u>Section 9–1101(b)(2)</u> <u>Annotated Code of Maryland</u> (2005 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Commercial Law Section 15–607 and, 17–311, and 17–317(a) Annotated Code of Maryland (2005 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement) <u>BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,</u> <u>Article – Correctional Services</u> <u>Section 7–702(b)</u> <u>Annotated Code of Maryland</u> (2008 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings Section 7–301(f) <u>and 13–604(a)</u> Annotated Code of Maryland (2006 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Criminal Procedure Section 6–226(b) Annotated Code of Maryland (2008 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, Article – Economic Development Section 10–523(a)(3)(i) Annotated Code of Maryland (2008 Volume and 2010 Supplement)

<u>BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,</u> <u>Article – Economic Development</u> <u>Section 10–523(a)(3)(i)</u> <u>Annotated Code of Maryland</u> (2008 Volume and 2010 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, Article – Education Section 5-103, 5-202(a)(13), 5-206(f)(1), 11-105(o), 16-305(c)(1)(i), 16-310(d)(1), 16-512(a)(1), 17-104(a)(1) and (b), 18-107, 23-205(c) and (d), and 23-503(b)(1)Annotated Code of Maryland (2008 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Education Section <u>5–202(i)</u>, 8–507 and, 18–1107, and 22–306.1 Annotated Code of Maryland (2008 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, Article – Financial Institutions Section 13–1114(g)(3) Annotated Code of Maryland (2003 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

BY repealing

Article – Health – General Section 14–401(b), (d), and (e), 14–402(b), (c), and (d), and 14–403 through 14–410 Annotated Code of Maryland (2009 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Health – General Section 7–306.1(d), 14–402(a), 14–411, 19–214(b) through (e), and 19–310.1(b) Section 4–217(c)(1) and (3), 19–214(d)(2)(i) and (e), 19–310.1(b), and 21–308(b) Annotated Code of Maryland (2009 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Health – General Section 14–401(b), 14–402(b), and 14–403 through 14–405 <u>Section 15–702</u> Annotated Code of Maryland (2009 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, Article – Insurance Section 6–101(a) Annotated Code of Maryland (2003 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, Article – Insurance Section 14–106(d)(1)(iv) and (2) and 14–106.1 Annotated Code of Maryland (2006 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, Article – Labor and Employment Section 10–105(a) Annotated Code of Maryland (2008 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, Article – Natural Resources Section 5–212(g), 5–212.1(g), and 5–215(b) and (c) Section 3–103(h), 5–212(g), 5–212.1(g)(2), and 5–903(a)(2)(v) Annotated Code of Maryland (2005 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – State Finance and Procurement Section <u>3A–308(g)</u>, 3A–309(e) and, 6–226(a), and 10–306(c) Annotated Code of Maryland (2009 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – State Personnel and Pensions

Section 2-508(b)(3) 2-508(c) and (d), 20-101(hh-1), 20-205.1, 23-212(d) and (e), 23-221(d) 21-316, 23-212(d), 23-215.1; 23-225 and 23-226 to be under the new part "Part IV. Reformed Contributory Pension Benefit"; 23-401(f) and (g), 29-303(h) 29-302(b-1), 29-303(b-1); 29-430 through 29-432 to be under the new part "Part VII. Three/One Two and One-Half/One Percent Compound Adjustment"; and 31-116.2 29-435 and 29-436 to be under the new part "Part VIII. Three/One Percent Compound Combination Adjustment"; 31-116.2, and 31-116.2, and 37-101(r-1) and (r-2)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2009 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – State Personnel and Pensions

Section 2-508(b) and (c), 2-509, 2-509.1, 2-516, 20-101(g) and (bb), 20-205(a), 21-304(e) and (f), 20-204, 20-205(a), 21-302(b) 21-302(a) and (b), 21-303(d), 21-304(a)(2), (b), (e), and (f), 21-308(a), 23-212(c), 23-221(a), 23-222, 23-401(a), (b), and (d), 23-402, 24-401.1(c), 26-401.1(c), 27-202, 29-303(b), (c), and (e), 34-101(d), and 38-104(d) 23-212(c), 23-215, 23-401(a) and (b), 23-402, 24-401(a), 24-401.1(c), (d), and (h)(2), 26-204(a), 26-401.1(h)(2), 27-202, 29-302(b), 29-303(b), 29-404, 29-410, 29-425, 34-101(d), 37-101(j), 37-203(a), 37-203.1(a), (b)(1) and (3)(i)1., (c)(1), and (d)(1), and 38-104(d)

Annotated Code of Maryland (2009 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

<u>Article – State Personnel and Pensions</u> <u>Section 29–302(a) and 29–303(a)</u> <u>Annotated Code of Maryland</u> (2009 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, Article - Tax - General

Section 2–202(b) <u>and (c)</u>, <u>2–614</u>, 2–1104, 2–1302.1, <u>2–1303</u>, and 11–105(c) Annotated Code of Maryland (2010 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing

<u>Article – Tax – General</u> <u>Section 2–1302.2</u> <u>Annotated Code of Maryland</u> (2010 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Tax – Property Section 2–106 <u>and 9–103(d)(1) and (4)</u> Annotated Code of Maryland (2007 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

BY adding to

<u>Article – Tax – Property</u> <u>Section 9–255</u> <u>Annotated Code of Maryland</u> <u>(2007 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)</u>

BY repealing

Article – Transportation Section 1–103(c) Annotated Code of Maryland (2008 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Transportation Section <u>3–215(b)</u>, 4–321(e) and 8–402(c)(2), 7–208(b), 8–402(c), and 8–403 <u>8–403, 13–812(a)</u>, and 15–311.1(b)(1) Annotated Code of Maryland (2008 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

BY adding to

<u>Article – Transportation</u> <u>Section 3–217, 5–415, and 7–208(b–1)</u> <u>Annotated Code of Maryland</u> (2008 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Transportation Section 12–120(a), 13–406(9) and (10), and 16–103.1(11) and (12) Annotated Code of Maryland (2009 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement) BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

<u>Article – Transportation</u> <u>Section 12–120, 13–613(b), 13–802, and 23–205</u> <u>Section 12–118(e)(1), 12–120(a), 13–613(b), 13–802, and 13–955(c)</u> <u>Annotated Code of Maryland</u> (2009 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Transportation

Section 13-406(11), 16-115(j); and 16-1001 through 16-1003 to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 10. Assessment of Fees" Section 13-406.2 and 16-115(j) Annotated Code of Maryland (2009 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

<u>Chapter 288 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2002</u> <u>Section 7</u>

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Chapter 503 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2007 Section 6

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

<u>Chapter 487 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2009, as amended by Chapter</u> <u>484 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2010</u> Section 38(j)

BY repealing

Article – Education

Section 18–1101 through 18–1107 and the subtitle "Subtitle 11. Distinguished Scholar Programs"

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2008 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

<u>BY repealing</u>

<u>Article – Transportation</u> <u>Section 7–402</u> <u>Annotated Code of Maryland</u> (2008 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

BY repealing

Article – Education

Section 18–1201 through 18–1207 and the subtitle "Subtitle 12. Private Career School Student Grant Program"

Annotated Code of Maryland (2008 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

BY repealing

Article – Tax – General Section 8–406(b) and 10–704.1 Annotated Code of Maryland (2010 Replacement Volume)

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

Article 24 – Political Subdivisions – Miscellaneous Provisions

<u>9–1101.</u>

(b) (2) (1) [If] SUBJECT TO SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, IF the per capita yield of the county income tax for a county determined under paragraph (1)(i) of this subsection is less than 75% of the per capita statewide yield of the county income tax determined under paragraph (1)(ii) of this subsection, the Comptroller shall determine the amount that would increase the county per capita yield to equal 75% of the statewide per capita yield, as rounded to the nearest dollar.

(II) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012 ONLY, IF THE PER CAPITA YIELD OF THE COUNTY INCOME TAX FOR A COUNTY DETERMINED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1)(I) OF THIS SUBSECTION IS LESS THAN 77% OF THE PER CAPITA STATEWIDE YIELD OF THE COUNTY INCOME TAX DETERMINED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1)(II) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE COMPTROLLER SHALL DETERMINE THE AMOUNT THAT WOULD INCREASE THE COUNTY PER CAPITA YIELD TO EQUAL 77% OF THE STATEWIDE PER CAPITA YIELD, AS ROUNDED TO THE NEAREST DOLLAR.

Article – Commercial Law

15-607.

(A) Wages, due from or payable by the State, or a county, municipal corporation, or other political subdivision, and the public officers of the State or a county, municipal corporation, or other political subdivision to an individual, are subject to attachment process brought for the enforcement of the private legal obligations of the individual in the same manner and to the same extent as if the State, county, municipal corporation, or other political subdivision, and their respective public officers, were a private person.

(B) THE STATE, OR A COUNTY, MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, OR OTHER POLITICAL SUBDIVISION, AND THEIR RESPECTIVE PUBLIC OFFICERS, MAY

DEDUCT AND RETAIN FROM THE INDIVIDUAL'S WAGES AN ADDITIONAL \$2 FOR EACH DEDUCTION MADE UNDER THE ATTACHMENT PROCESS OF THIS SUBTITLE OR UNDER TITLE 31, U.S.C. § 3720D.

17-311.

((a) (1) Within 365 days from the filing of the report required by § 17–310 of this subtitle, the Administrator shall cause notice to be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the county in the State within which is located the last known address of any person to be named in the notice.

(2) If an address is not listed or if the address is outside the State, the notice shall be published in the county within which the person who held the abandoned property has the principal place of business in this State.

(b) The published notice shall be entitled "Notice of Names of Persons Appearing to Be Owners of Abandoned Property" and shall contain:

(1) The names in alphabetical order and last known addresses, if any, of persons listed in the report and entitled to notice in the county specified in this section;

(2) A statement that information concerning the amount or description of the property and the name and address of the person who held the property may be obtained by any person who possesses an interest in the property, by addressing an inquiry to the Administrator; and

(3) A statement that a proof of claim may be presented by the owner to the Administrator.

(c) The Administrator is not required to publish in the notice any item valued at less than \$100 unless the Administrator considers the publication to be in the public interest.]

(A) IN THIS SECTION, "ABANDONED PROPERTY DATABASE" MEANS AN ELECTRONIC DATABASE CONTAINING THE NAMES AND LAST KNOWN ADDRESSES, IF ANY, OF PERSONS WHO APPEAR TO BE OWNERS OF ABANDONED PROPERTY.

(B) (1) THE ADMINISTRATOR SHALL MAINTAIN, OR CAUSE TO BE MAINTAINED, AN ABANDONED PROPERTY DATABASE.

(2) WITHIN 365 DAYS AFTER THE FILING OF THE REPORT REQUIRED BY § 17–310 OF THIS SUBTITLE, THE ADMINISTRATOR SHALL ADD TO FORM.

THE ABANDONED PROPERTY DATABASE THE NAMES AND LAST KNOWN ADDRESSES, IF ANY, OF PERSONS LISTED IN THE REPORT.

(3) THE ADMINISTRATOR SHALL MAINTAIN, OR CAUSE TO BE MAINTAINED, AN INTERNET WEBSITE THAT:

(I) **PROVIDES REASONABLE MEANS BY WHICH A PERSON** MAY SEARCH THE ABANDONED PROPERTY DATABASE REQUIRED BY THIS SUBSECTION;

(II) CONTAINS A STATEMENT THAT INFORMATION CONCERNING THE AMOUNT OR DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY AND THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE PERSON WHO HELD THE PROPERTY MAY BE OBTAINED BY ANY PERSON WHO POSSESSES AN INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY, BY ADDRESSING AN INQUIRY TO THE ADMINISTRATOR;

(III) CONTAINS A STATEMENT THAT A PROOF OF CLAIM MAY BE PRESENTED BY THE OWNER TO THE ADMINISTRATOR; AND

(iv) Includes a link to an abandoned property claim

(C) (1) THE ADMINISTRATOR SHALL PUBLISH NOTICE OF THE INTERNET WEBSITE REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION (B)(3) OF THIS SECTION.

(2) THE NOTICE SHALL:

(I) BE PUBLISHED AT LEAST ONCE EACH CALENDAR QUARTER IN ONE OR MORE NEWSPAPERS OF GENERAL CIRCULATION IN EACH COUNTY OF THE STATE; AND

(II) CONTAIN:

1. A STATEMENT THAT THE ADMINISTRATOR MAINTAINS RECORDS OF THE NAMES AND LAST KNOWN ADDRESSES, IF ANY, OF PERSONS WHO APPEAR TO BE OWNERS OF ABANDONED PROPERTY;

2. A STATEMENT THAT ANY PERSON MAY SEARCH THE ADMINISTRATOR'S ABANDONED PROPERTY RECORDS THROUGH THE ADMINISTRATOR'S INTERNET WEBSITE; AND

3. THE ADDRESS OF THE INTERNET WEBSITE.

[(a)] (D) (1) Within 365 days from the filing of the report required by § 17–310 of this subtitle, the Administrator shall cause notice to be published in a newspaper of general circulation in [the county] THE COUNTIES in the State IDENTIFIED AS FEDERALLY DESIGNATED RURAL COUNTIES BY THE RURAL MARYLAND COUNCIL within which is located the last known address of any person to be named in the notice.

(2) If an address is not listed or if the address is outside the State, the notice shall be published in the county within which the person who held the abandoned property has the principal place of business in this State, IF THE COUNTY IS IDENTIFIED AS A FEDERALLY DESIGNATED RURAL COUNTY BY THE RURAL MARYLAND COUNCIL.

[(b)] (E) <u>The published notice **REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (D) OF**</u> <u>THIS SECTION shall be entitled "Notice of Names of Persons Appearing to Be Owners</u> <u>of Abandoned Property" and shall contain:</u>

(1) <u>The names in alphabetical order and last known addresses, if any,</u> of persons listed in the report and entitled to notice in the county specified in <u>SUBSECTION (D) OF this section;</u>

(2) <u>A statement that information concerning the amount or description</u> of the property and the name and address of the person who held the property may be obtained by any person who possesses an interest in the property, by addressing an inquiry to the Administrator; and

(3) A statement that a proof of claim may be presented by the owner to the Administrator.

[(c)]-(F) <u>The Administrator is not required to publish in the notice</u> <u>REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION any item valued at less than</u> <u>\$100 unless the Administrator considers the publication to be in the public interest.</u>

(d) (G) Within 120 days from the receipt of the report required by § 17–310 of this subtitle, the Administrator shall mail a notice to each person who has an address listed in the report who appears entitled to property valued at \$100 or more and presumed abandoned under this subtitle.

(e) (H) The mailed notice shall contain:

(1) A statement that, according to a report filed with the Administrator, property is being held to which the addressee appears entitled;

(2) The name and address of the person who held the property and any necessary information regarding any change of the name or address of the holder; and

(3) A statement that a proof of claim may be presented by the owner to the Administrator.

17-317.

(a) (1) <u>All funds received under this title, including the proceeds of the</u> sale of abandoned property under § 17–316 of this subtitle, shall be credited by the <u>Administrator to a special fund.</u> The Administrator shall retain in the special fund at the end of each fiscal year, from the proceeds received, an amount not to exceed \$50,000, from which sum the Administrator shall pay any claim allowed under this title.

[(2) <u>After deducting all costs incurred in administering this title from</u> <u>the remaining net funds the Administrator shall distribute \$500,000 to the Maryland</u> <u>Legal Services Corporation to support the activities of the corporation.</u>]

[(3)] (2) (i) <u>Subject to subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph, the</u> <u>Administrator shall distribute all unclaimed money from judgments of restitution</u> <u>under Title 11, Subtitle 6 of the Criminal Procedure Article to the State Victims of</u> <u>Crime Fund established under § 11–916 of the Criminal Procedure Article to assist</u> <u>victims of crimes and delinquent acts to protect the victims' rights as provided by law.</u>

(ii) <u>If a victim entitled to restitution that has been treated as</u> <u>abandoned property under § 11–614 of the Criminal Procedure Article is located after</u> <u>the money has been distributed under this paragraph, the Administrator shall reduce</u> <u>the next distribution to the State Victims of Crime Fund by the amount recovered by</u> <u>the victim.</u>

[(4)] (3) <u>After making the distributions required under [paragraphs</u> (2) and (3)] PARAGRAPH (2) of this subsection, the Administrator shall distribute the remaining net funds not retained under paragraph (1) of this subsection to the <u>General Fund of the State</u>.

Article - Correctional Services

<u>7–702.</u>

(b) Unless a supervisee is exempted by the Commission under subsection (d) of this section, the Commission shall assess a monthly fee of [\$40] **\$50** as a condition of supervision for each supervisee.

Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings

7-301.

(f) (1) This subsection does not apply to a traffic case under § 21-202.1, § 21-809, or § 21-810 of the Transportation Article or to a parking or impounding case.

(2) In a traffic case under subsection (a)(1) of this section the court shall add a \$7.50 surcharge to the court costs imposed by the court.

(3) **(I)** The Comptroller annually shall credit the surcharges collected under this subsection [to:

(i) The Volunteer Company Assistance Fund to be used in accordance with the provisions of Title 8, Subtitle 2 of the Public Safety Article; and

(ii) The General Fund after \$20,000,000 is credited to the Volunteer Company Assistance Fund in accordance with item (i) of this paragraph.

(4) Notwithstanding any other provision of this subsection, for fiscal year 2010 only, the surcharges collected under this subsection shall be credited as follows:

(i) 25% to the Volunteer Company Assistance Fund to be used in accordance with the provisions of Title 8, Subtitle 2 of the Public Safety Article; and

(ii) 75% to the General Fund] AS PROVIDED IN THIS PARAGRAPH.

(II) AN AMOUNT ANNUALLY AS SET FORTH IN THE STATE BUDGET SHALL BE DISTRIBUTED FOR THE CHARLES W. RILEY FIRE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES TUITION REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM AS ESTABLISHED IN § 18–603 OF THE EDUCATION ARTICLE.

(III) AFTER THE DISTRIBUTION UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH:

1. <u>SUBJECT, SUBJECT</u> TO SUBPARAGRAPH (IV) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, 50% 100% OF THE REMAINDER SHALL BE CREDITED TO THE VOLUNTEER COMPANY ASSISTANCE FUND TO BE USED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF TITLE 8, SUBTITLE 2 OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY ARTICLE MARYLAND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SYSTEMS OPERATION FUND ESTABLISHED UNDER § 13–955 OF THE TRANSPORTATION ARTICLE; AND

2. 50% SHALL BE CREDITED TO THE GENERAL

Fund.

(IV) AFTER A TOTAL OF \$20,000,000 IS CREDITED TO THE VOLUNTEER COMPANY ASSISTANCE FUND UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (III)1 (III) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, 100% OF THE REMAINDER AFTER THE DISTRIBUTION UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL BE DISTRIBUTED TO THE GENERAL FUND.

(IV) FOR FISCAL YEARS 2012 AND 2013 ONLY, BEFORE THE DISTRIBUTION TO THE MARYLAND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SYSTEMS OPERATION FUND UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (III) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, FROM THE SURCHARGES COLLECTED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION, AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO \$8,201,311 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012 AND \$2,114,000 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013 SHALL BE CREDITED TO THE VOLUNTEER COMPANY ASSISTANCE FUND TO BE USED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF TITLE 8, SUBTITLE 2 OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY ARTICLE.

<u>13–604.</u>

(a) (1) [The] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE Administrator shall establish a surcharge of \$20 for each type of recordable instrument to be recorded among the land records and the financing statement records.

(2) FOR EACH OF FISCAL YEARS 2012 THROUGH 2016 RECORDABLE INSTRUMENTS EXECUTED ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2011, BUT BEFORE JULY 1, 2015, THE SURCHARGE ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE \$40 FOR EACH TYPE OF RECORDABLE INSTRUMENT TO BE RECORDED AMONG THE LAND RECORDS AND THE FINANCING STATEMENT RECORDS.

Article – Criminal Procedure

6-226.

(b) [(1)] Unless the supervisee is exempt under subsection (d) of this section, except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, the court shall impose a monthly fee of [\$25] **\$50** on a supervisee.

[(2) For fiscal years 2006 through 2010 only, the monthly fee imposed under this subsection shall be \$40.]

Article - Economic Development

10-523.

(a) (3) (i) To assist the Corporation in complying with subsection (c) of this section, the Governor shall include each year in the State budget bill an appropriation to the Corporation for rural business development and assistance [for each of fiscal years 2010 and 2011 in the amount of \$2,750,000 and for each of fiscal years 2012 through 2020, in the amount of \$4,000,000] AS FOLLOWS:

- 1. FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011, \$2,750,000;
- 2. FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012, \$1,000,000;
- 3. FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013, \$2,000,000;
- 4. FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014, \$3,000,000; AND
- 5. FOR EACH OF FISCAL YEARS 2015 THROUGH 2020,

\$1,000,000.

Article – Economic Development

<u>10–523.</u>

(a) (3) (i) To assist the Corporation in complying with subsection (c) of this section, the Governor shall include each year in the State budget bill an appropriation to the Corporation for rural business development and assistance [for each of fiscal years 2010 and 2011 in the amount of \$2,750,000 and for each of fiscal years 2012 through 2020, in the amount of \$4,000,000] AS FOLLOWS:

- <u>1.</u> FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011, \$2,750,000;
- <u>2.</u> FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012, \$2,750,000;
- <u>3.</u> FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013, \$3,000,000; AND

4. FOR EACH OF FISCAL YEARS 2014 THROUGH 2020,

\$4,000,000.

Article – Education

<u>5–103.</u>

(a) <u>The amount requested in the annual budget of each county board for</u> <u>current expenses for the next school year and that is to be raised by revenue from local</u> <u>sources may not be less than the minimum amount required to be levied under</u> [§ 5-202] § 5-202(D)(1)(1) of this title. (b) <u>The county commissioners or county council may provide funds that are</u> more than the amount required by § [5–202] 5–202(D)(1)(1) of this title to support improved and additional programs.

(c) If a county council or board of county commissioners does not approve the amount requested in the budget that is more than the amount required by [§ 5–202] § 5–202(D)(1)(I) of this title:

(1) <u>The county council or board of county commissioners shall indicate</u> in writing, within 15 days after the adoption of the budget, which major categories of the annual budget have been reduced and the reason for the reduction; and

(2) The county board shall submit to the county governing body, within 30 days after the adoption of the budget, a report indicating how the alterations to the budget will be implemented, accompanied by reasonable supporting detail and analysis.

5-202.

(a) (13) "Target per pupil foundation amount" means:

(i) In fiscal years 2008, 2009, and 2010, \$6,694;

(ii) Except as provided in [item (iii)] ITEMS (III) AND (IV) of this paragraph, in subsequent fiscal years:

1. The target per pupil foundation amount for the prior fiscal year increased by the same percentage as the lesser of:

A. The increase in the implicit price deflator for State and local government expenditures for the second prior fiscal year;

B. The Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers for the Washington–Baltimore metropolitan area, or any successor index, for the second prior fiscal year; or

C. 5%; or

2. If there is no increase in the implicit price deflator for State and local government expenditures for the second prior fiscal year or in the Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers for the Washington–Baltimore metropolitan area, or any successor index, for the second prior fiscal year, the target per pupil foundation amount for the prior fiscal year;

(III) IN FISCAL YEAR 2012, \$6,599 <u>\$6,694</u>; and

[(iii)] (IV) In each of fiscal years [2012] **2013** through 2015:

1. The target per pupil foundation amount for the prior fiscal year increased by the same percentage as the lesser of:

A. The increase in the implicit price deflator for State and local government expenditures for the second prior fiscal year;

B. The Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers for the Washington–Baltimore metropolitan area, or any successor index, for the second prior fiscal year; or

C. 1%; or

2. If there is no increase in the implicit price deflator for State and local government expenditures for the second prior fiscal year or in the Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers for the Washington–Baltimore metropolitan area, or any successor index, for the second prior fiscal year, the target per pupil foundation amount for the prior fiscal year.

(1) (1) IN THIS SUBSECTION, "TOTAL DIRECT EDUCATION AID" MEANS THE TOTAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROVIDED BY THE STATE TO A COUNTY BOARD UNDER THE FOLLOWING PROGRAMS:

(1) FUNDING FOR THE FOUNDATION PROGRAM INCLUDING FUNDS FOR THE GEOGRAPHIC COST OF EDUCATION UNDER THIS SECTION;

(II) <u>Transportation and under § 5–205 of this</u> <u>subtitle;</u>

(III) FUNDING FOR COMPENSATORY EDUCATION UNDER § 5–207 OF THIS SUBTITLE;

(IV) FUNDING FOR STUDENTS WITH LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY UNDER § 5–208 OF THIS SUBTITLE;

(V) FUNDING FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION STUDENTS UNDER § 5–209 OF THIS SUBTITLE;

(VI) FUNDING FOR THE GUARANTEED TAX BASE PROGRAM UNDER § 5–210 OF THIS SUBTITLE; AND

<u>(VII)</u> Funding for grants provided under this <u>subsection.</u>

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(2) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012 ONLY, IF A COUNTY BOARD'S TOTAL DIRECT EDUCATION AID IN THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR IS LESS THAN THE PRIOR FISCAL YEAR BY MORE THAN 6.5%, THEN THE STATE SHALL PROVIDE A GRANT TO THE COUNTY BOARD IN AN AMOUNT NECESSARY TO ENSURE THAT A DECREASE IN TOTAL DIRECT EDUCATION AID IS NOT MORE THAN 6.5%.

5-206.

(f) (1) In fiscal year 2006 and in each fiscal year thereafter, the State shall distribute grants **FROM AN APPROPRIATION IN THE STATE BUDGET OR GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS** to county boards under the Aging Schools Program administered by the Interagency Committee on School Construction in amounts equal to the funding level calculated under paragraph (2) of this subsection.

8-507.

(A) IN THIS SECTION, "BASIC COST" MEANS THE AVERAGE AMOUNT SPENT BY A COUNTY <u>BOARD</u> FROM COUNTY AND STATE DOLLARS <u>FUNDS</u> FOR THE PUBLIC EDUCATION OF A NONDISABLED CHILD.

(B) A COUNTY <u>BOARD</u> SHALL REIMBURSE THE DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE SERVICES OR THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES THE AMOUNT OF THE BASIC COST CALCULATED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION FOR EACH CHILD WHO WAS DOMICILED IN THE COUNTY PRIOR TO THE PLACEMENT IF:

(1) THE DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE SERVICES OR THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES PLACES A CHILD WHO IS IN STATE-SUPERVISED CARE IN A NONPUBLIC RESIDENTIAL PLACEMENT THAT ALSO PROVIDES THE EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR THE CHILD; AND

(2) THE CHILD DOES NOT MEET THE CRITERIA FOR SHARED STATE AND LOCAL PAYMENT OF EDUCATIONAL COSTS AS PROVIDED IN §§ 8–406 AND 8–415 OF THIS TITLE; *AND*

(3) <u>The child was included in the full-time equivalent</u> <u>ENROLLMENT OF THE COUNTY AS CALCULATED UNDER § 5–202 OF THIS</u> <u>ARTICLE</u>.

11 - 105.

(o) (1) The Commission may require an application fee from an institution of postsecondary education seeking [certification]:

(I) **CERTIFICATION** to operate in the State; **OR**

(II) <u>APPROVAL</u> <u>EXCEPT FOR ACTIONS RELATING TO</u> <u>PROGRAMS OFFERED AT A REGIONAL HIGHER EDUCATION CENTER, APPROVAL</u> OF ANY ACADEMIC PROGRAM ACTION TAKEN UNDER SUBTITLE 2 OF THIS TITLE.

(2) (1) THE REVENUES FROM APPLICATION FEES SHALL BE DISTRIBUTED TO A SPECIAL, NONLAPSING FUND THAT IS NOT SUBJECT TO § 7–302 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE.

(II) SUBJECT TO SUBPARAGRAPH (III) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, THE SPECIAL FUND MAY BE USED ONLY TO CARRY OUT THE PROVISIONS OF SUBTITLE 2 OF THIS TITLE.

(III) AT THE END OF EACH FISCAL YEAR, ANY AMOUNT IN EXCESS OF \$100,000 SHALL REVERT TO THE GENERAL FUND.

(IV) ANY INVESTMENT EARNINGS OF THE FUND SHALL BE CREDITED TO THE GENERAL FUND.

(3) Subject to the provisions of § 11–203 of this title, the Commission may require bonds or other financial guaranties from institutions of postsecondary education seeking certification or recertification to operate in the State.

<u>16–305.</u>

(c) (1) (i) The total State operating fund per full-time equivalent student to the community colleges for each fiscal year as requested by the Governor shall be:

<u>1.</u> In fiscal year 2009, not less than an amount equal to 26.25% of the State's General Fund appropriation per full-time equivalent student to the 4-year public institutions of higher education in the State as designated by the Commission for the purpose of administering the Joseph A. Sellinger Program under Title 17 of this article in the previous fiscal year;

2. In fiscal year 2010, not less than an amount equal to 23.6% of the State's General Fund appropriation per full-time equivalent student to the 4-year public institutions of higher education in the State as designated by the Commission for the purpose of administering the Joseph A. Sellinger Program under Title 17 of this article in the same fiscal year;

<u>3.</u> <u>In fiscal year 2011, not less than an amount equal to</u> 21.8% of the State's General Fund appropriation per full-time equivalent student to the 4-year public institutions of higher education in the State as designated by the Commission for the purpose of administering the Joseph A. Sellinger Program under Title 17 of this article in the same fiscal year;

<u>4.</u> In fiscal year 2012, not less than an amount equal to 20% of the State's General Fund appropriation per full-time equivalent student to the 4-year public institutions of higher education in the State as designated by the Commission for the purpose of administering the Joseph A. Sellinger Program under Title 17 of this article in the same fiscal year;

5. In fiscal year 2013, not less than an amount equal to [21%] **18.5% 19%** of the State's General Fund appropriation per full-time equivalent student to the 4-year public institutions of higher education in the State as designated by the Commission for the purpose of administering the Joseph A. Sellinger Program under Title 17 of this article in the same fiscal year;

<u>6.</u> In fiscal year 2014, not less than an amount equal to [22%] **18.5% 19%** of the State's General Fund appropriation per full-time equivalent student to the 4-year public institutions of higher education in the State as designated by the Commission for the purpose of administering the Joseph A. Sellinger Program under Title 17 of this article in the same fiscal year:

7. In fiscal year 2015, not less than an amount equal to [23%] **19.5%** of the State's General Fund appropriation per full-time equivalent student to the 4-year public institutions of higher education in the State as designated by the Commission for the purpose of administering the Joseph A. Sellinger Program under Title 17 of this article in the same fiscal year;

8. In fiscal year 2016, not less than an amount equal to [24%] **20.5% 21%** of the State's General Fund appropriation per full-time equivalent student to the 4-year public institutions of higher education in the State as designated by the Commission for the purpose of administering the Joseph A. Sellinger Program under Title 17 of this article in the same fiscal year;

9. In fiscal year 2017, not less than an amount equal to [25%] **21.5% 22%** of the State's General Fund appropriation per full-time equivalent student to the 4-year public institutions of higher education in the State as designated by the Commission for the purpose of administering the Joseph A. Sellinger Program under Title 17 of this article in the same fiscal year;

10. In fiscal year 2018, not less than an amount equal to [26%] **22.5% 23%** of the State's General Fund appropriation per full-time equivalent student to the 4-year public institutions of higher education in the State as designated by the Commission for the purpose of administering the Joseph A. Sellinger Program under Title 17 of this article in the same fiscal year; <u>11.</u> In fiscal year 2019, not less than an amount equal to [27%] 23.5% 24% of the State's General Fund appropriation per full-time equivalent student to the 4-year public institutions of higher education in the State as designated by the Commission for the purpose of administering the Joseph A. Sellinger Program under Title 17 of this article in the same fiscal year;

12. In fiscal year 2020, not less than an amount equal to [28%] 25% of the State's General Fund appropriation per full-time equivalent student to the 4-year public institutions of higher education in the State as designated by the Commission for the purpose of administering the Joseph A. Sellinger Program under Title 17 of this article in the same fiscal year; [and]

13. IN FISCAL YEAR 2021, NOT LESS THAN AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO 26.5% 26% OF THE STATE'S GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATION PER FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT STUDENT TO THE 4-YEAR PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE STATE AS DESIGNATED BY THE COMMISSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADMINISTERING THE JOSEPH A. SELLINGER PROGRAM UNDER TITLE 17 OF THIS ARTICLE IN THE SAME FISCAL YEAR;

14. IN FISCAL YEAR 2022, NOT LESS THAN AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO 28% 27.5% OF THE STATE'S GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATION PER FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT STUDENT TO THE 4-YEAR PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE STATE AS DESIGNATED BY THE COMMISSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADMINISTERING THE JOSEPH A. SELLINGER PROGRAM UNDER TITLE 17 OF THIS ARTICLE IN THE SAME FISCAL YEAR; AND

[13.] <u>15.</u> In fiscal year [2021] <u>2023</u> and each fiscal year thereafter, not less than an amount equal to 29% of the State's General Fund appropriation per full-time equivalent student to the 4-year public institutions of higher education in the State as designated by the Commission for the purpose of administering the Joseph A. Sellinger Program under Title 17 of this article in the same fiscal year.

16.310. <u>16–310.</u>

(d) (1) <u>(1)</u> <u>1</u>. Notwithstanding subsection (b) of this section, <u>SUBJECT TO SUBSUBPARAGRAPH 2 OF THIS SUBPARAGRAPH</u>, if any student is a resident of this State and enrolls in an instructional program that the Commission designates as a health manpower shortage program or a statewide or regional program, the

<u>A.</u> <u>*THE*</u> student shall pay only the student tuition and fees payable by a resident of a county that supports the community college and; <u>*AND*</u>

B. <u>SUBJECT TO SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS</u> <u>PARAGRAPH</u>, the Commission shall pay any applicable out–of–county fee= <u>TO THE</u> <u>COMMUNITY COLLEGE</u>.

2. For a student who attends a community college not supported by the county in which the student resides, at the discretion of the board of community college trustees:

<u>A.</u> <u>The community college may charge the</u> <u>Student any applicable out-of-county fee;</u>

<u>B.</u> <u>Subject to subparagraph (II) of this</u> <u>PARAGRAPH, THE COMMISSION SHALL PAY THE AMOUNT OF ANY APPLICABLE</u> <u>OUT-OF-COUNTY FEE TO THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE; AND</u>

<u>C.</u> <u>The community college shall reimburse</u> <u>The student the amount received from the Commission under item B</u> <u>OF THIS SUBSUBPARAGRAPH.</u>

(II) For any fiscal year BEGINNING ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2011, if State appropriations to the Commission for payment of any applicable out-of-county fee under this paragraph do not provide sufficient funds to fully reimburse applicable out-of-county fees, [the Governor shall include in the budget bill for the next fiscal year a deficiency appropriation to provide the additional funds to fully reimburse the out-of-county fees] THE COMMISSION SHALL PRORATE THE REIMBURSEMENT FOR THE OUT-OF-COUNTY FEES.

<u>16–512.</u>

(a) (1) The total State operating fund per full-time equivalent student appropriated to Baltimore City Community College for each fiscal year as requested by the Governor shall be:

(i) In fiscal year 2009, not less than an amount equal to 67.25% of the State's General Fund appropriation per full-time equivalent student to the 4-year public institutions of higher education in the State as designated by the Commission for the purpose of administering the Joseph A. Sellinger Program under Title 17 of this article in the previous fiscal year;

(ii) In fiscal year 2010, not less than an amount equal to 65.1% of the State's General Fund appropriation per full-time equivalent student to the 4-year public institutions of higher education in the State as designated by the Commission for the purpose of administering the Joseph A. Sellinger Program under Title 17 of this article in the same fiscal year;

(iii) In fiscal year 2011, not less than an amount equal to 65.5% of the State's General Fund appropriation per full-time equivalent student to the 4-year public institutions of higher education in the State as designated by the Commission for the purpose of administering the Joseph A. Sellinger Program under Title 17 of this article in the same fiscal year;

(iv) In fiscal year 2012, not less than an amount equal to 63% of the State's General Fund appropriation per full-time equivalent student to the 4-year public institutions of higher education in the State as designated by the Commission for the purpose of administering the Joseph A. Sellinger Program under Title 17 of this article in the same fiscal year;

(v) In fiscal year 2013, not less than an amount equal to 63.5% of the State's General Fund appropriation per full-time equivalent student to the 4-year public institutions of higher education in the State as designated by the Commission for the purpose of administering the Joseph A. Sellinger Program under Title 17 of this article in the same fiscal year;

(vi) In fiscal year 2014, not less than an amount equal to 64% of the State's General Fund appropriation per full-time equivalent student to the 4-year public institutions of higher education in the State as designated by the Commission for the purpose of administering the Joseph A. Sellinger Program under Title 17 of this article in the same fiscal year;

(vii) In fiscal year 2015, not less than an amount equal to 64.5% of the State's General Fund appropriation per full-time equivalent student to the 4-year public institutions of higher education in the State as designated by the Commission for the purpose of administering the Joseph A. Sellinger Program under Title 17 of this article in the same fiscal year;

(viii) In fiscal year 2016, not less than an amount equal to [65%] 64.75% of the State's General Fund appropriation per full-time equivalent student to the 4-year public institutions of higher education in the State as designated by the Commission for the purpose of administering the Joseph A. Sellinger Program under Title 17 of this article in the same fiscal year;

(ix) In fiscal year 2017, not less than an amount equal to [65.5%] 65.25% of the State's General Fund appropriation per full-time equivalent student to the 4-year public institutions of higher education in the State as designated by the Commission for the purpose of administering the Joseph A. Sellinger Program under Title 17 of this article in the same fiscal year; (x) In fiscal year 2018, not less than an amount equal to [66%] 65.75% of the State's General Fund appropriation per full-time equivalent student to the 4-year public institutions of higher education in the State as designated by the Commission for the purpose of administering the Joseph A. Sellinger Program under Title 17 of this article in the same fiscal year;

(xi) In fiscal year 2019, not less than an amount equal to [66.5%] 66.25% of the State's General Fund appropriation per full-time equivalent student to the 4-year public institutions of higher education in the State as designated by the Commission for the purpose of administering the Joseph A. Sellinger Program under Title 17 of this article in the same fiscal year;

(xii) In fiscal year 2020, not less than an amount equal to [67.5%] 67% of the State's General Fund appropriation per full-time equivalent student to the 4-year public institutions of higher education in the State as designated by the Commission for the purpose of administering the Joseph A. Sellinger Program under Title 17 of this article in the same fiscal year;

(XIII) IN FISCAL YEAR 2021, NOT LESS THAN AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO 67.5% OF THE STATE'S GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATION PER FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT STUDENT TO THE 4-YEAR PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE STATE AS DESIGNATED BY THE COMMISSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADMINISTERING THE JOSEPH A. SELLINGER PROGRAM UNDER TITLE 17 OF THIS ARTICLE IN THE SAME FISCAL YEAR;

(XIV) IN FISCAL YEAR 2022, NOT LESS THAN AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO 68% OF THE STATE'S GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATION PER FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT STUDENT TO THE 4-YEAR PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE STATE AS DESIGNATED BY THE COMMISSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADMINISTERING THE JOSEPH A. SELLINGER PROGRAM UNDER TITLE 17 OF THIS ARTICLE IN THE SAME FISCAL YEAR; and

[(xiii)] (XV) In fiscal year [2021] 2023 and each fiscal year thereafter, not less than an amount equal to 68.5% of the State's General Fund appropriation per full-time equivalent student to the 4-year public institutions of higher education in the State as designated by the Commission for the purpose of administering the Joseph A. Sellinger Program under Title 17 of this article in the same fiscal year.

<u>17–104.</u>

(a) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, the Maryland Higher Education Commission shall compute the amount of the annual apportionment for each institution that qualifies under this subtitle by multiplying the

number of full-time equivalent students enrolled at the institution during the fall semester of the fiscal year preceding the fiscal year for which the aid apportionment is made, as determined by the Maryland Higher Education Commission by:

(i) In fiscal year 2009, an amount not less than 16% of the State's General Fund per full-time equivalent student appropriation to the 4-year public institutions of higher education in this State for the preceding fiscal year;

(ii) In fiscal year 2010, an amount not less than 12.85% of the State's General Fund per full-time equivalent student appropriation to the 4-year public institutions of higher education in the State for the same fiscal year;

(iii) In fiscal year 2011, an amount not less than 9.8% of the State's General Fund per full-time equivalent student appropriation to the 4-year public institutions of higher education in this State for the same fiscal year:

(iv) In fiscal year 2012, an amount not less than 9.2% of the State's General Fund per full-time equivalent student appropriation to the 4-year public institutions of higher education in this State for the same fiscal year;

(v) In fiscal year 2013, an amount not less than [10%] 9.5% 9.7% of the State's General Fund per full-time equivalent student appropriation to the 4-year public institutions of higher education in this State for the same fiscal year;

(vi) In fiscal year 2014, an amount not less than [10.5%] **10%** of the State's General Fund per full-time equivalent student appropriation to the 4-year public institutions of higher education in this State for the same fiscal year;

(vii) In fiscal year 2015, an amount not less than [11%] 10.5% 10.6% of the State's General Fund per full-time equivalent student appropriation to the 4-year public institutions of higher education in this State for the same fiscal year;

(viii) In fiscal year 2016, an amount not less than [11.5%] 11% <u>11.1%</u> of the State's General Fund per full-time equivalent student appropriation to the 4-year public institutions of higher education in this State for the same fiscal year;

(ix) In fiscal year 2017, an amount not less than 12% of the State's General Fund per full-time equivalent student appropriation to the 4-year public institutions of higher education in this State for the same fiscal year;

(x) In fiscal year 2018, an amount not less than 13% of the State's General Fund per full-time equivalent student appropriation to the 4-year public institutions of higher education in this State for the same fiscal year;

(xi) In fiscal year 2019, an amount not less than 14% of the State's General Fund per full-time equivalent student appropriation to the 4-year public institutions of higher education in this State for the same fiscal year:

(xii) In fiscal year 2020, an amount not less than 15% of the State's General Fund per full-time equivalent student appropriation to the 4-year public institutions of higher education in this State for the same fiscal year; and

(xiii) In fiscal year 2021 and each fiscal year thereafter, an amount not less than 15.5% of the State's General Fund per full-time equivalent student appropriation to the 4-year public institutions of higher education in this State for the same fiscal year.

(b) (1) Full-time equivalent students enrolled in seminarian or theological programs shall be excluded from the computation required by subsection (a) of this section.

(2) FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT STUDENTS ENROLLED IN PROGRAMS THAT ARE PART OF AN AGREEMENT OR CONTRACT WITH FOR-PROFIT EDUCATIONAL SERVICES ENTITIES SHALL BE EXCLUDED FROM THE COMPUTATION REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION.

<u>18–107.</u>

(a) (1) Each year, money for each student financial assistance program administered by the Office shall be included in the State budget.

(2) Each year, the Governor shall include in the State budget at least 80 percent of the funds appropriated in the prior fiscal year for need-based programs as provided in §§ 18–301, 18–706(f), 18–1401, 18–1501, and 18–2601 of this title.

(b) [(1)] Except as otherwise provided in this title, money appropriated under this title that is not used by the end of the fiscal year [may not revert to the State Treasury] SHALL BE DEPOSITED IN THE NEED-BASED STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FUND.

[(2) All money retained under paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be used to make awards to students during subsequent fiscal years as provided in §§ 18–301, 18–601, 18–604, 18–706(f), 18–1401, 18–14A–01, 18–1501, and 18–2601 of this title and may not be used for administrative expenses.]

(C) (1) IN THIS SUBSECTION, "FUND" MEANS THE NEED-BASED STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FUND. (2) <u>THERE IS A NEED-BASED STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE</u> <u>FUND.</u>

(3) <u>The purpose of the Fund is to allow money</u> <u>Appropriated for student financial assistance programs that is not</u> <u>used in a fiscal year to be retained for need-based awards in future</u> <u>Fiscal years.</u>

(4) THE COMMISSION SHALL ADMINISTER THE FUND.

(5) (1) THE FUND IS A SPECIAL, NONLAPSING FUND THAT IS NOT SUBJECT TO § 7–302 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE.

(II) THE STATE TREASURER SHALL HOLD THE FUND AND THE COMPTROLLER SHALL ACCOUNT FOR THE FUND.

(6) THE FUND CONSISTS OF:

(I) MONEY DISTRIBUTED TO THE FUND UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION; AND

(II) ANY OTHER MONEY FROM ANY OTHER SOURCE ACCEPTED FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE FUND.

(7) (I) THE FUND MAY BE USED ONLY FOR MAKING NEED-BASED FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AWARDS TO STUDENTS AS PROVIDED IN §§ 18-301, 18-601, 18-604, 18-706(F), 18-1401, 18-14A-01, 18-1501, AND 18-2601 OF THIS TITLE.

(II) THE FUND MAY NOT BE USED FOR ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES.

(8) (1) THE STATE TREASURER SHALL INVEST THE MONEY OF THE FUND IN THE SAME MANNER AS OTHER STATE MONEY MAY BE INVESTED.

(II) ANY INVESTMENT EARNINGS ON THE FUNDS IN THE ACCOUNT SHALL BE PAID INTO THE GENERAL FUND OF THE STATE.

(9) EXPENDITURES FROM THE FUND MAY BE MADE ONLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATE BUDGET.

18-1107.

NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, THE COMMISSION MAY NOT AWARD ANY NEW SCHOLARSHIPS UNDER THIS SUBTITLE FOR THE 2011–2012 ACADEMIC YEAR OR FOR ANY SUBSEQUENT ACADEMIC YEAR.

<u>22–306.1.</u>

(A) IN THIS SECTION, "BASIC COST" MEANS THE AVERAGE AMOUNT SPENT BY A COUNTY BOARD FROM COUNTY AND STATE FUNDS FOR THE PUBLIC EDUCATION OF A NONDISABLED CHILD.

(B) <u>A COUNTY</u> <u>BOARD</u> SHALL REIMBURSE THE DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE SERVICES THE AMOUNT OF THE BASIC COST CALCULATED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION FOR EACH CHILD WHO WAS DOMICILED IN THE COUNTY PRIOR TO THE PLACEMENT IF THE CHILD:

(1) IS COMMITTED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE SERVICES AND IS IN A PROGRAM AT A FACILITY OR A RESIDENTIAL FACILITY;

(2) IS NOT IN DETENTION OR AWAITING PLACEMENT AFTER DISPOSITION; AND

(3) DOES NOT MEET THE CRITERIA FOR SHARED STATE AND LOCAL PAYMENT OF EDUCATIONAL COSTS AS PROVIDED IN §§ 8–406 AND 8–415 OF THIS ARTICLE; AND

(4) WAS INCLUDED IN THE FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT ENROLLMENT OF THE COUNTY AS CALCULATED UNDER § 5–202 OF THIS ARTICLE.

23-205.

(c) (1) Each year each participating regional resource center shall receive a minimum amount of funding for each resident of the area served, to be used for operating and capital expenses.

(2) The allocation shall be calculated as follows:

(i) [For fiscal year 2009.....\$6.50 per each resident of the area served;

(ii) For fiscal year 2010.....\$6.75 per each resident of the area served;

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2017.....\$7.00 FOR **(II) FISCAL** YEAR PER EACH **RESIDENT OF THE AREA SERVED;**

(III) FOR 2018.....\$7.25 **FISCAL** YEAR PER EACH **RESIDENT OF THE AREA SERVED; AND**

(iv) For fiscal year [2012] **2019** and each fiscal year thereafter......\$7.50 per each resident of the area served.

(d)Each year the State Library Resource Center shall receive a (1)minimum amount of funding for each State resident in the previous fiscal year, to be used for operating and capital expenses.

> (2)The allocation shall be calculated as follows:

> > (i) [For fiscal year 2009......\$1.85 per State resident;

For each of fiscal years 2010 [and 2011] THROUGH (ii) **2016**.....\$1.67 per State resident; [and]

(II) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017......\$1.73 PER STATE **RESIDENT;**

FISCAL YEAR 2018......\$1.79 (III) FOR PER STATE **RESIDENT; AND**

For fiscal year [2012] 2019 and each fiscal year [(iii)] **(IV)** thereafter......\$1.85 per State resident.

23 - 503.

Each county public library system that participates in the (b)(1)minimum library program shall be provided for each resident of the county, to be used for operating and capital expenses:

- (i) [For fiscal year 2009 – \$14.00;
- For fiscal year 2010 \$14.00; (ii)

(iii) For EACH OF fiscal [year] YEARS 2011 THROUGH 2016 –

\$14.00; [and]

(II) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017 – \$14.30;

(III) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018 – \$14.60; AND

(iv) For fiscal year [2012] 2019 and each fiscal year thereafter –

\$15.00.

Article – Financial Institutions

13–1114.

(g) (3) (i) Up to 10% of Program Open Space funds transferred to the Authority may be used to pay the operating expenses of the Authority.

(ii) Up to 50% of Program Open Space funds transferred to the Authority may be expended for debt service on bonds issued by the Authority.

(III) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012 ONLY, AN ADDITIONAL \$500,000 \$140,000 \$500,000 OF PROGRAM OPEN SPACE FUNDS TRANSFERRED TO THE AUTHORITY MAY BE USED TO PAY OPERATING EXPENSES IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section(s) 14-401(b), (d), and (e), 14-402(b), (c), and (d), and 14-403 through 14-410 of Article – Health – General of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Health – General

<u>4–217.</u>

(c) (1) Except as otherwise provided by law[, the]:

(I) <u>THE Department shall collect a \$12 fee:</u>

[(i)] 1. For each certified or abridged copy of a [birth,] death, fetal death, marriage, or divorce verification certificate;

[(ii)] 2. For a report that a search of the DEATH, FETAL DEATH, MARRIAGE, OR DIVORCE VERIFICATION CERTIFICATE files was made and the requested record is not on file;

[(iii)] <u>3.</u> For each change to a DEATH, FETAL DEATH, MARRIAGE, OR DIVORCE VERIFICATION certificate made later than one year after the certificate has been registered with the Department; or [(iv)] 4. To process an adoption, foreign adoption, or legitimation; AND

(II) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL COLLECT A \$24 FEE:

1. FOR EACH CERTIFIED OR ABRIDGED COPY OF A BIRTH CERTIFICATE;

2. FOR A REPORT THAT A SEARCH OF THE BIRTH CERTIFICATE FILES WAS MADE AND THE REQUESTED RECORD IS NOT ON FILE; OR

<u>3.</u> FOR EACH CHANGE TO A BIRTH CERTIFICATE MADE LATER THAN 1 YEAR AFTER THE CERTIFICATE HAS BEEN REGISTERED WITH THE DEPARTMENT.

(3) (i) Any local health department may set and collect a fee for processing and issuing a birth certificate, or for a report that a search of the files was made and the requested record is not on file, that covers:

1. The administrative costs of providing this service; and

2. The requirements of subparagraph (iii) of this

<u>paragraph.</u>

(ii) The fee set by the local health department for processing and issuing a birth certificate or for a report under subparagraph (i) of this paragraph may not exceed the actual costs to the local health department for processing and issuing a birth certificate or a report.

(iii) From the fee the local health department collects under subparagraph (i) of this paragraph, [\$10] \$20 shall be transferred to the General Fund.

(iv) Prior to setting and collecting a fee for processing and issuing a birth certificate or for a report under subparagraph (i) of this paragraph, the local health department shall enter into a memorandum of understanding with the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene that outlines the local health department's fee structure.

7-306.1.

(d) (1) Subject to the provisions of subsections (e), (f), and (g) of this section, the Administration shall provide payment to private providers for the services

provided from the funds designated in subsection (c) of this section in accordance with the following payment schedule:

[(1)] (I) On or before the third business day of the fiscal quarter beginning July 1, [33%] 17% of the total annual amount to be paid to the provider;

(2) On or before the third business day of the fiscal quarter beginning October 1, 25% of the total annual amount to be paid to the provider;

(3) On or before the third business day of the fiscal quarter beginning January 1, 25% of the total annual amount to be paid to the provider; and

(4) On or before the third business day of the fiscal quarter beginning April 1, 17% of the total annual amount to be paid to the provider**]**AND

(II) THEREAFTER, MONTHLY FOR SERVICES THAT HAVE BEEN PROVIDED DURING THE PREVIOUS MONTH, IN AN AMOUNT AS DETERMINED BY THE ADMINISTRATION.

(2) TOTAL PAYMENTS UNDER PARAGRAPH (1)(I) AND (II) OF THIS SUBSECTION MAY NOT EXCEED THE TOTAL AMOUNT TO BE PAID TO THE PROVIDER.

14-401.

(B) "Accreditation organization" means a private entity that conducts inspections and surveys of youth camps based on nationally recognized and developed standards.

14-402.

to:

(a) This subtitle and the regulations issued under this subtitle do not apply

(1) Purely social activities of a family or the guests of a family;

(2) [Subject to subsection (b) of this section, programs] PROGRAMS or activities directed or operated by a board of recreation, recreation department, or similar public unit of a county, a municipal corporation, as defined by Article 23A of the Code, or the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, that involve use of neighborhood facilities, including:

- (i) Schools;
- (ii) Playgrounds;

- (iii) Parks; or
- (iv) Recreation centers;

(3) [Subject to subsection (c) of this section, programs] PROGRAMS or activities directed or operated by an agency of the State that involve occasional use of public facilities including:

- (i) Schools;
- (ii) Playgrounds;
- (iii) Parks; or
- (iv) Recreation centers; or

(4) Youth overnight programs sponsored by religious or community organizations operating or conducted for not more than 5 consecutive days during any 1 calendar year, such as a vacation bible school, youth bike trip, and similar activities.

(B) EACH LOCAL GOVERNMENT SHALL ADOPT HEALTH AND SAFETY STANDARDS PERTAINING TO THE OPERATION OF YOUTH CAMPS.

14-403.

THE SECRETARY MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SUBTITLE.

14-404.

(A) EACH YOUTH CAMP OPERATED IN THIS STATE SHALL BE ACCREDITED BY AN ACCREDITATION ORGANIZATION.

(B) THE SECRETARY SHALL MAINTAIN A LIST OF ACCREDITED YOUTH CAMPS.

14-405.

(A) AN ACCREDITATION ORGANIZATION SHALL APPLY TO THE SECRETARY FOR APPROVAL.

(B) **PRIOR TO APPROVAL OF AN ACCREDITATION ORGANIZATION, THE** SECRETARY SHALL: (1) **DETERMINE THAT THE STANDARDS OF THE ACCREDITATION** ORGANIZATION ARE EQUAL TO OR MORE STRINGENT THAN EXISTING STATE REQUIREMENTS;

(2) EVALUATE THE SURVEY OR INSPECTION PROCESS OF THE ACCREDITATION ORGANIZATION TO ENSURE THE INTEGRITY OF THE SURVEY OR INSPECTION PROCESS; AND

(3) ENTER INTO A FORMAL WRITTEN AGREEMENT WITH THE ACCREDITATION ORGANIZATION THAT INCLUDES REQUIREMENTS FOR:

(I) NOTICE OF ALL SURVEYS AND INSPECTIONS;

(II) SHARING OF COMPLAINTS AND OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION;

(III) PARTICIPATION OF THE DEPARTMENT IN ACCREDITATION ORGANIZATION ACTIVITIES; AND

(IV) ANY OTHER PROVISION NECESSARY TO ENSURE THE INTEGRITY OF THE ACCREDITATION PROCESS.

(C) (1) WHEN AN APPROVED ACCREDITATION ORGANIZATION HAS ISSUED A FINAL REPORT FINDING A YOUTH CAMP TO BE IN SUBSTANTIAL COMPLIANCE WITH THE ACCREDITATION ORGANIZATION'S STANDARDS, THE SECRETARY SHALL ADD THE YOUTH CAMP TO THE LIST OF ACCREDITED YOUTH CAMPS.

(2) A YOUTH CAMP THAT FAILS TO ACHIEVE SUBSTANTIAL COMPLIANCE WITH THE STANDARDS OF AN APPROVED ACCREDITATION ORGANIZATION MAY NOT OPERATE IN THIS STATE.

(D) (1) AN APPROVED ACCREDITATION ORGANIZATION SHALL SEND THE DEPARTMENT ANY PRELIMINARY AND FINAL REPORT OF EACH INSPECTION AND SURVEY AT THE TIME IT IS SENT TO THE YOUTH CAMP.

(2) A FINAL REPORT OF AN APPROVED ACCREDITATION ORGANIZATION SHALL BE MADE IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC ON REQUEST.

(3) A PRELIMINARY OR FINAL REPORT OF AN APPROVED ACCREDITATION ORGANIZATION IS NOT ADMISSIBLE IN EVIDENCE IN ANY CIVIL ACTION OR PROCEEDING. (E) THE DEPARTMENT MAY PARTICIPATE IN OR OBSERVE A SURVEY OR INSPECTION OF A YOUTH CAMP CONDUCTED BY AN APPROVED ACCREDITATION ORGANIZATION.

(F) ON A DETERMINATION BY THE SECRETARY THAT AN APPROVED ACCREDITATION ORGANIZATION HAS FAILED TO MEET ITS OBLIGATIONS UNDER THIS SECTION, THE SECRETARY MAY WITHDRAW THE APPROVAL FROM THE ACCREDITATION ORGANIZATION.

[<u>14</u>**-**<u>411</u>**.**] **14-406.**

This subtitle may be cited as the "Maryland Youth Camp Act".

<u>15–702.</u>

(A) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ENSURE THAT PUBLICLY OWNED SPECIALTY HOSPITALS PAY AN ASSESSMENT THAT IS COMPARABLE TO ANY UNIFORM ASSESSMENTS IMPOSED BY THE HEALTH SERVICES COST REVIEW COMMISSION ON SPECIALTY HOSPITALS UNDER § 19–214(D) OF THIS ARTICLE OR UNDER SECTION 16 OF CHAPTER 397 (H.B. 72) OF THE ACTS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF 2011.

(B) <u>Revenues generated from any assessments authorized</u> <u>under subsection (A) of this section shall be used for the general</u> <u>operations of the Medicaid program.</u>

19–214.

(b) The Commission may adopt regulations establishing alternative methods for financing the reasonable total costs of hospital uncompensated care AND HOSPITAL GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION provided that the alternative methods:

(1) Are in the public interest;

(2) Will equitably distribute the reasonable costs of uncompensated care AND GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION;

(3) Will fairly determine the cost of reasonable uncompensated care AND GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION included in hospital rates;

(4) Will continue incentives for hospitals to adopt fair, efficient, and effective credit and collection policies; and

(5) Will not result in significantly increasing costs to Medicare or the loss of Maryland's Medicare Waiver under § 1814(b) of the Social Security Act.

(c) Any funds generated through hospital rates under an alternative method adopted by the Commission in accordance with subsection (b) of this section may only be used to finance the delivery of hospital uncompensated care AND HOSPITAL GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION.

(d) (1) Each year, the Commission shall assess a uniform, broad-based, and reasonable amount in hospital rates to:

(i) Reflect the aggregate reduction in hospital uncompensated care realized from the expansion of health care coverage under Chapter 7 of the Acts of the 2007 Special Session of the General Assembly; [and]

(II) SUPPORT THE GENERAL OPERATIONS OF THE MEDICAID PROGRAM; AND

[(ii)] (III) Operate and administer the Maryland Health Insurance Plan established under Title 14, Subtitle 5 of the Insurance Article.

(2) (i) For the portion of the assessment under paragraph (1)(i) of this subsection:

1. The Commission shall ensure that the assessment amount does not exceed the GREATER OF:

A. THE TOTAL savings realized in averted hospital uncompensated care from the health care coverage expansion; **OR**

B. 1.5% OF HOSPITAL NET PATIENT REVENUE; [and]

2. EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, THE COMMISSION SHALL REQUIRE THAT ASSESSMENTS ARE PAID BY ALL ACUTE CARE AND SPECIALTY HOSPITALS LICENSED BY THE DEPARTMENT, INCLUDING PUBLICLY OPERATED HOSPITALS; AND

3. Each hospital shall remit its assessment amount to the Health Care Coverage Fund established under § 15–701 of this article.

(II) EXCEPT AS PROHIBITED BY FEDERAL LAW OR REGULATION, THE COMMISSION MAY EXEMPT SPECIALTY HOSPITALS NOT SUBJECT TO RATE REGULATION BY THE COMMISSION FROM THE PORTION OF THE ASSESSMENT UNDER PARAGRAPH (1)(I) OF THIS SUBSECTION. **[(ii)] (III)** Any savings realized in averted uncompensated care as a result of the expansion of health care coverage under Chapter 7 of the Acts of the 2007 Special Session of the General Assembly that are not subject to the assessment under paragraph (1)(i) of this subsection shall be shared among purchasers of hospital services in a manner that the Commission determines is most equitable.

(3) (1) FOR THE PORTION OF THE ASSESSMENT UNDER PARAGRAPH (1)(II) OF THIS SUBSECTION:

1. THE COMMISSION SHALL ENSURE THAT THE ASSESSMENT AMOUNT EQUALS 2.5% OF NET PATIENT REVENUE AND THAT ASSESSMENT COSTS ARE SHARED AMONG HOSPITALS AND PURCHASERS OF HOSPITAL SERVICES IN A MANNER THAT THE COMMISSION DETERMINES IS MOST EQUITABLE;

2. EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, THE COMMISSION SHALL ENSURE THAT ASSESSMENTS ARE PAID BY ALL ACUTE CARE AND SPECIALTY HOSPITALS OPERATING IN THE STATE, INCLUDING PUBLICLY OPERATED HOSPITALS; AND

3. EACH HOSPITAL SHALL REMIT ITS ASSESSMENT AMOUNT TO THE DEPARTMENT.

(II) EXCEPT AS PROHIBITED BY FEDERAL LAW OR REGULATION, THE COMMISSION MAY EXEMPT SPECIALTY HOSPITALS NOT SUBJECT TO RATE REGULATION BY THE COMMISSION FROM THE PORTION OF THE ASSESSMENT UNDER PARAGRAPH (1)(II) OF THIS SUBSECTION.

(4) For the portion of the assessment under paragraph (1)(ii) of this subsection:

(i) The Commission shall ensure that the assessment:

1. Shall be included in the reasonable costs of each hospital when establishing the hospital's rates;

2. <u>May not be considered in determining the</u> reasonableness of rates or hospital financial performance under Commission methodologies; and

3. May not be less as a percentage of net patient revenue than the assessment of 0.8128% that was in existence on July 1, 2007; and (ii) Each hospital shall remit monthly one-twelfth of the amount assessed under paragraph (1)(ii) of this subsection to the Maryland Health Insurance Plan Fund established under Title 14, Subtitle 5 of the Insurance Article, for the purpose of operating and administering the Maryland Health Insurance Plan.

[(4)] (5) The assessment authorized under paragraph (1) of this subsection may not exceed [3%] 6% in the aggregate of any hospital's total net [regulated] patient revenue.

[(5)] (6) Funds generated from the assessment under this subsection may be used only as follows:

(i) To supplement coverage under the Medical Assistance Program beyond the eligibility requirements in existence on January 1, 2008;

(ii) To provide funding for the operation and administration of the Maryland Health Insurance Plan, including reimbursing the Department for subsidizing the plan costs of members of the Maryland Health Insurance Plan under a Medicaid waiver program; and

(iii) Any funds remaining after expenditures under items (i) and (ii) of this paragraph have been made may be used for the general operations of the Medicaid program.

(d) (2) (i) For the portion of the assessment under paragraph (1)(i) of this subsection:

<u>1.</u> The Commission shall ensure that the assessment amount [does not exceed the savings realized in averted hospital uncompensated care from the health care coverage expansion] EQUALS 1.25% OF PROJECTED REGULATED NET PATIENT REVENUE; and

<u>2.</u> <u>Each hospital shall remit its assessment amount to</u> the Health Care Coverage Fund established under § 15–701 of this article.

(e) On or before January 1 each year, the Commission shall report to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly the following information:

(1) The aggregate reduction in hospital uncompensated care realized from the expansion of health care coverage under Chapter 7 of the Acts of the General Assembly of the 2007 Special Session AND PUBLIC LAW NO. 111–148 (THE PATIENT PROTECTION AND AFFORDABLE CARE ACT); and (2) The number of individuals who enrolled in Medicaid as a result of the change in eligibility standards under 15-103(a)(2)(ix) and (x) of this article and the expenses associated with the utilization of hospital inpatient care by these individuals.

19-310.1.

(b) (1) The Department may impose a quality assessment on each freestanding nursing facility subject to this section.

(2) The amount assessed in the aggregate on all nursing facilities may not exceed [4%] **5.5%** of the operating revenue for all nursing facilities subject to this section for the previous fiscal quarter.

(3) The assessment authorized by this section shall be paid by each nursing facility in accordance with this section.

<u>21–308.</u>

(b) (1) For any license issued for which the authority to conduct a program under this subtitle has been delegated to a county health department:

(i) <u>A county governing body or the Mayor and City Council of</u> <u>Baltimore City may and the Anne Arundel County Council shall provide for a license</u> <u>fee schedule based on the anticipated cost of licensing, inspecting, and regulating food</u> <u>establishments and may provide for exemptions from the license fee schedule; and</u>

(ii) All license fees shall be paid to the local health department or chief financial officer of the county governing body or Baltimore City.

(2) <u>Except in Anne Arundel County, Baltimore City, Montgomery</u> <u>County, and Prince George's County, a license fee under this subsection may not</u> <u>exceed[:</u>

<u>(i)</u> <u>\$300; or</u>

(ii)] \$70 for a seasonal food processing operation that:

[1.] (I) Uses only food that is grown on the property of

the licensee; and

[2.] (II) Is in operation for not more than a 3-month continuous period in the calendar year.

(3) <u>A seasonal food processing operation may obtain a food</u> <u>establishment license for a fee of \$70 under paragraph [(2)(ii)] (2) of this subsection</u> <u>only twice in a calendar year.</u>

Article – Insurance

6 - 101.

(a) The following persons are subject to taxation under this subtitle:

(1) a person engaged as principal in the business of writing insurance contracts, surety contracts, guaranty contracts, or annuity contracts;

(2) a managed care organization authorized by Title 15, Subtitle 1 of the Health – General Article;

(3) a for-profit health maintenance organization authorized by Title 19, Subtitle 7 of the Health – General Article;

- (4) an attorney in fact for a reciprocal insurer;
- (5) the Maryland Automobile Insurance Fund; [and]
- (6) a credit indemnity company; AND
- (7) THE INJURED WORKERS' INSURANCE FUND.

14-106.

(d) (1) Notwithstanding subsection (c) of this section, a nonprofit health service plan that is subject to this section and issues comprehensive health care benefits in the State shall:

(iv) subsidize the [Maryland Pharmacy Discount Program under § 15–124.1] KIDNEY DISEASE PROGRAM UNDER TITLE 13, SUBTITLE 3 of the Health – General Article; and

(2) (i) [The] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, THE support provided under [paragraph (1)(v)1, 3, and 4 of] PARAGRAPH (1)(IV) AND (V) OF this subsection to the **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE FOR THE** Community Health Resources Commission AND THE KIDNEY DISEASE PROGRAM shall be [limited to:

1. \$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2006; and

2. in fiscal year 2007 and annually thereafter,] the value of the premium tax exemption less[:

A.] the subsidy required under this subsection for the Senior Prescription Drug Assistance Program[;

B. the subsidy required under this subsection for the Maryland Pharmacy Discount Program; and

C. the funding required under this subsection for the unified data information system.

(ii) The subsidy provided under paragraph (1)(iv) of this subsection for the Maryland Pharmacy Discount Program shall be limited to:

- 1. \$500,000 in fiscal year 2006; and
- 2. \$300,000 in fiscal year 2007 and annually thereafter.

\$1,700,000 in fiscal year 2007 and annually

(iii) The amount provided under paragraph (1)(v)2 of this subsection to fund a unified data information system shall be limited to:

1. \$500,000 in fiscal year 2006; and

2. thereafter].

(II) FOR EACH OF FISCAL YEARS 2012 AND 2013, THE THE SUBSIDY PROVIDED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE FOR THE COMMUNITY HEALTH RESOURCES COMMISSION MAY NOT BE LESS THAN:

<u>1.</u> \$3,000,000 <u>FOR EACH OF FISCAL YEARS 2012 AND</u> 2013; AND

2. \$8,000,000 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER.

14 - 106.1.

Beginning in fiscal year 2006, a nonprofit health service plan shall transfer funds in the amounts provided under § 14-106(d)(2) of this subtitle to THE **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYCIENE FOR**:

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(1) the Community Health Resources Commission Fund established under § 19–2201 of the Health – General Article to support the costs of the Community Health Resources Commission as provided in § 14-106(d)(1)(v) of this subtitle; and

(2) [the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to subsidize the Maryland Pharmacy Discount Program under § 15–124.1 of the Health – General Article] <u>THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE FOR</u> THE KIDNEY DISEASE PROGRAM UNDER TITLE 13, SUBTITLE 3 OF THE HEALTH – GENERAL ARTICLE.

Article - Labor and Employment

10 - 105.

(a) Except for Title 3, Subtitle 1, [Title 6, Subtitle 1,] Title 8, Subtitle 3, and Title 11 of the Insurance Article and as otherwise provided by law, the Fund is subject to the Insurance Article to the same extent as an authorized domestic workers' compensation insurer.

Article – Natural Resources

3-103.

(h) (1) The Service [may]:

(I) MAY create fand establish 1 or more project reserve funds in such amounts as the Board considers appropriate, *INCLUDING* THE FOLLOWING PROJECT RESERVE FUNDS:

<u>1. AN EASTERN CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION</u> <u>STEAM TURBINE CONTINGENCY FUND;</u>

2. <u>A DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES</u> <u>PROJECT CONTINGENCY FUND; AND</u>

3. <u>A Reimbursable Project Contingency</u>

FUND; and

(II) <u>SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, may</u> pay into such funds:

[(i)] 1. Any moneys appropriated and made available by the State for the purposes of such funds;

[(ii)] 2. Any proceeds from the sale of bonds or notes, to the extent provided in the resolution authorizing the issuance of the bonds or notes;

[(iii)] 3. Revenues derived from a project of the Service; and

[(iv)] 4. Any other moneys which may be received by or otherwise made available to the Service from any other source or sources which the Service has designated for deposit into such funds.

(2) Moneys held in or credited to a project reserve fund established under this subsection shall be used solely to accomplish the purposes of this subtitle, as determined by the Board and, SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION, may be retained by the Service in [any such fund from year to year as determined by the Service] THE APPROPRIATE PROJECT RESERVE FUND BASED ON THE PROJECT FOR WHICH THE MONEY WAS APPROPRIATED RECEIVED BY THE SERVICE.

(3) (1) <u>The Service may credit to a project reserve</u> <u>Fund established under paragraph (1)(1)1 through 3 of this</u> <u>subsection only moneys that are reimbursable to the State.</u>

(II) THE SERVICE MAY NOT RETAIN MORE THAN:

<u>1.</u> \$1,500,000 in the Eastern Correctional INSTITUTION TURBINE PROJECT CONTINGENCY FUND;

2. \$500,000 in the Department of Natural Resources Project Contingency Fund; or

<u>3.</u> \$1,000,000 in the Reimbursable Project Contingency Fund.

(III) IF <u>AT THE END OF A FISCAL YEAR</u> THE BALANCE IN A PROJECT RESERVE FUND EXCEEDS THE LIMITS STATED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (1) (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, THE SERVICE SHALL REVERT THE EXCESS TO THE <u>STATE</u> FUND FROM WHICH THE <u>APPROPRIATION TO THE SERVICE WAS MADE</u> <u>MONEYS IN THE PROJECT RESERVE FUND WERE ORIGINALLY APPROPRIATED.</u>

[(3)] (4) Moneys appropriated or made available to the Service by the State shall be expended in accordance with the provisions of this subtitle.

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(g) The Fund may be used only for:

(1) [(i)] Purchasing and managing in the name of the State lands suitable for forest culture, reserves, watershed protection, State parks, scenic preserves, historic monuments, parkways, and State recreational reserves; [and]

[(ii)] (2) Helping to offset the costs to the Forest and Park Service for developing and implementing a forest health emergency contingency program under § 5–307 of this title; AND

(2) Annual payments to counties in the amount of:

(i) If the State forest or park reserve comprises less than 10% of the total land area of the county, a sum equal to 15% of the revenue derived from the State forest or park reserve located in that county; and

(ii) If the State forest or park reserve comprises 10% or more of the total land area of the county, a sum equal to 25% of the revenue derived from the State forest or park reserve located in that county; and]

(3) Administrative costs calculated in accordance with $\frac{1-103(b)(2)}{1-103(b)(2)}$ of this article.

(g) (1) The Fund may be used only for:

[(1)] (i) <u>1.</u> Purchasing and managing in the name of the State lands suitable for forest culture, reserves, watershed protection, State parks, scenic preserves, historic monuments, parkways, and State recreational reserves; and

[(ii)] 2. <u>Helping to offset the costs to the Forest and Park</u> Service for developing and implementing a forest health emergency contingency program under § 5–307 of this title;

[(2)] (II) [Annual] SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, payments to counties in the amount of:

[(i)] <u>1.</u> If the State forest or park reserve comprises less than 10% of the total land area of the county, a sum equal to 15% of the revenue derived from the State forest or park reserve located in that county; and

[(ii)] 2. If the State forest or park reserve comprises 10% or more of the total land area of the county, a sum equal to 25% of the revenue derived from the State forest or park reserve located in that county; and

[(3)] (III) Administrative costs calculated in accordance with 1-103(b)(2) of this article.

(2) FOR FISCAL YEARS 2012 AND 2013 ONLY, THE PAYMENTS UNDER PARAGRAPH (1)(II) OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE BASED ONLY ON THE REVENUE DERIVED FROM SALES OF TIMBER.

5-212.1.

(g) [(1)] [Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, the]-THE Account shall be used only for:

[(i)] (1) The maintenance and operation of concession

operations;

[(ii)] (2) The function of State forests and parks to the extent of the projected balance of the Account from the prior fiscal year; and

[(iii)] (3) Administrative costs calculated in accordance with § 1-103(b)(2) of this article.

(g) **[**(2) **(I)** Each SUBJECT TO SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, EACH county in which any State forest or park is located shall be paid annually out of the Account:

(i) <u>1.</u> If the State forest or park reserve comprises less than 10% of the total land area of the county, a sum equal to 15% of the net revenue derived from concession operations within a State forest or park located in that county; or

(ii) <u>2.</u> If the State forest or park reserve comprises 10% or more of the total land area of the county, a sum equal to 25% of the net revenue derived from concession operations within a State forest or park located in that county.]

(II) FOR FISCAL YEARS 2012 AND 2013 ONLY, THE PAYMENTS UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS SUBSECTION MAY NOT BE MADE.

5-215.

(b) (1) There is a Deep Creek Lake Recreation Maintenance and Management Fund in the Department [for the maintenance and management of the land, recreational facilities, and services that are related to Deep Creek Lake in Garrett County].

(2) THE FUND IS A SPECIAL, NONLAPSING FUND THAT IS NOT SUBJECT TO § 7–302 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE.

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(c) (1) [Except as provided in paragraphs (2) and (4) of this subsection, the] THE Department shall pay INTO THE FUND:

(I) [all] ALL fees collected for boat launching at Deep Creek Lake State Park[, all]

(II) ALL funds collected from lake and buffer use permits[,];

(III) ALL contracts, grants, and gifts as a result of the Deep Creek Lake management program[, and any investment earnings of the Fund, into the Fund].

(2) [At the end of each quarter of the fiscal year, the Department shall pay 25% of the total revenue collected during the quarter under paragraph (1) of this subsection to the Board of County Commissioners of Garrett County.

(3) (i) The Fund is a special, nonlapsing fund that is not subject to $\frac{57-302}{57-302}$ of the State Finance and Procurement Article.

(ii) Any investment earnings of the Fund may not be transferred or revert to the General Fund of the State, but shall remain in the Fund.

(4)] Moneys in the Fund may be used for:

(I) THE MAINTENANCE AND MANAGEMENT OF THE LAND AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES;

(II) SERVICES THAT ARE RELATED TO DEEP CREEK LAKE IN GARRETT COUNTY; AND

(III) [administrative] ADMINISTRATIVE costs calculated in accordance with -103(b)(2) of this article.

<u>5–903.</u>

(a) (2) (v) For each of fiscal years 2010 [and 2011] THROUGH 2013, \$1,217,000 of the State's share of funds available under subparagraph (i)1A of this paragraph may be appropriated in the budgets of the Department, the Department of General Services, and the Department of Planning for expenses necessary to administer this Program.

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AND

(g) (1) The Secretary shall approve funding for major information technology development projects only when those projects are supported by an approved systems development life cycle plan.

(2) AN APPROVED SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT LIFE CYCLE PLAN SHALL INCLUDE SUBMISSION OF:

(I) <u>A PROJECT PLANNING REQUEST THAT DETAILS INITIAL</u> PLANNING FOR THE PROJECT, INCLUDING:

SUMMARY;	<u>1.</u>	THE PROJECT TITLE, APPROPRIATION CODE, AND
	<u>2.</u>	A DESCRIPTION OF:
	<u>A.</u>	THE NEEDS ADDRESSED BY THE PROJECT;
<u>PROJECT;</u>	<u>B.</u>	THE POTENTIAL RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH THE
	<u>C.</u>	POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVES; AND
AND	<u>D.</u>	THE SCOPE AND COMPLEXITY OF THE PROJECT;
	<u>3.</u>	AN ESTIMATE OF:
<u>THROUGH PLANNING; A</u>	<u>A.</u> ND	THE TOTAL COSTS REQUIRED TO COMPLETE
PLANNING COSTS; AND	<u>B.</u>	THE FUND SOURCES AVAILABLE TO SUPPORT
(II) DESIGN, DEVELOPMEN COMPLETION OF PLANN	T, ANI	DJECT IMPLEMENTATION REQUEST TO BEGIN FULL D IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROJECT AFTER THE INCLUDING:
	<u>1.</u>	THE PROJECT TITLE, APPROPRIATION CODE, AND

SUMMARY;

- **<u>2.</u>** <u>A DESCRIPTION OF:</u>
- <u>A.</u> <u>THE NEEDS ADDRESSED BY THE PROJECT;</u>

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B. <u>THE POTENTIAL RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH THE</u>

PROJECT;

C. POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVES;

D. THE SCOPE AND COMPLEXITY OF THE PROJECT;

AND

<u>E.</u> <u>HOW THE PROJECT MEETS THE GOALS OF THE</u> <u>STATEWIDE MASTER PLAN; AND</u>

<u>3.</u> AN ESTIMATE OF:

A. THE TOTAL PROJECT COST; AND

<u>B.</u> THE FUND SOURCES AVAILABLE.

[(2)] (3) The Secretary may approve funding incrementally, consistent with the systems development life cycle plan.

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(e) Except as provided in subsection (f) of this section, the Fund consists of:

(1) money appropriated in the State budget to the Fund;

(2) money received from the sale, lease, or exchange of communication sites or communication frequencies for information technology purposes as approved by the Secretary;

(3) [money received as commissions, rebates, refunds, rate reductions, or telecommunication bypass agreements resulting from information technology services or purchases;

(4)] that portion of moneys earned from pay phone commissions to the extent that the commission rates exceed those in effect in December 1993;

[(5)] (4) money received and accepted as contributions, grants, or gifts as authorized under subsection (c) of this section;

[(6)] (5) general funds appropriated for major information technology development projects of any unit of State government other than a public institution of higher education that:

year;

(ii) have been abandoned; or

(i)

(iii) have been withheld by the General Assembly or the

are unencumbered and unexpended at the end of a fiscal

Secretary;

[(7)] (6) any investment earnings; and

[(8)] (7) any other money from any source accepted for the benefit of the Fund.

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(a) (1) Except as otherwise specifically provided by law or by regulation of the Treasurer, the Treasurer shall credit to the General Fund any interest on or other income from State money that the Treasurer invests.

(2) (I) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, AND UNLESS INCONSISTENT WITH A FEDERAL LAW, GRANT AGREEMENT, OR OTHER FEDERAL REQUIREMENT OR WITH THE TERMS OF A GIFT OR SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT, NET INTEREST ON ALL STATE MONEY ALLOCATED BY THE STATE TREASURER UNDER THIS SECTION TO SPECIAL FUNDS OR ACCOUNTS, AND OTHERWISE ENTITLED TO RECEIVE INTEREST EARNINGS, AS ACCOUNTED FOR BY THE COMPTROLLER, SHALL ACCRUE TO THE GENERAL FUND OF THE STATE.

(II) THE PROVISIONS OF SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH DO NOT APPLY TO THE FOLLOWING FUNDS:

1. MARYLAND HOUSING LOAN FUNDS OF 1976, 1978, 1979, AND 1984;

- 2. MICROSOFT COST SHARE FUND;
- 3. SUBSEQUENT INJURY FUND;
- 4. UNINSURED EMPLOYERS' FUND;
- 5. STATE AGENCY LOAN PROGRAM FUND;
- 6. JANE E. LAWTON CONSERVATION LOAN

PROGRAM;

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	7.	ENERGY OVERCHARGE RESTITUTION FUND;				
	8.	PEPCO/CONNECTIV SETTLEMENT FUND;				
	9.	BASEBALL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND;				
	10.	STATE VICTIMS OF CRIME FUND;				
GRANT FUND; Relocation Fund;	11.	JUVENILE ACCOUNTABILITY INCENTIVE BLOCK				
	12.	VICTIM AND WITNESS PROTECTION AND				
	13.	UNCLAIMED RESTITUTION - VICTIMS OF CRIME;				
	14.	JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT;				
	15.	BYRNE JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT;				
	16.	MARYLAND ELECTION MODERNIZATION FUND;				
	17.	Scriven Estate Fund;				
	18.	VOLUNTEER COMPANY ASSISTANCE FUND;				
	19.	RADOFF MEMORIAL FUND;				
ARCHIVES FUND;	20.	ARCHIVES ENDOWMENT ACCOUNT WITHIN THE				
	21.	ELLEFSON ENDOWMENT FUND;				
	22.	ALBERT C. RITCHIE MEMORIAL FUND;				
	23.	RATE STABILIZATION FUND;				
	24.	MARYLAND HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN FUND;				
	25.	FAIR CAMPAIGN FINANCING FUND;				
Welfare Benefits F	26. 'UND;	STATE EMPLOYEES AND RETIREES HEALTH AND				

DEVELOPMENT PROJE	27. сст Fu	MAJOR JND;	INFORMATION	TECHNOLOGY
	28.	STATE RETII	REMENT AGENC	y Funds;
FUND;	29.	Postretire	MENT HEALTH	I BENEFITS TRUST
OPERATIONS FUND;	30.	MARYLAND	EMERGENCY	MEDICAL SYSTEM
PROTECTION FUND; Fund;	31.	STATE W	/ildlife M	ANAGEMENT AND
	32.	FISHERIES	MANAGEMENT	AND PROTECTION
	33.	OCEAN BEAG	CH REPLENISHM	ient Fund;
	34.	COMMUNITY	SERVICES TRU	ST FUND;
	35.	WAITING LIS	T EQUITY FUNI);
	36.	HEALTH CAP	RE COVERAGE F	UND;
FUND;	37.	HEALTH SEI	RVICES COST H	REVIEW COMMISSION
	38.	HOSPITAL U	NCOMPENSATEI	O CARE FUND;
UNIVERSITY;	39.	FUNDS IN T	HE ACCOUNTS	OF MORGAN STATE
COLLEGE OF MARYLAN	40. ND;	FUNDS IN	THE ACCOUNT	'S OF ST. MARY'S
System of Marylani	41. D;	FUNDS IN T	HE ACCOUNTS	OF THE UNIVERSITY
	42.	MARYLAND I	PREPAID COLLE	GE TRUST FUND;
	43.	NURSE SUPP	PORT PROGRAM	Assistance Fund;

44. FUNDS IN THE ACCOUNTS OF THE BALTIMORE CITY COMMUNITY COLLEGE;

45. EDUCATION TRUST FUND;

46. SECTION 8 CONSTRUCTION AND ADMINISTRATION FUNDS ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT;

47. MACARTHUR GRANT FUND;

48. ALL SPECIAL FUNDS WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT;

MARYLAND WATER QUALITY REVOLVING LOAN **49**. FUND; MARYLAND DRINKING WATER REVOLVING LOAN 50. FUND; 51. **BAY RESTORATION FUND; 52**. **MIGRATORY GAME BIRD FUND; DEER STAMP FUND;** 53. **54**. WILDLIFE HABITAT INCENTIVE FUND; 55. FISHERIES RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT FUND; **56**. STRATEGIC ENERGY INVESTMENT FUND; 57. **CRIMINAL INJURIES COMPENSATION FUND; 58**. 50% OF THE INTEREST FROM THE 9–1–1 TRUST FUND; **59**. ALL ACCOUNTS WITHIN THE STATE RESERVE FUND; **60**. LOCAL REVENUE ACCOUNTS COLLECTED BY THE **JUDICIARY;**

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61. ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY LOAN FUND; AND

62. VETERANS TRUST FUND; AND

63. TRANSPORTATION TRUST FUND.

<u>10–306.</u>

(c) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, if cash is received as consideration for the disposition of a capital asset of the State or any unit of the State government, the cash shall be applied to the State Annuity Bond Fund Account for the payment of the principal of and interest on the bonded indebtedness of the State.

(2) (I) If cash is received as consideration for the disposition of a capital asset, and if the capital asset was originally purchased with special funds, the cash shall be applied to the special fund.

(II) NOTWITHSTANDING SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, CASH RECEIVED AS CONSIDERATION FOR THE DISPOSITION OF HELICOPTERS, AUXILIARY HELICOPTER EQUIPMENT, GROUND SUPPORT EQUIPMENT, OR OTHER CAPITAL EQUIPMENT RELATED TO HELICOPTERS SHALL BE APPLIED TO THE STATE ANNUITY BOND FUND ACCOUNT FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON THE BONDED INDEBTEDNESS OF THE STATE.

(3) If cash is received as consideration for the disposition of any real or personal property of the State or any unit of the State government, other than a capital asset, the cash shall be accounted for and paid into the State Treasury.

Article – State Personnel and Pensions

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<u>(b)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	THIS SUBSECTION APPLIES TO A RETIREE WHO:				
OR		<u>(I)</u>	BEG2	AN STATE SERVICE ON OR BEFORE JUNE 30, 2011;		
<u>2011; AND</u>		<u>(II)</u>	<u>1.</u>	BEGAN STATE SERVICE ON OR AFTER JULY 1,		
System.			<u>2.</u>	IS A RETIREE OF THE JUDGES' RETIREMENT		

[(1)] (2) A retiree may enroll and participate in the health insurance benefit options established under the Program if the retiree:

(i) <u>ended State service with at least 10 years of creditable</u> service and within 5 years before the age at which a vested retirement allowance normally would begin;

(ii) ended State service with at least 16 years of creditable

service;

(iii) ended State service on or before June 30, 1984;

(iv) retired directly from State service with a State retirement allowance on or after July 1, 1984, and had at least 5 years of creditable service; or

(v) retired directly from State service with a State disability retirement allowance on or after July 1, 1984.

[(2)] (3) (i) The surviving spouse or dependent child of a deceased retiree who was eligible to enroll may enroll and participate in the health insurance benefit options established under the Program as long as the spouse or child is receiving a periodic allowance under Division II of this article or the Maryland Transit Administration Retirement Plan under § 7–206 of the Transportation Article.

(ii) Subparagraph (i) of this paragraph does not apply to a deceased retiree's spouse or dependent child who receives an Option 1, Option 4, or Option 7 benefit under Division II of this article or a lump-sum payment of benefits under the Maryland Transit Administration Retirement Plan under § 7–206 of the Transportation Article.

[(c)] (4) [(1)] (I) If a retiree receives a State disability retirement allowance or has 16 or more years of creditable service, the retiree or the retiree's surviving spouse or dependent child is entitled to the same State subsidy allowed a State employee.

[(2)] (II) In all other cases, if a retiree has at least 5 years of creditable service, the retiree or the retiree's surviving spouse or dependent child is entitled to 1/16 of the State subsidy allowed a State employee for each year of the retiree's creditable service up to 16 years.

[(3)] (III) Notwithstanding [paragraph (2)] SUBPARAGRAPH (II) of this [subsection] PARAGRAPH and subsection (a)(4)(i) of this section, if a retiree is an additional employee or agent of the State Racing Commission, for the purposes of determining a retiree's State subsidy, creditable service shall be determined with respect to service as an additional employee or agent beginning from the initial date of employment or January 1, 1986, whichever is later. (C) (1) (I) THIS EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, THIS SUBSECTION APPLIES TO A RETIREE WHO BEGINS STATE SERVICE ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2011.

(II) THIS SUBSECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO A RETIREE OF THE JUDGES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM.

(2) <u>A RETIREE MAY ENROLL AND PARTICIPATE IN THE HEALTH</u> <u>INSURANCE BENEFIT OPTIONS ESTABLISHED UNDER THE PROGRAM IF THE</u> <u>RETIREE ENDED:</u>

(1) ENDS STATE SERVICE WITH AT LEAST 25 YEARS OF CREDITABLE SERVICE;

(II) ENDS STATE SERVICE WITH A LEAST 10 YEARS OF CREDITABLE SERVICE WITHIN 5 YEARS BEFORE THE AGE AT WHICH A VESTED RETIREMENT ALLOWANCE NORMALLY WOULD BEGIN;

(III) <u>RETIRES DIRECTLY FROM STATE SERVICE WITH A STATE</u> <u>RETIREMENT ALLOWANCE AND HAS 10 YEARS OF CREDITABLE SERVICE; OR</u>

(IV) <u>RETIRES DIRECTLY FROM STATE SERVICE WITH A STATE</u> DISABILITY RETIREMENT ALLOWANCE.

(3) (1) THE SURVIVING SPOUSE OR DEPENDENT CHILD OF A DECEASED RETIREE WHO WAS ELIGIBLE TO ENROLL MAY ENROLL AND PARTICIPATE IN THE HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFIT OPTIONS ESTABLISHED UNDER THE PROGRAM AS LONG AS THE SPOUSE OR CHILD IS RECEIVING A PERIODIC ALLOWANCE UNDER DIVISION II OF THIS ARTICLE OR THE MARYLAND TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION RETIREMENT PLAN UNDER § 7–206 OF THE TRANSPORTATION ARTICLE.

(II) SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH DOES NOT APPLY TO A DECEASED RETIREE'S SPOUSE OR DEPENDENT CHILD WHO RECEIVES AN OPTION 1, OPTION 4, OR OPTION 7 BENEFIT UNDER DIVISION II OF THIS ARTICLE OR A LUMP-SUM PAYMENT OF BENEFITS UNDER THE MARYLAND TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION RETIREMENT PLAN UNDER § 7–206 OF THE TRANSPORTATION ARTICLE.

(4) (I) IF A RETIREE RECEIVES A STATE DISABILITY RETIREMENT ALLOWANCE OR HAS 25 OR MORE YEARS OF CREDITABLE SERVICE, THE RETIREE OR THE RETIREE'S SURVIVING SPOUSE OR DEPENDENT

CHILD IS ENTITLED TO THE SAME STATE SUBSIDY ALLOWED A STATE EMPLOYEE.

(II) IN ALL OTHER CASES, IF A RETIREE HAS AT LEAST 10 YEARS OF CREDITABLE SERVICE, THE RETIREE OR THE RETIREE'S SURVIVING SPOUSE OR DEPENDENT CHILD IS ENTITLED TO 1/25 OF THE STATE SUBSIDY ALLOWED A STATE EMPLOYEE FOR EACH YEAR OF THE RETIREE'S CREDITABLE SERVICE UP TO 25 YEARS.

(III) NOTWITHSTANDING SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH AND SUBSECTION (A)(4)(I) OF THIS SECTION, IF A RETIREE IS AN ADDITIONAL EMPLOYEE OR AGENT OF THE STATE RACING COMMISSION, FOR THE PURPOSES OF DETERMINING A RETIREE'S STATE SUBSIDY, CREDITABLE SERVICE SHALL BE DETERMINED WITH RESPECT TO SERVICE AS AN ADDITIONAL EMPLOYEE OR AGENT BEGINNING FROM THE INITIAL DATE OF EMPLOYMENT.

(b) (1) (3) (1) NOTWITHSTANDING PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION SUBSECTIONS (B) AND (C) OF THIS SECTION AND §§ 2–509 AND 2–509.1 OF THIS SUBTITLE, THE STATE MAY ESTABLISH SEPARATE HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFIT OPTIONS FOR RETIREES THAT DIFFER FROM THOSE FOR ACTIVE STATE EMPLOYEES.

(2) <u>The</u> Subject to § 2–509.1 of this subtitle, on or after July 1, 2011, the health insurance benefit option for retirees shall include a prescription drug benefit that:

(I) HAS THE SAME CO-PAYMENTS, COINSURANCE, <u>AND</u> DEDUCTIBLE, AND OUT-OF-POCKET LIMITS THAT APPLY TO THE PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFIT FOR ACTIVE STATE EMPLOYEES; AND

(II) <u>REQUIRES RETIREES</u>:

<u>1.</u> <u>RETIREES WHO QUALIFY FOR THE MAXIMUM</u> <u>STATE SUBSIDY</u> TO PAY 25% OF THE PREMIUM FOR THE PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFIT; AND

2. <u>RETIREES WHO QUALIFY FOR A PARTIAL STATE</u> SUBSIDY TO PAY 25% OF THE PREMIUM FOR THE PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFIT PLUS THE PROPORTIONAL ADDITIONAL AMOUNT REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTIONS (B)(4)(II) AND (C)(4)(II) OF THIS SECTION; AND

(III) <u>REQUIRES RETIREES TO PAY OUT-OF-POCKET LIMITS</u> <u>EQUAL TO:</u>

1. \$1,500 FOR THE RETIREE ONLY; AND

2. \$2,000 FOR THE RETIREE AND THE RETIREE'S

FAMILY.

<u>2–509.</u>

(a) (1) THIS SUBSECTION APPLIES TO A RETIREE OF AN OPTIONAL RETIREMENT PROGRAM UNDER TITLE 30 OF THIS ARTICLE WHO BEGAN SERVICE WITH A STATE INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION AS AN EMPLOYEE OF THE STATE IN THE EXECUTIVE, LEGISLATIVE, OR JUDICIAL BRANCH OF GOVERNMENT ON OR BEFORE JUNE 30, 2011.

[(1)] (2) (I) Subject to [paragraph (2)] SUBPARAGRAPH (II) of this [subsection] PARAGRAPH, an individual may enroll and participate in the health insurance benefit options established under the Program if the individual retired under an optional program under Title 30 of this article and:

[(i)] 1. ended service with a State institution of higher education with at least 10 years of service and was at least age 57;

[(ii)] 2. ended service with a State institution of higher education with at least 16 years of service; or

[(iii)] 3. retired directly from and had at least 5 years of service with a State institution of higher education with a periodic distribution of benefits on or after July 1, 1984.

[(2) (i)] (II) 1. For purposes of this subsection only, years of service shall be calculated as follows:

[1.] A. except as provided in [subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph] SUBSUBPARAGRAPH 2 OF THIS SUBPARAGRAPH, a year of service means a period of 12 months during which an employee was a participant in an optional retirement program under Title 30 of this article and the participant's employer made contributions to the participant's account in the Program; or

[2.] B. <u>if an employee's work year is an academic year</u> of at least 9 but less than 12 months, a year of service means a period equal to the academic year during which an employee was a participant in an optional retirement program under Title 30 of this article and the participant's employer made contributions to the participant's account in the Program. [(ii)] <u>2.</u> To determine eligibility for health insurance benefits under this section, each year of service shall be multiplied by the participant's percentage of full-time employment for that year of service.

[(3)] (III) The surviving spouse or dependent child of a deceased individual who was eligible to enroll may enroll and participate in the health insurance benefit options established under the Program as long as the spouse or child is receiving a periodic distribution of benefits under an optional retirement program under Title 30 of this article.

[(b) (1)] (3) (I) An enrollee under this section who was in service with a State institution of higher education at the time of the retirement is entitled to the same State subsidy allowed a retiree under $\frac{2-508}{2-508}$ § 2-508(B)(4) of this subtitle. However, except as provided in [paragraph (2) of this subsection] SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, the subsidy shall apply only to the costs of coverage for the enrollee and may not apply to any additional costs of coverage for the enrollee's spouse or children.

[(2)] (II) If the enrollee has 25 or more years of service as an employee of the State in the Executive, Legislative, or Judicial Branch of government, the enrollee or the enrollee's surviving spouse or dependent child is entitled to the same State subsidy allowed a retiree with 16 or more years of creditable service under $\frac{2-508(e)(1)}{2-508(B)(4)(I)}$ of this subtitle.

(B) (1) THIS SUBSECTION APPLIES TO A RETIREE WHO OF AN OPTIONAL RETIREMENT PROGRAM UNDER TITLE 30 OF THIS ARTICLE WHO BEGINS SERVICE WITH A STATE INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION AS AN EMPLOYEE OF THE STATE IN THE EXECUTIVE, LEGISLATIVE, OR JUDICIAL BRANCH OF GOVERNMENT ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2011.

(2) (I) SUBJECT TO SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, AN INDIVIDUAL MAY ENROLL AND PARTICIPATE IN THE HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFIT OPTIONS ESTABLISHED UNDER THE PROGRAM IF THE INDIVIDUAL RETIRED UNDER AN OPTIONAL PROGRAM UNDER TITLE 30 OF THIS ARTICLE AND:

<u>1.</u> ENDED SERVICE WITH A STATE INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION WITH AT LEAST 10 YEARS OF SERVICE AND WAS AT LEAST AGE 57;

2. <u>ENDED SERVICE WITH A STATE INSTITUTION OF</u> <u>HIGHER EDUCATION WITH AT LEAST 25 YEARS OF SERVICE; OR</u>

<u>3.</u> <u>RETIRED DIRECTLY FROM AND HAD AT LEAST 10</u> <u>YEARS OF SERVICE WITH A STATE INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION WITH A</u> <u>PERIODIC DISTRIBUTION OF BENEFITS ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2011.</u>

(II) 1. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS PARAGRAPH ONLY, YEARS OF SERVICE SHALL BE CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:

A. EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSUBPARAGRAPH 2 OF THIS SUBPARAGRAPH, A YEAR OF SERVICE MEANS A PERIOD OF 12 MONTHS DURING WHICH AN EMPLOYEE WAS A PARTICIPANT IN AN OPTIONAL RETIREMENT PROGRAM UNDER TITLE 30 OF THIS ARTICLE AND THE PARTICIPANT'S EMPLOYER MADE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PARTICIPANT'S ACCOUNT IN THE PROGRAM; OR

B. IF AN EMPLOYEE'S WORK YEAR IS AN ACADEMIC YEAR OF AT LEAST 9 BUT LESS THAN 12 MONTHS, A YEAR OF SERVICE MEANS A PERIOD EQUAL TO THE ACADEMIC YEAR DURING WHICH AN EMPLOYEE WAS A PARTICIPANT IN AN OPTIONAL RETIREMENT PROGRAM UNDER TITLE 30 OF THIS ARTICLE AND THE PARTICIPANT'S EMPLOYER MADE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PARTICIPANT'S ACCOUNT IN THE PROGRAM.

2. <u>TO DETERMINE ELIGIBILITY FOR HEALTH</u> INSURANCE BENEFITS UNDER THIS SECTION, EACH YEAR OF SERVICE SHALL BE MULTIPLIED BY THE PARTICIPANT'S PERCENTAGE OF FULL-TIME EMPLOYMENT FOR THAT YEAR OF SERVICE.

(III) THE SURVIVING SPOUSE OR DEPENDENT CHILD OF A DECEASED INDIVIDUAL WHO WAS ELIGIBLE TO ENROLL MAY ENROLL AND PARTICIPATE IN THE HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFIT OPTIONS ESTABLISHED UNDER THE PROGRAM AS LONG AS THE SPOUSE OR CHILD IS RECEIVING A PERIODIC DISTRIBUTION OF BENEFITS UNDER AN OPTIONAL RETIREMENT PROGRAM UNDER TITLE 30 OF THIS ARTICLE.

(3) (I) AN ENROLLEE UNDER THIS SUBSECTION WHO WAS IN SERVICE WITH A STATE INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION AT THE TIME OF THE RETIREMENT IS ENTITLED TO THE SAME STATE SUBSIDY ALLOWED A RETIREE UNDER <u>\$ 2-508(C)</u> § 2-508(C)(4) OF THIS SUBTITLE. HOWEVER, EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, THE SUBSIDY SHALL APPLY ONLY TO THE COSTS OF COVERAGE FOR THE ENROLLEE AND MAY NOT APPLY TO ANY ADDITIONAL COSTS OF COVERAGE FOR THE ENROLLEE'S SPOUSE OR CHILDREN.

(II) IF THE ENROLLEE HAS 25 OR MORE YEARS OF SERVICE AS AN EMPLOYEE OF THE STATE IN THE EXECUTIVE, LEGISLATIVE, OR JUDICIAL BRANCH OF GOVERNMENT, THE ENROLLEE OR THE ENROLLEE'S SURVIVING SPOUSE OR DEPENDENT CHILD IS ENTITLED TO THE SAME STATE SUBSIDY ALLOWED A RETIREE WITH 25 OR MORE YEARS OF CREDITABLE SERVICE UNDER $\frac{2}{2} - 508(B)(4)(1)$ § 2-508(C)(4)(1) OF THIS SUBTITLE.

2-509.1.

(A) [The] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, THE State shall continue to include a prescription drug benefit plan in the health insurance benefit options established under the Program and available to retirees under §§ 2–508 and 2–509 of this subtitle notwithstanding the enactment of the federal Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003 or any other federal law permitting states to discontinue prescription drug benefit plans to retirees of a state.

(B) THE STATE **MAY** <u>SHALL</u> DISCONTINUE PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFITS FOR MEDICARE-ELIGIBLE RETIREES IN FISCAL YEAR 2020.

2-516.

(a) In this section, "Fund" means the State Employees and Retirees Health and Welfare Benefits Fund established under this section.

(b) (1) A special reserve fund is established to retain certain State revenues and State general and special funds for the purpose of funding the State Employee and Retiree Health and Welfare Benefits Program established under this subtitle.

(2) The Fund is a continuing, nonlapsing fund that is not subject to § 7–302 of the State Finance and Procurement Article.

(3) [The Fund consists of the moneys distributed to the Fund under subsection (c) of this section.

(4)] The Treasurer shall separately hold and the Comptroller shall account for the Fund.

[(5)] (4) (i) The Fund shall be invested and reinvested in the same manner as other State funds.

(ii) Any investment earnings shall be credited to the Fund.

(c) [(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, for fiscal years 2010 through 2012 only, there shall be credited to the Fund any subsidy received by the State that is provided to employers as a result of the federal Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003, or similar federal subsidy received as a result of the State's prescription drug program.

(2)] The Fund [also] consists of moneys appropriated for State Employee and Retiree Health Insurance or authorized to be transferred to that purpose in the State budget.

(d) (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, the Fund shall be retained in reserve and may not be spent for any purpose.

(2) Subject to the budget amendment procedure provided for in § 7–209 of the State Finance and Procurement Article, moneys credited to the Fund may be used only for the purpose of funding the State costs of the State Employee and Retiree Health and Welfare Benefits Program.

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(g) "Average final compensation" means the average annual earnable compensation that is computed as provided in § 20-204 [or], § 20-205, OR § 20-205.1 of this title.

- (bb) "Normal retirement age" means:
 - (1) 50 years old, for a member of:
 - (i) the State Police Retirement System; or
 - (ii) the Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System;
 - (2) 60 years old, for a member of:

(i) the Correctional Officers' Retirement System, for the purpose of disability retirement only;

- (ii) the Employees' Retirement System;
- (iii) the Judges' Retirement System;

(iv) the Local Fire and Police System, who transferred from the Employees' Retirement System; or

(v) the Teachers' Retirement System; [or]

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(3) 62 years old, for a member of:

(i) the Employees' Pension System WHO IS NOT SUBJECT TO THE REFORMED CONTRIBUTORY PENSION BENEFIT UNDER TITLE 23, SUBTITLE 2, PART IV OF THIS ARTICLE <u>A MEMBER ON OR BEFORE JUNE 30, 2011</u>;

(ii) the Local Fire and Police System, who has not transferred from the Employees' Retirement System; or

(iii) the Teachers' Pension System WHO IS NOT SUBJECT TO THE REFORMED CONTRIBUTORY PENSION BENEFIT UNDER TITLE 23, SUBTITLE 2, PART IV OF THIS ARTICLE <u>A MEMBER ON OR BEFORE JUNE 30, 2011</u>; OR

(4) 65 YEARS OLD, FOR A MEMBER OF THE EMPLOYEES' PENSION SYSTEM OR TEACHERS' PENSION SYSTEM WHO IS SUBJECT TO THE REFORMED CONTRIBUTORY PENSION BENEFIT UNDER TITLE 23, SUBTITLE 2, PART IV OF THIS ARTICLE <u>BEGINS MEMBERSHIP ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2011</u>.

(HH-1) "REFORMED CONTRIBUTORY PENSION BENEFIT" MEANS THE PART OF THE EMPLOYEES' PENSION SYSTEM AND THE TEACHERS' PENSION SYSTEM THAT PROVIDES THE REFORMED CONTRIBUTORY PENSION BENEFIT UNDER TITLE 23, SUBTITLE 2, PART IV OF THIS ARTICLE.

20-204.

(a) (1) This [section]SUBSECTION applies only to AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS A MEMBER OF:

- [(1) the Correctional Officers' Retirement System;
- (2)] (I) the Employees' Retirement System; OR
- [(3) the State Police Retirement System; or
- (4)] (II) the Teachers' Retirement System.

[(b)] (2) Except as provided in [subsection (c) of this section]PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION, the average final compensation of a member equals the average annual earnable compensation of the member for:

[(1)] (I) the 3 years of employment as a member during which the member's earnable compensation was highest, if the member was employed at least 3 years as a member; or

[(2)] (II) the member's total period of employment, if the member was employed less than 3 years as a member.

[(c) (1)] (3) Except for a salary increase because of a member's promotion, the member's average final compensation does not include a salary increase in the last 3 years of employment if it is an extraordinary salary increase according to regulations that the Board of Trustees adopts.

[(2) (i) This paragraph applies only to a member of the State Police Retirement System.

(ii) If a member of the State Police Retirement System who transferred from another actuarial retirement system in the State retires after less than 3 years of employment as a member of the State Police Retirement System, the earnable compensation as a member in the other system shall be used in the determination of average final compensation.]

(B) (1) THIS SUBSECTION APPLIES ONLY TO AN INDIVIDUAL WHO ON OR BEFORE JUNE 30, 2011, IS A MEMBER OF:

(I) THE CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM;

OR

(II) THE STATE POLICE RETIREMENT SYSTEM.

(2) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE AVERAGE FINAL COMPENSATION OF A MEMBER EQUALS THE AVERAGE ANNUAL EARNABLE COMPENSATION OF THE MEMBER FOR:

(I) <u>THE 3 YEARS OF EMPLOYMENT AS A MEMBER DURING</u> WHICH THE MEMBER'S EARNABLE COMPENSATION WAS HIGHEST, IF THE MEMBER WAS EMPLOYED AT LEAST 3 YEARS AS A MEMBER; OR

(II) THE MEMBER'S TOTAL PERIOD OF EMPLOYMENT, IF THE MEMBER WAS EMPLOYED LESS THAN 3 YEARS AS A MEMBER.

(3) (I) EXCEPT FOR A SALARY INCREASE BECAUSE OF A MEMBER'S PROMOTION, THE MEMBER'S AVERAGE FINAL COMPENSATION DOES NOT INCLUDE A SALARY INCREASE IN THE LAST 3 YEARS OF EMPLOYMENT IF IT IS AN EXTRAORDINARY SALARY INCREASE ACCORDING TO REGULATIONS THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ADOPTS.

(II) <u>1.</u> <u>This subparagraph applies only to a</u> <u>MEMBER OF THE STATE POLICE RETIREMENT SYSTEM.</u> 2. IF A MEMBER OF THE STATE POLICE RETIREMENT SYSTEM WHO TRANSFERRED FROM ANOTHER ACTUARIAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM IN THE STATE RETIRES AFTER LESS THAN 3 YEARS OF EMPLOYMENT AS A MEMBER OF THE STATE POLICE RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE EARNABLE COMPENSATION AS A MEMBER IN THE OTHER SYSTEM SHALL BE USED IN THE DETERMINATION OF AVERAGE FINAL COMPENSATION.

(C) (1) THIS SUBSECTION APPLIES ONLY TO AN INDIVIDUAL WHO ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2011, BECOMES A MEMBER OF:

(I) <u>THE CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM;</u>

<u>OR</u>

(II) THE STATE POLICE RETIREMENT SYSTEM.

(2) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE AVERAGE FINAL COMPENSATION OF A MEMBER EQUALS THE AVERAGE ANNUAL EARNABLE COMPENSATION OF THE MEMBER FOR:

(I) THE 5 YEARS OF EMPLOYMENT AS A MEMBER DURING WHICH THE MEMBER'S EARNABLE COMPENSATION WAS HIGHEST, IF THE MEMBER WAS EMPLOYED AT LEAST 3 <u>5</u> YEARS AS A MEMBER; OR

(II) THE MEMBER'S TOTAL PERIOD OF EMPLOYMENT, IF THE MEMBER WAS EMPLOYED LESS THAN 5 YEARS AS A MEMBER.

(3) (I) EXCEPT FOR A SALARY INCREASE BECAUSE OF A MEMBER'S PROMOTION, THE MEMBER'S AVERAGE FINAL COMPENSATION DOES NOT INCLUDE A SALARY INCREASE IN THE LAST 5 YEARS OF EMPLOYMENT IF IT IS AN EXTRAORDINARY SALARY INCREASE ACCORDING TO REGULATIONS THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ADOPTS.

(II) <u>1.</u> <u>THIS SUBPARAGRAPH APPLIES ONLY TO A</u> <u>MEMBER OF THE STATE POLICE RETIREMENT SYSTEM.</u>

2. IF A MEMBER OF THE STATE POLICE RETIREMENT SYSTEM WHO TRANSFERRED FROM ANOTHER ACTUARIAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM IN THE STATE RETIRES AFTER LESS THAN 5 YEARS OF EMPLOYMENT AS A MEMBER OF THE STATE POLICE RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE EARNABLE COMPENSATION AS A MEMBER IN THE OTHER SYSTEM SHALL BE USED IN THE DETERMINATION OF AVERAGE FINAL COMPENSATION. 20 - 205.

(a) (1) [This] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THIS THIS section applies only to AN INDIVIDUAL WHO ON OR BEFORE JUNE 30, 2011, IS A MEMBER OF:

- $\{(1)\}$ (1) the Employees' Pension System;
- **{**(2)**} (II)** the Local Fire and Police System;
- **[**(3)**]** (III) the Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System; and <u>OR</u>
- $\{(4)\}$ (IV) the Teachers' Pension System.
- (2) THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO:

(I) A MEMBER OF THE EMPLOYEES' PENSION SYSTEM OR TEACHERS' PENSION SYSTEM WHO IS SUBJECT TO THE REFORMED CONTRIBUTORY PENSION BENEFIT UNDER TITLE 23, SUBTITLE 2, PART IV OF THIS ARTICLE; OR

(II) A MEMBER OF THE EMPLOYEES' PENSION SYSTEM OR TEACHERS' PENSION SYSTEM WHO HAS FEWER THAN 5 YEARS OF ELIGIBILITY SERVICE IN THE EMPLOYEES' PENSION SYSTEM OR TEACHERS' PENSION SYSTEM AS OF JULY 1, 2011.

20-205.1.

(A) THIS SECTION APPLIES TO <u>ONLY TO AN INDIVIDUAL WHO ON OR</u> <u>AFTER JULY 1, 2011, BECOMES A MEMBER OF</u>:

- (1) <u>THE EMPLOYEES' PENSION SYSTEM;</u>
- (2) THE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' PENSION SYSTEM; OR
- (3) THE TEACHERS' PENSION SYSTEM.

(1) A MEMBER OF THE EMPLOYEES' PENSION SYSTEM OR TEACHERS' PENSION SYSTEM WHO IS SUBJECT TO THE REFORMED CONTRIBUTORY PENSION BENEFIT UNDER TITLE 23, SUBTITLE 2, PART IV OF THIS ARTICLE; AND

(2) A MEMBER OF THE EMPLOYEES' PENSION SYSTEM OR TEACHERS' PENSION SYSTEM WHO HAS FEWER THAN 5 YEARS OF ELIGIBILITY SERVICE IN THE EMPLOYEES' PENSION SYSTEM OR TEACHERS' PENSION System as of July 1, 2011.

(B) (1) IN THIS SUBSECTION, "BREAK IN SERVICE" MEANS A PERIOD OF EMPLOYMENT IN WHICH THE MEMBER'S EMPLOYER DID NOT:

(I) DEDUCT THE MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE COMPENSATION OF THE MEMBER; OR

(II) REPORT THE HOURS WORKED BY THE MEMBER.

(2) (I) FOR THE PURPOSE OF COMPUTING BENEFITS UNDER THIS DIVISION II, THE AVERAGE FINAL COMPENSATION OF A MEMBER EQUALS THE AVERAGE ANNUAL EARNABLE COMPENSATION OF THE MEMBER, ADJUSTED AS PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION, DURING THE 5 CONSECUTIVE YEARS THAT PROVIDE THE HIGHEST AVERAGE EARNABLE COMPENSATION.

(II) IF THE MEMBER EXPERIENCED ANY BREAK IN SERVICE DURING THE 5 CONSECUTIVE YEARS THAT PROVIDE THE MEMBER'S HIGHEST AVERAGE EARNABLE COMPENSATION, THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

1. MAY NOT INCLUDE IN THE COMPUTATION OF AVERAGE FINAL COMPENSATION THE PERIOD OF MONTHS OF THE BREAKS IN SERVICE THAT OTHERWISE WOULD BE INCLUDED IN THE COMPUTATION; AND

2. IN ORDER TO GENERATE THE HIGHEST AVERAGE EARNABLE COMPENSATION FOR THE MEMBER, SHALL EXTEND THE 5-YEAR PERIOD BY AN EQUAL NUMBER OF MONTHS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING OR FOLLOWING THAT PERIOD.

(C) (1) THIS SUBSECTION APPLIES TO A MEMBER WHOSE ELIGIBILITY SERVICE HAS BEEN ADJUSTED UNDER THIS DIVISION II TO COMPUTE CREDITABLE SERVICE, ON THE BASIS OF THE MEMBER HAVING COMPLETED LESS THAN THE NORMAL HOURS OF SERVICE FOR THE MEMBER'S POSITION.

(2) A MEMBER'S EARNABLE COMPENSATION SHALL BE ADJUSTED TO A FULL-TIME BASIS FOR ANY PERIOD INCLUDED IN THE COMPUTATION OF AVERAGE FINAL COMPENSATION.

(D) EXCEPT FOR A SALARY INCREASE BECAUSE OF A MEMBER'S PROMOTION, THE MEMBER'S AVERAGE FINAL COMPENSATION DOES NOT INCLUDE A SALARY INCREASE IN THE LAST 5 YEARS OF EMPLOYMENT IF IT IS AN

EXTRAORDINARY SALARY INCREASE ACCORDING TO REGULATIONS THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ADOPTS.

<u>21–302.</u>

(a) The following are obligations of the State:

(1) the payment of all allowances and other benefits payable under this Division II;

(2) the creation and maintenance of reserves in the accumulation funds of the several systems:

(3) the crediting of regular interest to the annuity savings funds of the several systems; and

(4) <u>EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN § 21–316 OF THIS SUBTITLE, the</u> payment of the expenses for administration and operation of the several systems.

(b) [The] SUBJECT TO § 21-316 OF THIS SUBTITLE, THE assets of the several systems shall be used to pay the obligations of the State specified in this section.

21-303.

(d) (1) [Each] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, EACH year, the Board of Trustees shall transfer from the accumulation fund of each State system to the expense fund of that system the amounts required by § 21–315 of this subtitle.

(2) WITH RESPECT TO MEMBERS OTHER THAN MEMBERS WHO ARE EMPLOYEES OF A PARTICIPATING GOVERNMENTAL UNIT OR ON WHOSE BEHALF AN EMPLOYER IS REQUIRED TO MAKE CONTRIBUTIONS UNDER § 21–307 OF THIS SUBTITLE, THE THE ADMINISTRATIVE AND OPERATIONAL EXPENSES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND THE STATE RETIREMENT AGENCY, NOT INCLUDING AMOUNTS AS AUTHORIZED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES NECESSARY FOR INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT SERVICES, SHALL BE PAID BY PARTICIPATING EMPLOYERS AS PROVIDED IN § 21–316 OF THIS SUBTITLE AND MAY NOT BE TRANSFERRED FROM THE ACCUMULATION FUND OF EACH SYSTEM.

(3) (1) NOTWITHSTANDING PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, IF A BUDGET AMENDMENT IS APPROVED IN ANY FISCAL YEAR FOR ADMINISTRATIVE AND OPERATIONAL EXPENSES FOR THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND THE STATE RETIREMENT AGENCY, THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MAY TRANSFER THE AMOUNT APPROVED BY BUDGET AMENDMENT FROM THE

ACCUMULATION FUNDS OF THE STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM TO THE EXPENSE FUNDS OF THE STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM.

(II) ANY FUNDS TRANSFERRED FROM THE ACCUMULATION FUNDS UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL BE REIMBURSED TO THE ACCUMULATION FUNDS ON OR BEFORE JUNE 30 OF THE FOLLOWING FISCAL YEAR FROM PAYMENTS FOR ADMINISTRATIVE AND OPERATIONAL EXPENSES RECEIVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES UNDER § 21–316 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

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(a) (2) "[Full] **PRELIMINARY** funding rate" means the sum of:

(i) the aggregate normal rate that is based on the normal contribution rate calculated under subsection (c) of this section [and adjusted to incorporate legislative changes in benefits to reflect changes to the normal cost]; and

(ii) the aggregate unfunded accrued liability contribution rate that is based on the unfunded accrued liability contribution rate under subsection [(d)(1) and (2)] (D)(1)(I) AND (II)1 AND 2 AND (2) of this section.

(b) (1) [Each] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (4) OF THIS SUBSECTION, EACH fiscal year, on behalf of the State members of each State system, the State shall pay to the appropriate accumulation fund an amount equal to or greater than the sum of the amount, if any, required to be included in the budget bill under § 3-501(c)(2)(ii) of this article and the product of multiplying:

(i) <u>the aggregate annual earnable compensation of the State</u> <u>members of that State system; and</u>

(ii) 1. for State members of the Law Enforcement Officers' Retirement System, State Police Retirement System, and the Judges' Retirement System, the sum of the normal contribution rate and the accrued liability contribution rate, as determined under this section;

2. for State members of the Employees' Pension System, Employees' Retirement System, Correctional Officers' Retirement System, and Legislative Pension Plan, the employees' systems contribution rate determined under subsection (e) of this section; or

<u>3.</u> <u>for State members of the Teachers' Pension System</u> <u>and Teachers' Retirement System, the teachers' systems contribution rate determined</u> <u>under subsection (f) of this section.</u> (2) The amount determined under paragraph (1) of this subsection for each State system shall be based on an actuarial determination of the amounts that are required to preserve the integrity of the funds of the several systems using:

- (i) the entry-age actuarial cost method; and
- (ii) <u>actuarial assumptions adopted by the Board of Trustees.</u>

(3) For the purpose of making the determinations required under this section:

(i) <u>the Employees' Retirement System, the Employees' Pension</u> System, the Correctional Officers' Retirement System, and the Legislative Pension Plan shall be considered together as one State system; and

(ii) <u>the Teachers' Retirement System and the Teachers' Pension</u> System shall be considered together as one State system.

(4) (1) THE TOTAL AMOUNT PAID UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION MAY NOT BE GREATER THAN 20% OF THE AGGREGATE ANNUAL EARNABLE COMPENSATION OF ALL STATE MEMBERS.

(II) IF THE AMOUNT REQUIRED TO BE PAID UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION IS GREATER THAN 20% OF THE AGGREGATE ANNUAL EARNABLE COMPENSATION OF ALL STATE MEMBERS, THE AMOUNT PAID TO THE APPROPRIATE ACCUMULATION FUND OF EACH STATE SYSTEM SHALL BE REDUCED ON A PRORATED BASIS BASED ON THE TOTAL AGGREGATE ANNUAL EARNABLE COMPENSATION FOR EACH STATE SYSTEM.

(e) (1) When the funding ratio for the employees' systems is between 90% and 110%, inclusive, the employees' system contribution rate is the rate for the previous fiscal year, adjusted to reflect legislative changes that result in changes in normal cost and to amortize over 25 years any actuarial liabilities of the employees' systems.

(2) [When] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (4) OF THIS SUBSECTION, WHEN the funding ratio for the employees' systems is below 90%, the employees' system contribution rate shall be the sum of:

(i) the employees' system contribution rate for the previous fiscal year; and

(ii) 20% of the difference between the **full <u>PRELIMINARY</u>** funding rate for the current fiscal year and the employees' system contribution rate for the previous fiscal year.

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(3) [When] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (4) OF THIS SUBSECTION, WHEN the funding ratio for the employees' systems is above 110%, the employees' system contribution rate shall be the difference between:

(i) the employees' system contribution rate for the previous fiscal year; and

(ii) 20% of the difference between the employees' system contribution rate for the previous fiscal year and the $\frac{\text{full}}{\text{PRELIMINARY}}$ funding rate for the current fiscal year.

(4) THE CONTRIBUTION RATE FOR THE EMPLOYEES' SYSTEMS <u>UNDER PARAGRAPH (2) OR (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION</u> SHALL BE ADJUSTED TO REFLECT THE COST OF LEGISLATIVE CHANGES <u>OR SAVINGS OF LEGISLATIVE</u> <u>CHANGES THAT RESULT IN CHANGES IN NORMAL CONTRIBUTIONS OR ACCRUED</u> <u>LIABILITIES AND TO AMORTIZE OVER 25 YEARS ANY CHANGES IN ACCRUED</u> <u>LIABILITIES OF THE EMPLOYEES' SYSTEMS</u>.

(f) (1) When the funding ratio for the teachers' systems is between 90% and 110%, the teachers' system contribution rate is the rate for the previous fiscal year, adjusted to reflect legislative changes that result in changes in normal cost and to amortize over 25 years any actuarial liabilities of the teachers' systems.

(2) [When] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (4) OF THIS SUBSECTION, WHEN the funding ratio for the teachers' systems is below 90%, the teachers' system contribution rate shall be the sum of:

(i) the teachers' system contribution rate for the previous fiscal

year; and

(ii) 20% of the difference between the <u>full</u> <u>PRELIMINARY</u> funding rate for the current fiscal year and the teachers' system contribution rate for the previous fiscal year.

(3) [When] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (4) OF THIS SUBSECTION, WHEN the funding ratio for the teachers' systems is above 110%, the teachers' system contribution rate shall be the difference between:

(i) the teachers' system contribution rate for the previous fiscal year; and

(ii) 20% of the difference between the teachers' system contribution rate for the previous fiscal year and the *full* <u>PRELIMINARY</u> funding rate for the current fiscal year.

(4) THE CONTRIBUTION RATE FOR THE TEACHERS' SYSTEMS <u>UNDER PARAGRAPH (2) OR (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION</u> SHALL BE ADJUSTED TO REFLECT THE COST OF LEGISLATIVE CHANGES <u>OR SAVINGS OF LEGISLATIVE</u> <u>CHANGES THAT RESULT IN CHANGES IN NORMAL CONTRIBUTIONS OR ACCRUED</u> <u>LIABILITIES AND TO AMORTIZE OVER 25 YEARS ANY CHANGES IN ACCRUED</u> <u>LIABILITIES OF THE TEACHERS' SYSTEMS.</u>

<u>21–308.</u>

(a) (1) On or before December 1 of each year, the Board of Trustees shall:

(i) <u>certify to the Governor and the Secretary of Budget and</u> <u>Management the rates to be used to determine the amounts to be paid by the State to</u> <u>the accumulation fund of each of the several systems during the next fiscal year; and</u>

(ii) provide to the Secretary of Budget and Management a statement of the total amount to be paid to the Teachers' Retirement System and the Teachers' Pension System expressed as a percentage of the payroll of all members of those State systems.

(2) The Governor shall include in the budget bill:

(i) the total amount of the State's contribution to each State system as ascertained based on the rates certified by the Board of Trustees under paragraph (1) of this subsection;

(ii) the additional amounts as ascertained under subsection (d) of this section for the State's payment to the professional and clerical employees of the Department of Public Libraries of Montgomery County who are members of the Employees' Retirement System of Montgomery County and are excluded from membership in the Teachers' Retirement System or the Teachers' Pension System; and

(iii) any additional amount required to be in the budget bill under § 3-501(c)(2)(ii) of this article.

(3) THE AMOUNTS THAT THE GOVERNOR IS REQUIRED TO INCLUDE IN THE BUDGET BILL UNDER PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE REDUCED BY THE AMOUNT OF ADMINISTRATIVE AND OPERATIONAL EXPENSES FOR THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND THE STATE RETIREMENT AGENCY THAT ARE TO BE PAID BY LOCAL EMPLOYERS UNDER § 21–316 OF THIS SUBTITLE OTHER THAN PARTICIPATING GOVERNMENTAL UNITS OR EMPLOYERS WHO ARE REQUIRED TO MAKE CONTRIBUTIONS UNDER § 21–307 OF THIS SUBTITLE. Ch. 397

(3) (4) (1) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 2012, AND EACH DECEMBER 1 THEREAFTER, THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES SHALL CERTIFY TO THE GOVERNOR AND THE SECRETARY OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT THE AMOUNT OF THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF THE STATE'S CONTRIBUTION REQUIRED UNDER PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION AND THE AMOUNT THAT THE BOARD DETERMINES WOULD HAVE BEEN REQUIRED HAD LEGISLATION INCREASING EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTIONS TO, AND REDUCING THE LIABILITIES OF, THE STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM NOT BEEN ENACTED IN 2011.

(II) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER, IN ADDITION TO THE AMOUNTS REQUIRED UNDER PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE BUDGET BILL THE LESSER OF:

<u>1.</u> <u>\$300,000,000; AND</u>

<u>2.</u> <u>THE AMOUNT CERTIFIED UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH</u> (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH.

21-316.

(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION, THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(2) <u>"LOCAL EMPLOYER" MEANS A PARTICIPATING EMPLOYER</u> OTHER THAN;

(1) THE STATE;

(2) <u>A PARTICIPATING GOVERNMENTAL UNIT; OR</u>

(3) AN EMPLOYER REQUIRED TO MAKE CONTRIBUTIONS UNDER § 21-307 OF THIS SUBTITLE. THE STATE.

(3) "LIBRARY" MEANS A LIBRARY THAT IS ESTABLISHED OR OPERATES UNDER THE EDUCATION ARTICLE.

(B) (1) FOR SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION, FOR EACH FISCAL YEAR, THE STATE AND EACH LOCAL EMPLOYER SHALL PAY TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES THEIR PRO RATA SHARES OF THE AMOUNT ESTIMATED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES UNDER § 21–315(C) OF THIS SUBTITLE TO BE NECESSARY FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE AND OPERATIONAL EXPENSES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND THE STATE RETIREMENT AGENCY.

(2) THE PRO RATA SHARE OF THE STATE AND OF EACH LOCAL EMPLOYER FOR EACH FISCAL YEAR SHALL BE BASED ON THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF THE SEVERAL SYSTEMS EMPLOYED BY THE STATE OR LOCAL EMPLOYER AS OF JUNE 30 OF THE SECOND PRIOR FISCAL YEAR COMPARED TO THE TOTAL MEMBERSHIP OF THE SEVERAL SYSTEMS WHO ARE EMPLOYED BY THE STATE OR A LOCAL EMPLOYER AS OF THAT DATE.

(3) <u>The State shall pay the pro rata share under this</u> <u>Section of each library.</u>

(C) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1 OF EACH YEAR, THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES SHALL:

(1) DETERMINE THE PER MEMBER CONTRIBUTION AMOUNT AND THE AMOUNTS PAYABLE BY THE STATE AND EACH LOCAL EMPLOYER UNDER THIS SECTION FOR THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR; AND

(2) <u>CERTIFY THE PER MEMBER CONTRIBUTION AND THE</u> <u>AMOUNTS PAYABLE:</u>

(1) TO THE SECRETARY OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT, FOR MEMBERS WHOSE COMPENSATION IS PAID BY THE STATE; AND

(II) <u>TO EACH LOCAL EMPLOYER.</u>

(C) AS PART OF ITS ANNUAL BUDGET SUBMISSION FOR A FISCAL YEAR, THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES SHALL CERTIFY TO THE SECRETARY OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT THE PERCENTAGE OF THE TOTAL MEMBERSHIP OF THE SEVERAL SYSTEMS THAT IS EMPLOYED BY THE STATE, THE LIBRARIES, AND EACH LOCAL EMPLOYER AS OF JUNE 30 OF THE SECOND PRIOR FISCAL YEAR.

(D) (1) THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE BUDGET BILL THE <u>AMOUNT CERTIFIED UNDER SUBSECTION (C)(2)(I) OF THIS SECTION</u> AN <u>APPROPRIATION TO THE EXPENSE FUNDS OF THE STATE RETIREMENT AND</u> <u>PENSION SYSTEM THAT EQUALS THE AUTHORIZED ADMINISTRATIVE AND</u> <u>OPERATIONAL EXPENSES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND THE STATE</u> <u>RETIREMENT AGENCY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR.</u>

(2) <u>THE AMOUNTS PAYABLE BY THE STATE UNDER THIS SECTION</u> WITH RESPECT TO MEMBERS EMPLOYED BY EACH STATE UNIT SHALL BE CHARGED AGAINST THE BUDGET OF THAT UNIT. (3) <u>The State shall pay its pro rata share of the amount</u> <u>of administrative and operational expenses authorized in the State</u> <u>BUDGET TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ON JULY 1 OF THE APPLICABLE FISCAL</u> YEAR.

(E) (1) ON OR BEFORE MAY 1 OF EACH YEAR, THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES SHALL:

(1) <u>CERTIFY TO EACH LOCAL EMPLOYER OTHER THAN A</u> <u>LIBRARY THE AMOUNT PAYABLE BY THE LOCAL EMPLOYER THAT IS EQUAL TO</u> <u>THE PERCENTAGE CERTIFIED UNDER SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION</u> <u>MULTIPLIED BY THE AMOUNT OF ADMINISTRATIVE AND OPERATIONAL</u> <u>EXPENSES AUTHORIZED IN THE STATE BUDGET FOR THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR;</u> <u>AND</u>

(II) NOTIFY THE SECRETARY OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT AND THE DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES OF THE CERTIFICATIONS SENT UNDER ITEM (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH.

(2) ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 1, JANUARY 1, APRIL 16, AND JUNE 1 OF EACH FISCAL YEAR, EACH LOCAL EMPLOYER SHALL PAY TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES 25% OF THE AMOUNT CERTIFIED TO THE LOCAL EMPLOYER BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES UNDER <u>SUBSECTION (C)(2)(II) OF THIS SECTION</u> PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION.

(2) <u>A local employer may elect to have the amounts</u> <u>required under this section deducted from State and Distributions</u> <u>under the Education Article.</u>

(3) IF A LOCAL EMPLOYER DOES NOT PAY THE AMOUNTS REQUIRED UNDER THIS SECTION WITHIN THE TIME REQUIRED, THE LOCAL EMPLOYER IS LIABLE FOR INTEREST ON DELINQUENT AMOUNTS AT A RATE OF 4% A YEAR UNTIL PAYMENT.

(4) THE SECRETARY OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MAY ALLOW A GRACE PERIOD NOT TO EXCEED 10 CALENDAR DAYS FOR PAYMENT OF THE AMOUNTS CERTIFIED UNDER THIS SECTION.

(5) ON NOTIFICATION BY THE SECRETARY OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES THAT A DELINQUENCY EXISTS, THE STATE COMPTROLLER IMMEDIATELY SHALL EXERCISE THE RIGHT OF SETOFF AGAINST ANY MONEY DUE OR COMING DUE TO THAT LOCAL EMPLOYER FROM THE STATE.

(6) <u>A PARTICIPATING GOVERNMENTAL UNIT OR EMPLOYER</u> REQUIRED TO MAKE EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS UNDER § 21–307 OF THIS SUBTITLE MAY DEDUCT THE PAYMENTS REQUIRED UNDER THIS SECTION FROM PAYMENTS FOR EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS REQUIRED UNDER §§ 21–305 THROUGH 21–307 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(F) ON RECEIPT OF PAYMENTS UNDER THIS SECTION, THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES SHALL CREDIT THESE AMOUNTS TO THE EXPENSE FUND OF THE APPROPRIATE STATE SYSTEM.

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(c) [The] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION, THE contribution rate of a member who is subject to the Alternate Contributory Pension Selection under Part III of this subtitle is:

(1) 3% of the member's earnable compensation received from July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007, both inclusive;

(2) 4% of the member's earnable compensation received from July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008, both inclusive; and

(3) 5% of the member's earnable compensation received on or after <u>FROM</u> July 1, 2008- <u>TO JUNE 30, 2011, BOTH INCLUSIVE; AND</u>

(4) <u>7% OF THE MEMBER'S EARNABLE COMPENSATION RECEIVED</u> ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2011.

(D) THE CONTRIBUTION RATE OF A MEMBER WHO IS SUBJECT TO SELECTION TWO (SEVEN PERCENT MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS) UNDER § 23–221 OF THIS SUBTITLE IS:

(1) 3% OF THE MEMBER'S EARNABLE COMPENSATION RECEIVED FROM JULY 1, 2006, TO JUNE 30, 2007, BOTH INCLUSIVE;

(2) 4% OF THE MEMBER'S EARNABLE COMPENSATION RECEIVED FROM JULY 1, 2007, TO JUNE 30, 2008, BOTH INCLUSIVE;

(3) 5% OF THE MEMBER'S EARNABLE COMPENSATION RECEIVED FROM JULY 1, 2008, TO JUNE 30, 2011, BOTH INCLUSIVE; AND

(4) 7% OF THE MEMBER'S EARNABLE COMPENSATION RECEIVED ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2011.

(E) (D) THE CONTRIBUTION RATE OF A MEMBER WHO IS SUBJECT TO THE REFORMED CONTRIBUTORY PENSION BENEFIT UNDER PART IV OF THIS SUBTITLE IS 7% OF THE MEMBER'S EARNABLE COMPENSATION.

<u>23–215.</u>

(a) [Membership] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN § 23–215.1 OF THIS SUBTITLE, MEMBERSHIP ends if the member:

(1) is separated from employment for more than 4 years;

(2) is separated from employment, and rehired into a position that requires enrollment in a part of the Employees' Pension System or the Teachers' Pension System that is subject to a different rate of member contributions and benefit accrual;

(3) withdraws the member's accumulated contributions;

- (4) becomes a retiree; or
- <u>(5)</u> <u>dies.</u>

(b) Subsection (a)(2) of this section does not apply for purposes of determining eligibility for a disability retirement benefit under § 29–104(a) of this article.

<u>23–215.1.</u>

(A) <u>THIS SECTION APPLIES TO A MEMBER WHO:</u>

(1) ON OR BEFORE JUNE 30, 2011, IS SUBJECT TO THE ALTERNATE CONTRIBUTORY PENSION SELECTION;

(2) (1) IS SEPARATED FROM EMPLOYMENT FOR 4 YEARS OR LESS; OR

(II) 1. IS SEPARATED FROM EMPLOYMENT FOR MORE THAN 4 YEARS FOR MILITARY SERVICE THAT MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE FEDERAL UNIFORMED SERVICES EMPLOYMENT AND REEMPLOYMENT RIGHTS ACT; AND

<u>2.</u> <u>RESUMES EMPLOYMENT WITHIN 1 YEAR OF</u> <u>LEAVING MILITARY SERVICE IN A POSITION THAT IS INCLUDED IN THE</u> <u>EMPLOYEES' PENSION SYSTEM OR TEACHERS' PENSION SYSTEM;</u> (3) DOES NOT WITHDRAW THE MEMBER'S ACCUMULATED CONTRIBUTIONS; AND

(4) DOES NOT BECOME A RETIREE.

(B) <u>A MEMBER DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION WHO</u> ON OR BEFORE JUNE 30, 2016, RESUMES EMPLOYMENT AND IS REHIRED INTO A POSITION THAT IS INCLUDED IN THE EMPLOYEES' PENSION SYSTEM OR TEACHERS' PENSION SYSTEM, SHALL RESUME PARTICIPATION IN THE ALTERNATE CONTRIBUTORY PENSION SELECTION.

(C) ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 2012, AND EACH OCTOBER 1 THROUGH OCTOBER 1, 2016, THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2–1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE TO THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON PENSIONS THAT PROVIDES THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS DESCRIBED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION WHO WERE:

(1) <u>REHIRED IN THE PRECEDING FISCAL YEAR INTO A POSITION</u> INCLUDED IN THE EMPLOYEES' PENSION SYSTEM OR TEACHERS' PENSION SYSTEM; AND

(2) PARTICIPATING IN THE ALTERNATE CONTRIBUTORY PENSION SELECTION.

<u>23-221.</u>

(a) (1) In this section[, "active] THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(2) "ACTIVE member" means a member who is not separated from employment with the State or a participating employer of the State.

(3) "SELECTION ONE (FIVE PERCENT MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS)" MEANS THE SELECTION AVAILABLE UNDER SUBSECTION (D)(1)(I) OF THIS SECTION.

(4) "SELECTION TWO (SEVEN PERCENT MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS)" MEANS THE SELECTION AVAILABLE UNDER SUBSECTION (D)(1)(II) OF THIS SECTION.

(D) (1) AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS AN ACTIVE MEMBER SUBJECT TO THE ALTERNATE CONTRIBUTORY PENSION SELECTION UNDER THIS PART III SHALL SELECT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING: (I) SELECTION ONE (FIVE PERCENT MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS) THAT PROVIDES FOR MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS OF 5% OF SALARY AND A BENEFIT ACCRUAL RATE OF 1.5% OF A MEMBER'S AVERAGE FINAL COMPENSATION FOR CREDITABLE SERVICE ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2011; OR

(II) SELECTION TWO (SEVEN PERCENT MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS) THAT PROVIDES FOR MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS OF 7% OF SALARY ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2011, AND A BENEFIT ACCRUAL RATE OF 1.8% OF A MEMBER'S AVERAGE FINAL COMPENSATION.

(2) (I) AN INDIVIDUAL WHO, ON JUNE 1, 2011, IS AN ACTIVE MEMBER SUBJECT TO THE ALTERNATE CONTRIBUTORY PENSION SELECTION UNDER THIS PART III SHALL MAKE A SELECTION IN THE MANNER PRESCRIBED BY THE STATE RETIREMENT AGENCY ON OR BEFORE JUNE 15, 2011.

(II) AN INDIVIDUAL WHO BECOMES A MEMBER OF THE Employees' Pension System or Teachers' Pension System between June 2, 2011, and June 30, 2011, shall make a selection in the manner Prescribed by the State Retirement Agency within 15 days after the Individual's first day of employment.

(3) An individual who fails to make a selection as required under paragraph (2) of this subsection shall be deemed to have made Selection Two (Seven percent member contributions).

(4) THE SELECTION OF AN INDIVIDUAL UNDER PARAGRAPH (2) OR (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION IS IRREVOCABLE AND NOT SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

<u>23 222.</u>

(A) A member who is subject to this part shall:

(1) receive an allowance for all creditable service as follows:

(i) **EXCEPT** AS **PROVIDED** IN SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, for normal service retirement as provided in § 23–401(d) of this title;

(ii) for early service retirement as provided in § 23-402 of this title;

(iii) for ordinary disability retirement as provided in § 29–108 of this article; and

(iv) for accidental disability retirement as provided in § 29–110 of this article;

(2) have the allowance adjusted as provided in Title 29, Subtitle 4 of this article; and

(3) **EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION,** make the member contributions at the rate specified in § 23–212(c) of this subtitle.

(B) A MEMBER WHO IS SUBJECT TO SELECTION ONE (FIVE PERCENT MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS), AS DEFINED IN § 23–221(A) OF THIS SUBTITLE, SHALL RECEIVE AN ALLOWANCE FOR NORMAL SERVICE RETIREMENT AS PROVIDED IN § 23–401(F) OF THIS TITLE.

(C) A MEMBER WHO IS SUBJECT TO SELECTION TWO (SEVEN PERCENT MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS), AS DEFINED IN § 23–221(A) OF THIS SUBTITLE, SHALL MAKE MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS AT THE RATE SPECIFIED IN § 23–212(D) OF THIS SUBTITLE.

23–223. RESERVED.

23–224. RESERVED.

PART IV. REFORMED CONTRIBUTORY PENSION BENEFIT.

23-225.

(A) THIS PART IV OF THIS SUBTITLE (REFORMED CONTRIBUTORY PENSION BENEFIT) APPLIES TO:

(1) AN INDIVIDUAL WHO BECOMES A MEMBER OF THE EMPLOYEES' PENSION SYSTEM OR THE TEACHERS' PENSION SYSTEM ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2011; AND

(2) <u>EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN § 23–215.1 OF THIS SUBTITLE, A</u> MEMBER OF THE EMPLOYEES' PENSION SYSTEM OR TEACHERS' PENSION SYSTEM WHO SEPARATED FROM EMPLOYMENT ON OR BEFORE JUNE 30, 2011, AND SUBSEQUENTLY BECOMES EMPLOYED IN A POSITION ELIGIBLE FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE EMPLOYEES' PENSION SYSTEM OR THE TEACHERS' PENSION SYSTEM ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2011.

(B) THIS PART IV DOES NOT APPLY TO AN EMPLOYEE OF A PARTICIPATING GOVERNMENTAL UNIT PARTICIPATING IN THE EMPLOYEES' PENSION SYSTEM THAT HAS NOT ELECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ALTERNATE CONTRIBUTORY PENSION SELECTION UNDER § 31–116.1 OF THIS ARTICLE OR A FORMER PARTICIPATING GOVERNMENTAL UNIT, OTHER THAN FREDERICK COUNTY, THAT HAS WITHDRAWN FROM THE EMPLOYEES' PENSION SYSTEM.

23-226.

(A) \clubsuit Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, A member who is subject to this Part IV of this subtitle shall:

(1) RECEIVE AN ALLOWANCE FOR ALL CREDITABLE SERVICE AS FOLLOWS:

(I) FOR NORMAL SERVICE RETIREMENT AS PROVIDED IN § 23-401(G)(F) OF THIS TITLE;

(II) FOR EARLY SERVICE RETIREMENT AS PROVIDED IN § 23–402(C) OF THIS TITLE;

(III) FOR A VESTED ALLOWANCE AS PROVIDED IN § 29-303(H)(B-1) OF THIS ARTICLE;

(IV) FOR ORDINARY DISABILITY RETIREMENT AS PROVIDED IN § 29–108 OF THIS ARTICLE; AND

(V) FOR ACCIDENTAL DISABILITY RETIREMENT AS PROVIDED IN § 29–110 OF THIS ARTICLE;

(2) HAVE THE ALLOWANCE ADJUSTED AS PROVIDED IN TITLE 29, SUBTITLE 4, PART VII OF THIS ARTICLE; AND

(3) MAKE THE MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS AT THE RATE SPECIFIED IN 23-212 (D) OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(B) <u>A MEMBER DESCRIBED IN § 23–225(A)(2) OF THIS SUBTITLE IS NOT</u> SUBJECT TO THIS PART IV OF THIS SUBTITLE WITH RESPECT TO THE SERVICE CREDIT EARNED IN THE MEMBER'S PREVIOUS MEMBERSHIP.

23 - 401.

(a) [A] **EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION** (G) (F) OF THIS SECTION, A member may retire with a normal service retirement allowance if:

(1) the member completes and submits a written application to the Board of Trustees stating the date when the member desires to retire; and (2) on or before the date of retirement, the member:

(i) has at least 30 years of eligibility service;

(ii) has a combined total of at least 30 years of eligibility service from the Employees' Pension System, the Teachers' Pension System, the Employees' Retirement System, or the Teachers' Retirement System; or

(iii) has attained the age and the years of eligibility service as

Age		Years of Eligibility				
		Service				
62	with	5				
63	with	4				
64	with	3				
65	or more with	2				

(b) Except as provided in subsections (c), (d), [and] (e), <u>AND</u> (F), <u>AND</u> (G) of this section, on retirement under this section, a member is entitled to receive a normal service retirement allowance that equals the number of years of the member's creditable service multiplied by:

(1) 0.8% of the member's average final compensation that is not in excess of the Social Security integration level; and

(2) 1.5% of the member's average final compensation that exceeds the Social Security integration level.

(d) Except as provided in [subsection] SUBSECTIONS (e) AND (F) of this section, a member who is subject to the Alternate Contributory Pension Selection under Subtitle 2, Part III of this title is entitled to receive a normal service retirement allowance that equals the sum of:

(1) the greater of:

follows:

(i) the number of years of the member's creditable service on or before June 30, 1998 multiplied by 1.2% of the member's average final compensation; or

(ii) the number of years of the member's creditable service on or before June 30, 1998 multiplied by:

1. 0.8% of the member's average final compensation that is not in excess of the Social Security integration level; and

2. 1.5% of the member's average final compensation that exceeds the Social Security integration level; and

(2) the number of years of the member's creditable service on or after July 1, 1998 multiplied by 1.8% of the member's average final compensation.

(F) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (E) OF THIS SECTION, A MEMBER WHO IS SUBJECT TO SELECTION ONE (FIVE PERCENT MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS) UNDER § 23–221 OF THIS SUBTITLE IS ENTITLED TO RECEIVE A NORMAL SERVICE RETIREMENT ALLOWANCE THAT EQUALS THE SUM OF:

(1) THE GREATER OF:

(1) THE NUMBER OF YEARS OF THE MEMBER'S CREDITABLE SERVICE ON OR BEFORE JUNE 30, 1998, MULTIPLIED BY 1.2% OF THE MEMBER'S AVERAGE FINAL COMPENSATION; OR

(II) THE NUMBER OF YEARS OF THE MEMBER'S CREDITABLE SERVICE ON OR BEFORE JUNE 30, 1998, MULTIPLIED BY:

1. 0.8% of the member's average final compensation that is not in excess of the Social Security integration level; and

2. 1.5% OF THE MEMBER'S AVERAGE FINAL COMPENSATION THAT EXCEEDS THE SOCIAL SECURITY INTEGRATION LEVEL;

(2) THE NUMBER OF YEARS OF THE MEMBER'S CREDITABLE SERVICE FROM JULY 1, 1998, TO JUNE 30, 2011, MULTIPLIED BY 1.8% OF THE MEMBER'S AVERAGE FINAL COMPENSATION; AND

(3) THE NUMBER OF YEARS OF THE MEMBER'S CREDITABLE SERVICE ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2011, MULTIPLIED BY 1.5% OF THE MEMBER'S AVERAGE FINAL COMPENSATION.

(G) (F) (1) A MEMBER WHO IS SUBJECT TO THE REFORMED CONTRIBUTORY PENSION BENEFIT UNDER SUBTITLE 2, PART IV OF THIS TITLE BEGINS MEMBERSHIP ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2011, MAY RETIRE WITH A NORMAL SERVICE RETIREMENT ALLOWANCE IF:

(I) THE MEMBER COMPLETES AND SUBMITS A WRITTEN APPLICATION TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES STATING THE DATE WHEN THE MEMBER DESIRES TO RETIRE; AND (II) ON OR BEFORE THE DATE OF RETIREMENT, THE

MEMBER:

1. HAS AT LEAST 30 <u>90 YEARS OF COMBINED AGE</u> <u>AND</u> YEARS OF ELIGIBILITY SERVICE; OR

2. IS AT LEAST 65 YEARS OLD AND HAS <u>AT LEAST</u> 10 YEARS OF ELIGIBILITY SERVICE.

(2) ON RETIREMENT UNDER THIS SUBSECTION, A <u>A</u> MEMBER WHO IS SUBJECT TO THE REFORMED CONTRIBUTORY PENSION BENEFIT UNDER SUBTITLE 2, PART IV OF THIS TITLE IS ENTITLED TO RECEIVE A NORMAL SERVICE RETIREMENT THAT EQUALS THE NUMBER OF YEARS OF THE MEMBER'S CREDITABLE SERVICE MULTIPLIED BY 1.5% OF THE MEMBER'S AVERAGE FINAL COMPENSATION.

23 - 402.

(a) [A] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, A member may retire with an early service retirement allowance if:

(1) the member completes and submits a written application to the Board of Trustees stating the date when the member desires to retire; and

(2) on or before the date of retirement, the member:

(i) has at least 15 years but less than 30 years of eligibility service; and

(ii) is at least 55 but less than 62 years old.

(b) A MEMBER WHO IS SUBJECT TO THE REFORMED CONTRIBUTORY PENSION BENEFIT UNDER SUBTITLE 2, PART IV OF THIS TITLE <u>BEGINS</u> <u>MEMBERSHIP ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2011</u>, MAY RETIRE WITH AN EARLY SERVICE RETIREMENT ALLOWANCE IF:

(1) THE MEMBER COMPLETES AND SUBMITS A WRITTEN APPLICATION TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES STATING THE DATE WHEN THE MEMBER DESIRES TO RETIRE; AND

(2) ON OR BEFORE THE DATE OF RETIREMENT, THE MEMBER:

(I) HAS AT LEAST 15 YEARS OF ELIGIBILITY SERVICE; AND

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(II) IS AT LEAST 60 <u>BUT LESS THAN 65</u> YEARS OLD.

(C) (1) [On] EXCEPT $\triangleq \underline{AS}$ PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, <u>ON</u> retirement under this section, a member is entitled to receive an early service retirement allowance that equals the normal service retirement allowance under § 23–401 of this subtitle, reduced by 0.5% for each month that the member's early retirement date precedes the date the member will be 62 years old.

(2) ON RETIREMENT UNDER THIS SECTION, A MEMBER WHO IS SUBJECT TO THE REFORMED CONTRIBUTORY PENSION BENEFIT UNDER SUBJECT TO THE REFORMED CONTRIBUTORY PENSION BENEFIT UNDER <u>SUBTITLE 2, PART IV OF THIS TITLE BEGINS MEMBERSHIP ON OR AFTER JULY</u> <u>1, 2011</u>, IS ENTITLED TO RECEIVE AN EARLY SERVICE RETIREMENT ALLOWANCE THAT EQUALS THE NORMAL SERVICE RETIREMENT ALLOWANCE <u>TO WHICH THE</u> <u>MEMBER WOULD OTHERWISE BE ENTITLED TO</u> UNDER § 23–401(G) OF THIS SUBTITLE, REDUCED BY 0.5% FOR EACH MONTH THAT THE MEMBER'S EARLY RETIREMENT DATE PRECEDES THE DATE THE MEMBER WILL BE 65 YEARS OLD.

24-401.

(a) (1) (I) THIS PARAGRAPH APPLIES TO AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS A MEMBER ON OR BEFORE JUNE 30, 2011.

(<u>II)</u>	<u>A</u> me	mber	may	retire	with	a	normal	service	<u>retirement</u>
<u>allowance if:</u>										
[(1)] <u>1</u>			<u>on or</u>	befor	<u>e the d</u>	ate of	<u>ret</u>	tirement.	, the me	<u>mber:</u>

- [(i)] A. has at least 22 years of eligibility service; or
- [(ii)] **B.** is at least 50 years old; and

[(2)] <u>2.</u> the member completes and submits a written application to the Board of Trustees, on the form that the Board of Trustees provides, stating the date when the member desires to retire.

(2) (I) THIS PARAGRAPH APPLIES TO AN INDIVIDUAL WHO BECOMES A MEMBER ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2011.

(II) <u>A MEMBER MAY RETIRE WITH A NORMAL SERVICE</u> <u>RETIREMENT ALLOWANCE IF:</u>

1.ON OR BEFORE THE DATE OF RETIREMENT, THEMEMBER:

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A. HAS AT LEAST 25 YEARS OF ELIGIBILITY SERVICE;

<u>OR</u>

B. IS AT LEAST 50 YEARS OLD; AND

2. THE MEMBER COMPLETES AND SUBMITS A WRITTEN APPLICATION TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, ON THE FORM THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES PROVIDES, STATING THE DATE WHEN THE MEMBER DESIRES TO RETIRE.

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(c) (1) <u>(I)</u> <u>THIS PARAGRAPH APPLIES TO AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS A</u> <u>MEMBER OF THE STATE POLICE RETIREMENT SYSTEM ON OR BEFORE JUNE 30,</u> <u>2011.</u>

(II) Except for the Secretary of State Police, a member of the State Police Retirement System is eligible to participate in the DROP if the member:

(i) <u>1.</u> has at least 22 and less than 28 years of eligibility service; fand

(ii) <u>2.</u> is less than 60 years old; AND

(III) HAS AT LEAST 5 YEARS OF ELIGIBILITY SERVICE AS OF JULY 1, 2011.

(2) (III) The Secretary of State Police is eligible to participate in the DROP if the Secretary has at least 22 years of eligibility service AND HAS AT LEAST 5 YEARS OF ELIGIBILITY SERVICE AS OF JULY 1, 2011.

(2) (1) THIS PARAGRAPH APPLIES TO AN INDIVIDUAL WHO BECOMES A MEMBER OF THE STATE POLICE RETIREMENT SYSTEM ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2011.

(II) EXCEPT FOR THE SECRETARY OF STATE POLICE, A MEMBER OF THE STATE POLICE RETIREMENT SYSTEM IS ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DROP IF THE MEMBER:

<u>1. HAS AT LEAST 25 YEARS AND NOT LESS THAN 29</u> YEARS OF ELIGIBILITY SERVICE; AND

<u>2.</u> IS LESS THAN 60 YEARS OLD.

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(III) THE SECRETARY OF STATE POLICE IS ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DROP IF THE SECRETARY HAS AT LEAST 25 YEARS OF ELIGIBILITY SERVICE.

(d) An eligible member may elect to participate in the DROP for a period not to exceed the lesser of:

<u>(1)</u> <u>4 years;</u>

(2) (I) the difference between 28 years and the member's eligibility service as of the date of the member's election to participate in the DROP and retire from the State Police Retirement System, IF THE MEMBER IS A MEMBER OF THE STATE POLICE RETIREMENT SYSTEM ON OR BEFORE JUNE 30, 2011; OR

(II) THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN 29 YEARS AND THE MEMBER'S ELIGIBILITY SERVICE AS OF THE DATE OF THE MEMBER'S ELECTION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DROP AND RETIRE FROM THE STATE POLICE RETIREMENT SYSTEM, IF THE MEMBER BECOMES A MEMBER OF THE STATE POLICE RETIREMENT SYSTEM ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2011;

(3) <u>the difference between age 60 and the member's age as of the date</u> of the member's election to participate in the DROP and retire from the State Police <u>Retirement System; or</u>

(4) <u>a term selected by the member.</u>

(h) (2) During the period that a DROP member participates in the DROP, the Board of Trustees shall:

(i) <u>deposit the DROP member's normal service retirement</u> <u>allowance in the DROP for the DROP member's benefit;</u>

(ii) adjust the DROP member's normal service retirement allowance each fiscal year as provided in Title 29, Subtitle 4, Part III of this article; and

(iii) accrue interest on the amounts calculated under items (i) and (ii) of this paragraph for the DROP member into the DROP at the rate of:

1.6% a year, compounded monthly IF THE INDIVIDUALIS A DROP MEMBER ON OR BEFORE JUNE 30, 2011; OR

<u>2.</u> <u>4% A YEAR, COMPOUNDED ANNUALLY, IF THE</u> INDIVIDUAL BECOMES A DROP MEMBER ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2011.

26-204.

(a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, a member's contribution rate is:

(1) <u>4% of the member's earnable compensation RECEIVED BEFORE</u> JULY 1, 2011;

(2) <u>6% OF THE MEMBER'S EARNABLE COMPENSATION RECEIVED</u> FROM JULY 1, 2011 TO JUNE 30, 2012, BOTH INCLUSIVE; AND

(3) <u>7% OF THE MEMBER'S EARNABLE COMPENSATION RECEIVED</u> ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2012.

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(c) (1) In this subsection, "creditable service" does not include credit for unused sick leave as provided in § 20–206 of this article.

(2) A member of the Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System is eligible to participate in the DROP if the member has at least 25 and less than 30 years of creditable service AND HAS AT LEAST 5 YEARS OF CREDITABLE SERVICE ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2011.

(h) (2) During the period that a DROP member participates in the DROP, the Board of Trustees shall:

(i) <u>deposit the DROP member's normal service retirement</u> <u>allowance in the DROP for the DROP member's benefit;</u>

(ii) adjust the DROP member's normal service retirement allowance each fiscal year as provided in Title 29, Subtitle 4, Part VI of this article; and

(iii) accrue interest on the amounts calculated under subparagraphs (i) and (ii) of this paragraph for the DROP member into the DROP at the rate of:

1. <u>6% a year, compounded monthly IF THE INDIVIDUAL</u> IS A DROP MEMBER ON OR BEFORE JUNE 30, 2011; OR

2. <u>4% A YEAR, COMPOUNDED ANNUALLY, IF THE</u> INDIVIDUAL BECOMES A DROP MEMBER ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2011.

27-202.

(a) Except as provided in [subsection] SUBSECTIONS (b) AND (C) of this section, a member's contribution rate is:

(1) 6% of the member's earnable compensation <u>RECEIVED BEFORE</u> JULY 1, 2011; AND

(2) 8% OF THE MEMBER'S EARNABLE COMPENSATION RECEIVED ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2011.

(b) THE CONTRIBUTION RATE FOR AN INDIVIDUAL WHO BECOMES A MEMBER ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2011, IS 8% OF THE MEMBER'S EARNABLE COMPENSATION.

(C) After 16 years of service as a member, a member does not make any further contributions.

<u>29–302.</u>

- (a) This section applies only to members of:
 - (1) the Correctional Officers' Retirement System;
 - (2) the Employees' Retirement System;
 - (3) the State Police Retirement System; and
 - (4) the Teachers' Retirement System.

(b) (1) THIS SUBSECTION APPLIES TO AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS A MEMBER ON OR BEFORE JUNE 30, 2011.

(2) A member may elect to receive a vested allowance if:

(i) the member is separated from employment other than by death or retirement; and

(ii) subject to paragraph [(2)] (3) of this subsection, the member has at least 5 years of eligibility service.

[(2)] (3) <u>A former member of the State Police Retirement System</u> who separated from employment on or before June 30, 1989, must have at least 15 years of eligibility service to elect a vested allowance. [(3)] (4) <u>A member is deemed to have elected a vested allowance</u>, unless the member requests the return of the accumulated contributions before membership ends.

(B-1) (1) THIS SUBSECTION APPLIES TO AN INDIVIDUAL WHO BECOMES A MEMBER ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2011.

(2) A MEMBER IS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE A VESTED ALLOWANCE

<u>IF:</u>

(I) <u>THE MEMBER SEPARATED FROM EMPLOYMENT OTHER</u> <u>THAN BY DEATH OR RETIREMENT; AND</u>

(II) THE MEMBER HAS AT LEAST 10 YEARS OF ELIGIBILITY SERVICE.

29-303.

- (a) This section applies only to members of:
 - (1) the Employees' Pension System;
 - (2) the Local Fire and Police System;
 - (3) the Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System; or
 - (4) the Teachers' Pension System.

(b) (1) [A] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (II) OF THIS SECTION, A THIS SUBSECTION APPLIES TO AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS A MEMBER ON OR BEFORE JUNE 30, 2011.

(2) <u>A</u> member is eligible to receive a vested allowance if:

(1) (1) the member separated from employment other than by death or retirement; and

(2) (II) the member has at least 5 years of eligibility service.

(B-1) (1) THIS SUBSECTION APPLIES TO AN INDIVIDUAL WHO BECOMES A MEMBER ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2011.

(2) A MEMBER IS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE A VESTED ALLOWANCE

<u>IF:</u>

(I) THE MEMBER SEPARATED FROM EMPLOYMENT OTHER THAN BY DEATH OR RETIREMENT; AND

(II) THE MEMBER HAS AT LEAST 10 YEARS OF ELIGIBILITY SERVICE.

(c) Except as provided in subsections (e), (f), [and] (g), AND (H) of this section, a vested allowance:

(1) is a deferred allowance that begins at normal retirement age;

(2) is computed as a normal service retirement allowance on the basis of the member's average final compensation and eligibility service at separation from employment; and

(3) may be paid in one of the optional forms of allowances under § 21-403 of this article.

(e) Except as provided in [subsection] SUBSECTIONS (f) AND (II) of this section, a former member of the Employees' Pension System or the Teachers' Pension System who has separated from employment before the age of 55 with at least 15 years of eligibility service is eligible to receive a vested allowance that:

(1) begins on the first day of the month following the member's 55th birthday; and

(2) equals the reduced allowance computed under § 23-402 of this article.

(H) (1) A MEMBER WHO IS SUBJECT TO THE REFORMED CONTRIBUTORY PENSION BENEFIT UNDER TITLE 23, SUBTITLE 2, PART IV OF THIS ARTICLE IS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE A VESTED ALLOWANCE IF:

(1) THE MEMBER SEPARATED FROM EMPLOYMENT OTHER THAN BY DEATH OR RETIREMENT; AND

(II) THE MEMBER HAS AT LEAST 10 YEARS OF ELIGIBILITY SERVICE.

(2) A VESTED ALLOWANCE UNDER THIS SUBSECTION:

(I) IS A DEFERRED ALLOWANCE THAT MAY BEGIN NO EARLIER THAN NORMAL RETIREMENT AGE; (II) IS COMPUTED AS A NORMAL SERVICE RETIREMENT ALLOWANCE ON THE BASIS OF THE MEMBER'S AVERAGE FINAL COMPENSATION AND ELIGIBILITY SERVICE AT SEPARATION FROM EMPLOYMENT; AND

(III) MAY BE PAID IN ONE OF THE OPTIONAL FORMS OF ALLOWANCES UNDER § 21–403 OF THIS ARTICLE.

(3) TO COMMENCE RECEIVING A VESTED ALLOWANCE UNDER THIS SUBSECTION, AN INDIVIDUAL SHALL COMPLETE AND SUBMIT A WRITTEN APPLICATION TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

(4) An individual may not receive a vested allowance for the period before the individual submitted a completed application to the Board of Trustees.

<u>29–404.</u>

(a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, this Part II of this subtitle applies only to an allowance received by a former member, retiree, or surviving beneficiary of a deceased member, former member, or retiree of:

(1) the Employees' Pension System if the deceased member, former member, or retiree was an employee of a participating governmental unit or a former participating governmental unit, other than Frederick County, that has withdrawn while a member; or

(2) the Local Fire and Police System.

(b) This Part II of this subtitle does not apply to an allowance OR PORTION OF AN ALLOWANCE that is:

(1) subject to adjustment under Part II, Part IV, Part V, [or] Part VI, OR PART VII of this subtitle; OR

(2) <u>BASED ON CREDITABLE SERVICE EARNED ON OR AFTER JULY</u> 1, 2011.

29-410.

(a) (1) [This] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THIS Part III applies only to an allowance received by:

[(1)] (I) <u>a former member, retiree, or surviving spouse of a member:</u>

[(i)] <u>1.</u> of the Correctional Officers' Retirement System;

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[(ii)] 2. of the Employees' Retirement System or the Teachers' Retirement System who elected Selection A (Additional member contributions);

[(iii)] <u>3.</u> of the State Police Retirement System;

[(iv)] 4. who transferred to the Local Fire and Police System from the Employees' Retirement System; or

[(v)] <u>5.</u> who transferred to the Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System from the Employees' Retirement System and had elected Selection A (Additional member contributions); or

[(2)] (II) a surviving beneficiary of a deceased former member or retiree described in item [(1)](I) of this [subsection] PARAGRAPH.

(2) THIS PART III APPLIES ONLY TO AN ALLOWANCE BASED ON CREDITABLE SERVICE EARNED BEFORE JULY 1, 2011, FOR A FORMER MEMBER, RETIREE, SURVIVING SPOUSE OF A MEMBER, OR A SURVIVING BENEFICIARY OF A DECEASED FORMER MEMBER OR RETIREE:

(I) OF THE CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS' RETIREMENT

SYSTEM; OR

(II) OF THE STATE POLICE RETIREMENT SYSTEM.

- (b) This Part III does not apply to:
 - (1) <u>benefits paid in a single payment;</u>
 - (2) the return of accumulated contributions; or
 - (3) <u>benefits attributable to additional contributions.</u>

<u>29–425.</u>

(a) This Part VI of this subtitle applies:

(1) on or after July 1, 1998 only to an allowance BASED ON CREDITABLE SERVICE EARNED BEFORE JULY 1, 2011, AND received by a former member, retiree, or surviving beneficiary of a deceased member, former member, or retiree of the Employees' Pension System or the Teachers' Pension System; and

(2) on or after December 31, 2000, to an allowance BASED ON CREDITABLE SERVICE EARNED BEFORE JULY 1, 2011, AND received by a former member, retiree, or surviving beneficiary of a deceased member, former member, or retiree of the Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System.

- (b) This Part VI of this subtitle does not apply if:
 - (1) the member, former member, or retiree was an employee of:

(i) <u>a participating governmental unit that has not elected the</u> <u>contributory pension benefit or the Alternate Contributory Pension Selection of its</u> <u>employees under § 31–116 of this article; or</u>

(ii) a former participating governmental unit, other than Frederick County, that has withdrawn before July 1, 1998, while a member; or

(2) the member, former member, or retiree:

(i) transferred to the Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System from the Employees' Retirement System; and

(ii) did not elect to participate in the Law Enforcement Officers' Modified Pension Benefit on or before December 31, 2000 as provided in § 26–211 of this article.

29–428. RESERVED.

29–429. RESERVED.

PART VII. THREE/ONE <u>TWO AND ONE-HALF/ONE</u> PERCENT COMPOUND ADJUSTMENT.

29-430.

THIS PART VII OF THIS SUBTITLE (THREE/ONE (TWO AND ONE-HALF/ONE PERCENT COMPOUND ADJUSTMENT) APPLIES TO AN ALLOWANCE RECEIVED BY A FORMER MEMBER, RETIREE, OR SURVIVING BENEFICIARY OF A DECEASED MEMBER, FORMER-MEMBER, OR RETIREE OF THE EMPLOYEES' PENSION SYSTEM OR THE-TEACHERS' PENSION SYSTEM WHO IS SUBJECT TO THE REFORMED CONTRIBUTORY PENSION BENEFIT UNDER TITLE 23, SUBTITLE 2, PART IV OF THIS ARTICLE BASED ON CREDITABLE SERVICE EARNED ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2011, FOR:

(1) <u>A FORMER MEMBER, RETIREE, OR SURVIVING SPOUSE OF A</u> <u>MEMBER OF:</u>

(1) THE CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM;

(II) <u>THE EMPLOYEES' PENSION SYSTEM;</u>

(III) THE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' PENSION SYSTEM;

- (IV) THE STATE POLICE RETIREMENT SYSTEM; OR
- (V) THE TEACHERS' PENSION SYSTEM; OR

(2) <u>A BENEFICIARY OF THE RETIREE OR FORMER MEMBER</u> <u>DESCRIBED IN ITEM (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION</u>.

29-431.

EACH FISCAL YEAR, THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES SHALL ADJUST EACH ALLOWANCE AS PROVIDED IN THIS PART VII OF THIS SUBTITLE.

29-432.

(A) EACH FISCAL YEAR, THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES SHALL ADJUST AN ALLOWANCE BY MULTIPLYING THE ALLOWANCE FOR THE PRECEDING FISCAL YEAR, EXCLUSIVE OF ANY ADDITIONAL VOLUNTARY ANNUITY, BY A RATE THAT:

(1) IS OBTAINED BY DIVIDING THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31 IN THE PRECEDING FISCAL YEAR BY THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31 IN THE SECOND PRECEDING FISCAL YEAR; AND

 $(2) \quad DOES NOT EXCEED:$

(I) $\frac{3\%}{2.5\%}$, IF FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31 IN THE PRECEDING FISCAL YEAR, THE TOTAL INVESTMENT PERFORMANCE OF THE SEVERAL SYSTEMS EQUALS OR EXCEEDS THE ASSUMED RATE OF INVESTMENT RETURN ESTABLISHED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 21–125(C) OF THIS ARTICLE; OR

(II) 1%, IF FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31 IN THE PRECEDING FISCAL YEAR, THE TOTAL INVESTMENT PERFORMANCE OF THE SEVERAL SYSTEMS DOES NOT EQUAL OR EXCEED THE ASSUMED RATE OF INVESTMENT RETURN ESTABLISHED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 21-125(C) OF THIS ARTICLE.

(B) THE ADJUSTMENT UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION SHALL BEGIN THE SECOND JULY 1 AFTER THE DAY PRECEDING THE RETIREE'S DATE OF RETIREMENT OR THE FORMER MEMBER'S EFFECTIVE DATE FOR RECEIPT OF A VESTED ALLOWANCE.

(C) (1) THE EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE TOTAL ALLOWANCE PAYABLE IN EACH FISCAL YEAR SHALL BE THE SUM OF:

(1) (1) THE ANNUAL RATE OF ALLOWANCE PAID DURING THE PRECEDING FISCAL YEAR;

(2) (II) THE ADJUSTMENT IN ALLOWANCE PROVIDED FOR UNDER THIS SECTION; AND

(3) (III) ANY ADDITIONAL ANNUITY.

(2) (I) IN THIS PARAGRAPH, "ZERO-ADJUSTMENT FISCAL YEAR" MEANS ANY FISCAL YEAR WHEN THE ALLOWANCE ADJUSTED AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION IS LESS THAN THE ALLOWANCE PAID FOR THE PRECEDING FISCAL YEAR.

(II) FOR ANY FISCAL YEAR, THE ALLOWANCE PAYABLE MAY NOT BE LESS THAN THE ALLOWANCE PAID FOR THE PRECEDING FISCAL YEAR.

(III) 1. THIS SUBPARAGRAPH APPLIES ONLY TO A FISCAL YEAR THAT IS NOT A ZERO–ADJUSTMENT FISCAL YEAR.

2. <u>SUBJECT TO SUBSUBPARAGRAPH 3 OF THIS</u> <u>SUBPARAGRAPH:</u>

A. FOR A FISCAL YEAR THAT FOLLOWS IMMEDIATELY AFTER A ZERO-ADJUSTMENT FISCAL YEAR, THE ALLOWANCE PAYABLE AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE REDUCED BY THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE ALLOWANCE PAID IN THE PRECEDING FISCAL YEAR AND THE ALLOWANCE THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN PAYABLE FOR THE PRECEDING FISCAL YEAR IF THE ALLOWANCE FOR THAT FISCAL YEAR HAD BEEN CALCULATED WITHOUT REGARD TO SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH; AND

B. FOR A FISCAL YEAR THAT FOLLOWS IMMEDIATELY AFTER 2 OR MORE CONSECUTIVE ZERO-ADJUSTMENT FISCAL YEARS, THE ALLOWANCE PAYABLE AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE REDUCED BY THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE TOTAL OF THE ALLOWANCES PAID IN EACH CONSECUTIVE ZERO-ADJUSTMENT FISCAL YEAR PRECEDING THE FISCAL YEAR AND THE TOTAL ALLOWANCES THAT WOULD Ch. 397

HAVE BEEN PAYABLE FOR EACH OF THOSE FISCAL YEARS IF THE ALLOWANCE FOR EACH OF THOSE FISCAL YEARS HAD BEEN CALCULATED WITHOUT REGARD TO SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH.

3. IF THE AMOUNT OF THE REDUCTION REQUIRED FOR ANY FISCAL YEAR UNDER SUBSUBPARAGRAPH 2 OF THIS SUBPARAGRAPH EXCEEDS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE ALLOWANCE AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR AND THE ALLOWANCE PAID IN THE PRECEDING FISCAL YEAR, THE EXCESS SHALL BE DEDUCTED IN FUTURE YEARS, SUBJECT TO SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, UNTIL THE DIFFERENCE IS FULLY RECOVERED.

<u>29–433. Reserved.</u>

29-434. RESERVED.

PART VIII. THREE/ONE PERCENT COMPOUND COMBINATION ADJUSTMENT.

29-435.

(A) THIS PART VIII APPLIES ONLY TO AN ALLOWANCE BASED ON CREDITABLE SERVICE EARNED ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2011, FOR:

(1) <u>A FORMER MEMBER, RETIREE, OR SURVIVING SPOUSE OF A</u> <u>MEMBER OF:</u>

- (I) <u>THE CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM;</u>
- (II) THE EMPLOYEES' PENSION SYSTEM;
- (III) THE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' PENSION SYSTEM;
- (IV) THE STATE POLICE RETIREMENT SYSTEM; OR
- (V) <u>THE TEACHERS' PENSION SYSTEM; OR</u>

(2) <u>A BENEFICIARY OF THE RETIREE OR FORMER MEMBER</u> DESCRIBED IN ITEM (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION.

- (B) THIS PART VIII OF THIS SUBTITLE DOES NOT APPLY IF:
 - (1) THE MEMBER, FORMER MEMBER, OR RETIREE WAS:

(I) <u>SUBJECT TO THE REFORMED CONTRIBUTORY PENSION</u>

BENEFIT;

(II) <u>AN EMPLOYEE OF A PARTICIPATING GOVERNMENTAL</u> UNIT THAT HAS NOT ELECTED THE CONTRIBUTORY PENSION BENEFIT OR THE ALTERNATE CONTRIBUTORY PENSION SELECTION OF ITS EMPLOYEES UNDER § 31–116 OF THIS ARTICLE; OR

(HI) AN EMPLOYEE OF A FORMER PARTICIPATING GOVERNMENTAL UNIT, OTHER THAN FREDERICK COUNTY, THAT HAS WITHDRAWN BEFORE JULY 1, 1998, WHILE A MEMBER; OR

(2) <u>THE MEMBER, FORMER MEMBER, OR RETIREE:</u>

(1) TRANSFERRED TO THE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' PENSION SYSTEM FROM THE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM; AND

(II) DID NOT ELECT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' MODIFIED PENSION BENEFIT ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2000, AS PROVIDED IN § 26–211 OF THIS ARTICLE.

29-436.

EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTIONS (B) AND (C) OF THIS SECTION, THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES SHALL ADJUST AN ALLOWANCE DESCRIBED IN § 29–435 OF THIS SUBTITLE:

(1) FOR CREDITABLE SERVICE EARNED BEFORE JULY 1, 2011, AS PROVIDED BY PART VI OF THIS SUBTITLE; AND

(2) FOR CREDITABLE SERVICE ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2011, AS PROVIDED BY PART VII OF THIS SUBTITLE.

31–116.2.

(A) (1) THIS EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THIS SECTION APPLIES TO AN INDIVIDUAL WHO BECOMES AN EMPLOYEE OF A PARTICIPATING GOVERNMENTAL UNIT ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2011.

(2) THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO AN INDIVIDUAL WHO BECOMES AN EMPLOYEE OF:

(I) <u>A PARTICIPATING GOVERNMENTAL UNIT THAT ON JULY</u> <u>1, 2011, IS PARTICIPATING IN THE EMPLOYEES' PENSION SYSTEM AND HAS NOT</u> <u>ELECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ALTERNATE CONTRIBUTORY PENSION</u> <u>SELECTION UNDER § 31–116.1 OF THIS ARTICLE; OR</u>

(II) <u>A FORMER PARTICIPATING GOVERNMENTAL UNIT,</u> <u>OTHER THAN FREDERICK COUNTY, THAT HAS WITHDRAWN FROM THE</u> <u>EMPLOYEES' PENSION SYSTEM ON OR BEFORE JUNE 30, 2011.</u>

(B) AN INDIVIDUAL DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION IS SUBJECT TO THE REFORMED CONTRIBUTORY PENSION BENEFIT UNDER TITLE 23, SUBTITLE 2, PART IV OF THIS ARTICLE.

34-101.

(d) [For fiscal year 2013 and each fiscal year thereafter, the following funds shall be deposited into the Postretirement Health Benefits Trust Fund:

(1) any subsidy received by the State that is provided to employers as a result of the federal Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003, or similar federal subsidy received as a result of the State's prescription drug program; and

(2)] THE POSTRETIREMENT HEALTH BENEFITS TRUST FUND SHALL CONSIST OF any funds appropriated to the Postretirement Health Benefits Trust Fund, whether directly or through the budgets of any State agency.

<u>37–101.</u>

(j) (1) "Noncontributory system" means a State or local retirement or pension system under which member contributions are not deducted from all compensation.

(2) "Noncontributory system" includes the part of the Employees' Pension System of the State of Maryland and the part of the Teachers' Pension System of the State of Maryland that does not provide a contributory pension benefit under Title 23, Subtitle 2, Part II of this article or the Alternate Contributory Pension Selection under Title 23, Subtitle 2, Part III of this article OR THE REFORMED CONTRIBUTORY PENSION BENEFIT UNDER TITLE 23, SUBTITLE 2, PART IV OF THIS ARTICLE.

(R-1) "STATE REFORMED CONTRIBUTORY EMPLOYEES' PENSION SYSTEM" MEANS THE PART OF THE EMPLOYEES' PENSION SYSTEM OF THE

STATE OF MARYLAND THAT PROVIDES THE REFORMED CONTRIBUTORY PENSION BENEFIT UNDER TITLE 23, SUBTITLE 2, PART IV OF THIS ARTICLE.

(R-2) "STATE REFORMED CONTRIBUTORY TEACHERS' PENSION SYSTEM" MEANS THE PART OF THE TEACHERS' PENSION SYSTEM OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND THAT PROVIDES THE REFORMED CONTRIBUTORY PENSION BENEFIT UNDER TITLE 23, SUBTITLE 2, PART IV OF THIS ARTICLE.

<u>37–203.</u>

(a) This section does not apply to a transfer of service credit to or from the State Alternate Contributory Employees' Pension System, the State Alternate Contributory Teachers' Pension System, the State Contributory Employees' Pension System, the State Contributory Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System, [or] the State Contributory Teachers' Pension System, THE STATE REFORMED CONTRIBUTORY EMPLOYEES' PENSION SYSTEM, OR THE STATE REFORMED CONTRIBUTORY TEACHERS' PENSION SYSTEM.

37-203.1.

(a) (1) An individual may transfer service credit from a contributory system to the State Alternate Contributory Employees' Pension System, the State Alternate Contributory Teachers' Pension System, the State Contributory Employees' Pension System, the State Contributory Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System, [or] the State Contributory Teachers' Pension System, THE STATE REFORMED CONTRIBUTORY EMPLOYEES' PENSION SYSTEM, OR THE STATE REFORMED CONTRIBUTORY TEACHERS' PENSION SYSTEM if, within 1 year after becoming a member of the pension system, the individual:

(i) <u>completes a claim for the service credit and files it with the</u> <u>Board of Trustees of the State Retirement and Pension System on a form that the</u> <u>Board of Trustees provides; and</u>

(ii) deposits in the annuity savings fund of:

<u>1.</u> <u>the Employees' Pension System or Teachers' Pension</u> System member contributions at the rate applicable for the period of service if the member had earned the transferred service credit in the new system, including regular interest on the contributions at the rate of 5% per year compounded annually; or

<u>2.</u> <u>the Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System</u> <u>member contributions at the rate of 4% of the individual's earnable compensation</u> <u>while a member of the contributory system after June 30, 2000, including regular</u> <u>interest on the contributions at the rate of 5% per year compounded annually.</u> (2) <u>Subject to § 414(h) of the Internal Revenue Code, the contributory</u> system shall refund the individual's accumulated contributions in excess of the amount determined under paragraph (1) of this subsection on request.

(b) (1) Subject to paragraph (2) of this subsection, an individual may transfer service credit from a noncontributory system to the State Alternate Contributory Employees' Pension System, the State Alternate Contributory Teachers' Pension System, the State Contributory Employees' Pension System, the State Contributory Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System, [or] the State Contributory Teachers' Pension System, THE STATE REFORMED CONTRIBUTORY EMPLOYEES' PENSION SYSTEM, OR THE STATE REFORMED CONTRIBUTORY TEACHERS' PENSION SYSTEM if, within 1 year after becoming a member of the pension system, the individual completes a claim for the service credit and files it with the Board of Trustees for the State Retirement and Pension System on a form that the Board of Trustees provides.

(3) (i) 1. This subparagraph applies only to an individual who transferred service credit from a noncontributory system to the State Alternate Contributory Employees' Pension System, the State Alternate Contributory Teachers' Pension System, the State Contributory Employees' Pension System, [or] the State Contributory Teachers' Pension System, THE STATE REFORMED CONTRIBUTORY EMPLOYEES' PENSION SYSTEM, OR THE STATE REFORMED CONTRIBUTORY TEACHERS' PENSION SYSTEM and earned any portion of the transferred service credit in a noncontributory system after June 30, 1998.

(c) (1) An individual may transfer service credit from the State Alternate Contributory Employees' Pension System, the State Alternate Contributory Teachers' Pension System, the State Contributory Employees' Pension System, the State Contributory Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System, [or] the State Contributory Teachers' Pension System, THE STATE REFORMED CONTRIBUTORY EMPLOYEES' PENSION SYSTEM, OR THE STATE REFORMED CONTRIBUTORY TEACHERS' PENSION SYSTEM to a noncontributory system if, within 1 year after becoming a member of the noncontributory system, the individual completes a claim for the service credit and files it with the administrator of the noncontributory system on a form that the administrator provides.

(d) (1) An individual may transfer service credit from the State Alternate Contributory Employees' Pension System, the State Alternate Contributory Teachers' Pension System, the State Contributory Employees' Pension System, the State Contributory Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System, [or] the State Contributory Teachers' Pension System, THE STATE REFORMED CONTRIBUTORY EMPLOYEES' PENSION SYSTEM, OR THE STATE REFORMED CONTRIBUTORY TEACHERS' PENSION SYSTEM to a contributory system if, within 1 year after becoming a member of the contributory system, the individual: (i) <u>completes a claim for the service credit and files it with the</u> administrator of the contributory system on a form that the administrator provides; and

(ii) deposits in the annuity savings fund or other corresponding fund of the contributory system the sum of:

<u>1.</u> <u>the total accumulated contributions to the individual's</u> <u>credit in the annuity savings fund of the previous system;</u>

<u>2.</u> <u>the difference, if any, between the member</u> <u>contributions at the rate provided for in the contributory system, including interest on</u> <u>those contributions, and the total accumulated contributions to the individual's credit</u> <u>in the annuity savings fund of the previous system; and</u>

<u>3.</u> the accumulated contributions that would have been deducted during the period the individual was a member of the State system while it was a noncontributory system if the individual had earned the transferred service credit under the contributory system, including interest on those contributions.

38–104.

(d) (1) [The] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE service credit for military service that an individual receives under this section shall be applied to the individual's retirement allowance using the accrual rate in effect at the time the individual retires from a State system.

(2) IF AN INDIVIDUAL APPLIES FOR MILITARY SERVICE CREDIT ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2011, THE SERVICE CREDIT FOR MILITARY SERVICE THAT THE INDIVIDUAL RECEIVES UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE APPLIED TO THE INDIVIDUAL'S RETIREMENT ALLOWANCE USING THE ACCRUAL RATE IN EFFECT AT THE TIME THE INDIVIDUAL SUBMITS AN APPLICATION FOR MILITARY SERVICE CREDIT TO THE STATE RETIREMENT AGENCY.

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2-202.

(b) The revenue to be distributed in accordance with subsection (a)(1) of this section:

(1) for fiscal year 2010 only, shall be distributed to the General Fund of the State; [and]

(2) for fiscal year 2011 only, shall be distributed as follows:

(i) \$500,000 to the Special Fund for Preservation of Cultural Arts in Maryland, as provided in § 4–801 of the Economic Development Article;

(ii) \$500,000 to a special fund, to be used only as provided in subsection (c) of this section; and

(iii) the balance to the General Fund of the State; AND

(3) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012 ONLY, SHALL BE DISTRIBUTED <u>AS</u> <u>FOLLOWS:</u>

(1) \$500,000 TO A SPECIAL FUND, TO BE USED ONLY AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION; AND

(II) <u>THE BALANCE</u> AS-FOLLOWS:

(I) \$1,000,000 to the Special Fund for Preservation of Cultural Arts in Maryland, as provided in § 4–801 of the Economic Development Article; and

(H) THE BALANCE TO THE GENERAL FUND OF THE STATE.

(c) (1) (1) For fiscal year 2011, the Comptroller shall pay from the special fund established under subsection (b)(2)(ii) of this section a grant to the local jurisdictions where the electronic bingo machines or electronic tip jar machines that are the source of the revenue are located, to be used by the local jurisdictions only for one-time capital expenditures.

[(2)] (II) A grant under this [subsection] PARAGRAPH shall be paid to a municipal corporation if the machines are located in a municipal corporation or to a county if the machines are not located in a municipal corporation.

[(3)] (III) The grants under this [subsection] PARAGRAPH shall be paid to each local jurisdiction in proportion to the amount of tax revenue derived from machines in each jurisdiction.

(2) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012, THE SPECIAL FUND ESTABLISHED UNDER SUBSECTION (B)(3)(1) OF THIS SECTION MAY BE USED ONLY AS FOLLOWS:

(1) \$150,000 AS AN APPROPRIATION TO THE STATE ARCHIVES, TO BE USED ONLY FOR THE OPERATING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE STATE HOUSE MASTER PLAN AS APPROVED BY THE STATE HOUSE TRUST;

(II) \$50,000 AS A GRANT TO BE PAID BY THE COMPTROLLER TO THE MARYLAND HUMANITIES COUNCIL; AND

(III) IMPACT GRANTS TO BE PAID BY THE COMPTROLLER IN THE LOCAL JURISDICTIONS WHERE THE ELECTRONIC BINGO MACHINES OR ELECTRONIC TIP JAR MACHINES ARE LOCATED, AS FOLLOWS:

<u>1.</u> <u>\$150,000 in Anne Arundel County to the</u> <u>Anne Arundel County Volunteer Firefighters Association for</u> <u>CAPITAL EXPENDITURES AND REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT; AND</u>

2. \$150,000 IN CALVERT COUNTY AS FOLLOWS:

<u>A.</u> <u>\$125,000 to be divided equally between the</u> <u>Town of Chesapeake Beach and the Town of North Beach, to be used</u> <u>ONLY FOR ONE-TIME CAPITAL EXPENDITURES; AND</u>

<u>B.</u> \$25,000 to the Beach Trolley Association OF Chesapeake Beach and North Beach.

<u>2–614.</u>

(a) (1) [After] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, AFTER making the distributions required under §§ 2–613 and 2–613.1 of this subtitle, the Comptroller shall distribute monthly [24%] 19.5% 17.2% of the remaining income tax revenue from corporations to a special fund to be distributed as provided in subsection (b) of this section.

(2) THE PERCENT OF THE REMAINING INCOME TAX REVENUE FROM CORPORATIONS DISTRIBUTED TO A SPECIAL FUND TO BE DISTRIBUTED AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE:

(I) <u>24% FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2011;</u>

AND

(II) 9.5% FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2012;

<u>AND</u>

(III) 19.5% FOR EACH FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2013, BUT BEFORE JULY 1, 2016. (b) (1) (I) [From] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, FROM the special fund, the Comptroller shall distribute an amount equal to [24%] 19.5% 17.2% of the cost to administer the income tax on corporations to an administrative cost account.

(II) THE PERCENT OF THE COST TO ADMINISTER THE INCOME TAX ON CORPORATIONS THAT IS DISTRIBUTED TO AN ADMINISTRATIVE COST ACCOUNT SHALL BE:

1. 24% FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1,

<u>2011; AND</u>

2. 9.5% FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1,

2012; AND

(III) 19.5% FOR EACH FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2013, BUT BEFORE JULY 1, 2016.

(2) After making the distribution required under paragraph (1) of this subsection, the Comptroller shall distribute the balance in the special fund to the Gasoline and Motor Vehicle Revenue Account in the Transportation Trust Fund.

2-1104.

(a) Except as **OTHERWISE** provided in [subsections (b), (c), and (d) of] this section, after making the distributions required under \$ 2–1101 through 2–1103 of this subtitle, from the remaining motor fuel tax revenue, the Comptroller shall distribute:

(1) 2.3% to the Chesapeake Bay 2010 Trust Fund; and

(2) any remaining balance to the Gasoline and Motor Vehicle Revenue Account of the Transportation Trust Fund.

(b) For [the] EACH fiscal year beginning ON OR BEFORE July 1, [2008] **2015**, instead of the distribution required under subsection (a)(1) of this section, the Comptroller shall distribute 2.3% of the remaining motor fuel tax revenue as follows:

(1) [\$6,500,000] to the General Fund of the State:

(I) \$5,000,000 FOR EACH FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2014; AND

(II) \$4,624,687 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1,

2015; and

(2) the balance to the Chesapeake Bay 2010 Trust Fund.

[(c) For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009, instead of the distribution required under subsection (a)(1) of this section, the Comptroller shall distribute 2.3% of the remaining motor fuel tax revenue as follows:

- (1) \$8,385,845 to the General Fund of the State; and
- (2) the balance to the Chesapeake Bay 2010 Trust Fund.

(d) For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2010, instead of the distribution required under subsection (a)(1) of this section, the Comptroller shall distribute 2.3% of the remaining motor fuel tax revenue as follows:

- (1) \$5,000,000 to the General Fund of the State; and
- (2) the balance to the Chesapeake Bay 2010 Trust Fund.]

2 - 1302.1.

(a) Except as **OTHERWISE** provided in [subsections (b), (c), and (d) of] this section, after making the distributions required under §§ 2-1301 and 2-1302 of this subtitle, of the sales and use tax collected on short-term vehicle rentals under § 11-104(c) of this article the Comptroller shall distribute:

(1) 45% to the Transportation Trust Fund established under § 3–216 of the Transportation Article; and

(2) the remainder to the Chesapeake Bay 2010 Trust Fund.

(b) For [the] EACH fiscal year beginning ON OR BEFORE July 1, [2008] **2014**, after the distribution required under subsection (a)(1) of this section, the Comptroller shall distribute the remainder of the sales and use tax collected on short-term vehicle rentals under 11–104(c) of this article as follows:

(1) [\$18,500,000] to the General Fund of the State:

(I) \$13,669,444 <u>\$16,669,444</u> \$15,169,444 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2011;

(II) \$10,076,582 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1,

2012;

(III) \$6,535,845 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1,

2013; AND

(IV) \$3,049,199 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1,

2014; and

(2) the remainder to the Chesapeake Bay 2010 Trust Fund.

[(c) For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009, after the distribution required under subsection (a)(1) of this section, the Comptroller shall distribute the remainder of the sales and use tax collected on short-term vehicle rentals under § 11-104(c) of this article as follows:

- (1) \$21,100,711 to the General Fund of the State; and
- (2) the remainder to the Chesapeake Bay 2010 Trust Fund.

(d) For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2010, after the distribution required under subsection (a)(1) of this section, the Comptroller shall distribute the remainder of the sales and use tax collected on short-term vehicle rentals under § 11-104(c) of this article as follows:

- (1) \$17,101,428 to the General Fund of the State; and
- (2) the remainder to the Chesapeake Bay 2010 Trust Fund.]

2-1302.2.

<u>After making the distributions required under §§ 2–1301 through 2–1302.1 of this subtitle, the Comptroller shall pay into the Transportation Trust Fund</u> established under § 3–216 of the Transportation Article:

(1) for each fiscal year beginning before July 1, 2013, 5.3% of the remaining sales and use tax revenue; and

(2) for each fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2013, 6.5% of the remaining sales and use tax revenue.]

<u>2–1303.</u>

After making the distributions required under §§ 2–1301 through [2–1302.2] 2–1302.1 of this subtitle, the Comptroller shall pay: (1) revenues from the hotel surcharge into the Dorchester County Economic Development Fund established under § 10–130 of the Economic Development Article; and

(2) the remaining sales and use tax revenue into the General Fund of the State.

11 - 105.

(c) [From January 3, 2008 through June 30, 2011:]

(1) [the] **THE** credit allowed under subsection (a) of this section may not exceed \$500 for each return[; and].

(2) [for] FOR a vendor who files or is eligible to file a consolidated return under § 11-502 of this title, the total maximum credit that the vendor is allowed under this section for all returns filed for any period is \$500.

Article – Tax – Property

2 - 106.

(A) Each county shall provide the supervisor of the county with an office in the county seat or in Baltimore City, for the supervisor of Baltimore City. The Department is responsible for providing each supervisor with clerical staff, equipment, and other facilities and assistance that the Department considers necessary and as provided in the State budget.

(B) (1) EACH EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, EACH COUNTY AND BALTIMORE CITY SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR REIMBURSING THE STATE FOR THE COSTS OF ADMINISTERING THE DEPARTMENT AS FOLLOWS:

(1) (1) 90% 50% of the costs of real property valuation;

(2) (11) 99% 50% OF THE COSTS OF BUSINESS PERSONAL PROPERTY VALUATION; AND

(3) (111) 99% 50% OF THE COSTS OF THE OFFICE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT, INCLUDING ANY FUNDING FOR DEPARTMENTAL PROJECTS IN THE MAJOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT FUND ESTABLISHED UNDER § 3A–309 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE.

(2) FOR EACH OF FISCAL YEARS 2012 AND 2013, EACH COUNTY AND BALTIMORE CITY SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR REIMBURSING THE STATE 90% INSTEAD OF 50% OF THE COSTS OF ADMINISTERING THE DEPARTMENT DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION.

(C) COSTS UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE ALLOCATED AMONG THE COUNTIES AND BALTIMORE CITY AS FOLLOWS:

(1) COSTS UNDER SUBSECTIONS (B)(1) AND (B)(3) OF THIS SECTION WILL BE ALLOCATED BASED ON THE NUMBER OF REAL PROPERTY ACCOUNTS OF A COUNTY OR BALTIMORE CITY AS A PERCENTAGE OF THE TOTAL NUMBER OF REAL PROPERTY ACCOUNTS STATEWIDE AS OF JULY 1 OF THE PRECEDING FISCAL YEAR; AND

(2) COSTS UNDER SUBSECTION (B)(2) OF THIS SECTION WILL BE ALLOCATED BASED ON THE BUSINESS PERSONAL PROPERTY ASSESSABLE BASE OF A COUNTY OR BALTIMORE CITY AS A PERCENTAGE OF THE TOTAL BUSINESS PERSONAL PROPERTY ASSESSABLE BASES STATEWIDE AS OF JULY 1 OF THE PRECEDING FISCAL YEAR.

(D) EACH COUNTY AND BALTIMORE CITY SHALL REMIT A QUARTERLY PAYMENT TO THE COMPTROLLER FOR 25% OF THE JURISDICTION'S SHARE OF COSTS ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:

- (1) JULY 1;
- (2) **OCTOBER 1;**
- (3) JANUARY 1; AND
- (4) APRIL 1.

(E) THE COMPTROLLER MAY WITHHOLD A PORTION OF A LOCAL INCOME TAX DISTRIBUTION OF A COUNTY OR BALTIMORE CITY THAT FAILS TO MAKE TIMELY PAYMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION.

9-103.

(d) (1) The appropriate governing body shall calculate the amount of the tax credit under this section equal to a percentage of the amount of property tax imposed on the eligible assessment of the qualified property, as follows:

(i) [80%] **50%**-in each of the 1st-[5] **6**-taxable years following the calendar year in which the property initially becomes a qualified property;

(ii)	[70%	in the 6th taxable year;
(iii)	<u>60%]</u>	40% in the 7th taxable year ;
[(iv)] ((III)	[50%] 30% in the 8th taxable year;
[(v)] (IV)	[40%] 20% in the 9th taxable year; and
[(vi)] ((V)	[30%] 10% in the 10th taxable year.

(4) For qualified property located in a focus area, the appropriate governing body shall calculate the amount of the tax credit under this section equal to [80%] 50% of the amount of property tax imposed on the eligible assessment of the qualified property for each of the 10 taxable years following the calendar year in which the property initially becomes a qualified property.

9-255.

(A) IN THIS SECTION, "ELIGIBLE ASSESSMENT" AND "QUALIFIED PROPERTY" HAVE THE MEANINGS STATED IN § 9–103 OF THIS TITLE.

(B) (1) THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE CITY OR THE GOVERNING BODY OF A COUNTY OR OF A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION MAY GRANT, BY LAW, A LOCAL SUPPLEMENT TO THE PROPERTY TAX CREDIT REQUIRED UNDER § 9–103 OF THIS TITLE AGAINST THE PROPERTY TAX IMPOSED ON THE ELIGIBLE ASSESSMENT OF QUALIFIED PROPERTY.

(2) <u>A COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION MAY NOT OBTAIN</u> <u>REIMBURSEMENT UNDER § 9–103(H) OF THIS TITLE FOR THE REVENUES THAT</u> <u>THE COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION WOULD HAVE COLLECTED IF IT HAD</u> <u>NOT GRANTED A LOCAL SUPPLEMENT AS AUTHORIZED UNDER THIS SECTION.</u>

(C) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION, THE LOCAL SUPPLEMENT AUTHORIZED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE PROPERTY TAX CREDIT REQUIRED UNDER § 9–103 OF THIS THEF.

(D) (1) <u>Subject to the limitation under paragraph (2) of this</u> <u>paragraph, a local supplement authorized under this section shall</u> <u>equal a percentage, as set by the Mayor and City Council of</u> <u>Baltimore City or the governing body of a county or of a municipal</u> <u>corporation, of the amount of property tax imposed on the eligible</u> <u>Assessment of the qualified property for each of not more than 10</u> Ch. 397

TAXABLE YEARS FOLLOWING THE CALENDAR YEAR IN WHICH THE PROPERTY INITIALLY BECOMES A QUALIFIED PROPERTY.

(2) FOR ANY TAXABLE YEAR, THE PERCENTAGE SET BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE CITY OR THE GOVERNING BODY OF A COUNTY OR OF A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION MAY NOT EXCEED THE PERCENTAGE THAT WHEN ADDED TO THE PERCENTAGE SPECIFIED IN § 9–103(D)(1) OF THIS TITLE FOR THAT TAXABLE YEAR EQUALS 80%.

Article – Transportation

1–103.

- [(c) Subsection (b) of this section does not apply to licenses issued under:
 - (1) Title 13 of this article (motor vehicle registrations); or
 - (2) Title 16 of this article (drivers' licenses).]

<u>3–215.</u>

(b) The tax levied and imposed by this section consists of that part of the following taxes that are retained to the credit of the Department after distributions to the political subdivisions:

(1) The motor fuel tax revenue distributed under 2-1103(2) and 2-1104(a)(2) of the Tax – General Article;

(2) <u>The income tax revenue distributed under § 2–614 of the Tax –</u> <u>General Article:</u>

(3) The excise tax imposed on vehicles by Part II of Title 13, Subtitle 8 of this article; and

(4) The sales and use tax revenues distributed under [\S 2–1302.1 and 2–1302.2] § 2–1302.1 of the Tax – General Article.

<u>3–217.</u>

(A) BEGINNING JULY 1, 2012, FUNDS IN THE TRANSPORTATION TRUST FUND MAY NOT BE TRANSFERRED OR DIVERTED FROM THAT FUND TO THE GENERAL FUND UNLESS LEGISLATION IS ENACTED PRIOR TO THE TRANSFER OR DIVERSION THAT PROVIDES FOR REPAYMENT OF THE FUNDS TO THE

TRANSPORTATION TRUST FUND WITHIN 5 YEARS AFTER THE TRANSFER OR DIVERSION.

(B) THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO A TRANSFER OR DIVERSION OF FUNDS UNDER § 8–403 OF THIS ARTICLE.

4-321.

(e) The Governor shall transfer to the Authority for the Intercounty Connector:

(1) From the Transportation Trust Fund, at least \$30,000,000 each year for fiscal years 2007 through 2010;

(2) From the General Fund or general obligation bonds, an aggregate appropriation by fiscal year [2012] **2013** equal to \$264,913,000, as follows:

- (i) \$53,000,000 for fiscal year 2007;
- (ii) \$55,000,000 for fiscal year 2010;
- (iii) At least \$80,000,000 for fiscal year 2011; and
- (iv) The remaining balance for fiscal year 2012 OR FISCAL

YEAR 2013; and

(3) At least \$10,000,000 federal aid from any source in amounts as deemed prudent.

5-415.

(A) IN THIS SECTION, "FIRE RESCUE SERVICE" MEANS THE MARYLAND AVIATION ADMINISTRATION FIRE RESCUE SERVICE.

(B) <u>Subject to subsection (c) of this section, the Fire Rescue</u> <u>Service shall charge an ambulance transport fee as provided in</u> <u>subsection (d) of this section to an individual if the Fire Rescue</u> <u>Service transports the individual to a hospital from property</u> <u>owned by the Administration or property subject to a mutual and</u> <u>Agreement to which the Administration is a party.</u>

(C) (1) THE FIRE RESCUE SERVICE MAY NOT:

(I) QUESTION AN INDIVIDUAL ABOUT ABILITY TO PAY THE AMBULANCE TRANSPORT FEE AT THE TIME THAT AMBULANCE TRANSPORTATION IS REQUESTED OR PROVIDED; OR

(II) FAIL TO PROVIDE AMBULANCE TRANSPORTATION AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES BECAUSE OF AN INDIVIDUAL'S ACTUAL OR PERCEIVED INABILITY TO PAY THE AMBULANCE TRANSPORT FEE.

(2) <u>The Administration may procure the services of a</u> <u>Third party billing company to administer its ambulance transport</u> <u>Fee program.</u>

(3) <u>THE ADMINISTRATION MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS TO</u> <u>ADMINISTER THE COLLECTION OF THE AMBULANCE TRANSPORT FEE,</u> <u>INCLUDING REGULATIONS GOVERNING:</u>

(1) <u>A WAIVER OF THE AMBULANCE TRANSPORT FEE IN THE</u> EVENT OF FINANCIAL HARDSHIP;

(II) <u>The acceptance of reduced payments by</u> <u>commercial insurers and other third-party payors, including</u> <u>Medicare and Medicaid; and</u>

(III) <u>A requirement that each individual receiving</u> <u>AN AMBULANCE TRANSPORT PROVIDE FINANCIAL INFORMATION, INCLUDING</u> <u>THE INDIVIDUAL'S INSURANCE COVERAGE, AND ASSIGN INSURANCE BENEFITS</u> <u>TO THE ADMINISTRATION.</u>

(D) THE AMBULANCE TRANSPORT FEE SHALL BE THE SUM OF:

(1) AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO:

(1) \$550 FOR SERVICES THAT QUALIFY AS ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT, LEVEL 1, UNDER 42 C.F.R. 414.605;

(II) \$600 FOR SERVICES THAT QUALIFY AS ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT, LEVEL 2, UNDER 42 C.F.R. 414.605; OR

(III) \$375 FOR SERVICES THAT QUALIFY AS BASIC LIFE SUPPORT UNDER 42 C.F.R. 414.605; AND

(2) <u>AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO \$13 FOR EACH MILE THE INDIVIDUAL</u> IS TRANSPORTED BY THE FIRE RESCUE SERVICE.

(E) <u>THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL DEPOSIT THE FEES COLLECTED</u> UNDER THIS SECTION IN THE TRANSPORTATION TRUST FUND.

7-208.

control.

(b) (1) For fiscal year 2009 and each fiscal year thereafter, the Administration shall separately recover from fares and other operating revenues at least 35 percent of the total operating costs for:

(i) The Administration's bus, light rail, and Metro subway services in the Baltimore region; and

(ii) All passenger railroad services under the Administration's

(2) The Administration shall submit, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, an annual report to the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee, House Ways and Means Committee, and House Appropriations Committee by December 1 of each year that includes:

(i) <u>Separate farebox recovery ratios for the prior fiscal year for:</u>

<u>1.</u> <u>Bus, light rail, and Metro subway services provided by</u> <u>the Administration in the Baltimore region;</u>

2. <u>Commuter bus service provided under contract to the</u> <u>Administration in the Baltimore region; and</u>

<u>3.</u> <u>Maryland Area Rail Commuter (MARC) service</u> provided under contract to the Administration;

(ii) <u>A discussion of the success or failure to achieve the farebox</u> recovery requirement established in paragraph (1) of this subsection; [and]

(iii) <u>Comparisons of farebox recovery ratios for the</u> <u>Administration's mass transit services and other similar transit systems nationwide</u>; <u>AND</u>

(IV) THE ESTIMATED FARE PRICES NECESSARY TO ACHIEVE THE FAREBOX RECOVERY REQUIREMENT ESTABLISHED IN PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION FOR THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR.

(B-1) SUBJECT TO § 7-506 OF THIS TITLE, THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL:

(1) SHALL SET THE FARE PRICES FOR BUS, LIGHT RAIL, AND METRO SUBWAY SERVICES IN THE BALTIMORE REGION AND FOR PASSENGER RAILROAD SERVICES UNDER THE ADMINISTRATION'S CONTROL AT AND COLLECT OTHER OPERATING REVENUES IN AN AMOUNT SUFFICIENT TO ACHIEVE THE FAREBOX RECOVERY REQUIREMENT ESTABLISHED IN SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION; AND

(2) <u>MAY NOT REDUCE THE LEVEL OF SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE</u> <u>ADMINISTRATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF ACHIEVING THE FAREBOX RECOVERY</u> <u>REQUIREMENT.</u>

8-402.

(c) (2) For fiscal years 2010 through 2012, the Account shall be distributed as follows:

- (i) A portion to the General Fund of the State as follows:
 - 1. 19.5% for fiscal year 2010;
 - 2. 23% for fiscal year 2011; and
 - 3. [20.4%] **24.01931%** for fiscal year 2012;
- (ii) A portion to be used as provided in § 3–216 of this article, as

follows:

- $\frac{1}{1.} \qquad \frac{70\% \text{ for fiscal year } 2010;}{1.}$
- 2. 68.5% for fiscal year 2011; and
- 3. [71.5%] 65.5% for fiscal year 2012; [and]

(IV) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012 ONLY, 2.38069% TO THE REVENUE STABILIZATION ACCOUNT ESTABLISHED UNDER § 7-311 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE; AND

[(iii)] (IV) The balance to be used to pay the allocations of highway user revenues provided under this subtitle to the counties, municipalities, and Baltimore City.

(c) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, for each fiscal year:

(i) [19.3% of the revenue credited to the Account shall be distributed to the General Fund of the State:

(ii)] [71.5%] **90.4%** of the revenue credited to the Account may be used as provided in § 3–216 of this article; and

[(iii)] (II) The balance of the Account shall be used to pay the allocations of highway user revenues provided by this subtitle to the counties, municipalities, and Baltimore City.

(2) For fiscal years 2010 through [2012] **2013**, the Account shall be distributed as follows:

(i) <u>A portion to the General Fund of the State FOR FISCAL</u> <u>YEARS 2010 THROUGH 2012 as follows:</u>

- <u>1.</u> <u>19.5% for fiscal year 2010;</u>
- <u>2.</u> <u>23% for fiscal year 2011; and</u>
- <u>3.</u> [20.4%] **11.3%** for fiscal year 2012;

(ii) A portion to be used as provided in § 3–216 of this article, as

follows:

- <u>1.</u> <u>70% for fiscal year 2010;</u>
- <u>2.</u> <u>68.5% for fiscal year 2011; [and]</u>

<u>3.</u> [71.5%] SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION, 79.8% for fiscal year 2012; AND

4. 90% FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013; and

(iii) <u>The balance to be used to pay the allocations of highway</u> <u>user revenues provided under this subtitle to the counties, municipalities, and</u> <u>Baltimore City.</u>

(3) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012, FROM THE AMOUNT ALLOCATED TO THE TRANSPORTATION TRUST FUND UNDER PARAGRAPH (2)(II)3 OF THIS SUBSECTION, \$40,000,000 SHALL BE TRANSFERRED FROM THE TRANSPORTATION TRUST FUND TO THE REVENUE STABILIZATION ACCOUNT ESTABLISHED UNDER § 7–311 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE. <u>8–403.</u>

(a) <u>Subject to §§ 3–307 and 3–308 of this article, and except as provided in</u> <u>subsection (b) of this section, for each fiscal year, from the total highway user</u> <u>revenues:</u>

(1) An amount equal to [7.5%] **7.7%** of total highway user revenues shall be distributed to Baltimore City in monthly installments;

(2) An amount shall be distributed to the counties at the times specified in § 8–407 of this subtitle, to be allocated as provided in § 8–404 of this subtitle, equal to [1.4%] **1.5%** of total highway user revenues; and

(3) An amount shall be distributed to the municipalities at the times specified in § 8–407 of this subtitle, to be allocated as provided in § 8–405 of this subtitle, equal to [0.3%] **0.4%** of total highway user revenues.

(b) (1) For fiscal year 2010:

(i) The amount distributed to Baltimore City under this subtitle shall equal 8.6% of total highway user revenues;

(ii) The amount distributed to the counties under this subtitle shall equal 1.5% of total highway user revenues; and

(iii) The amount distributed to the municipalities under this subtitle shall equal 0.4% of total highway user revenues.

(2) For fiscal year 2011:

(i) The amount distributed to Baltimore City under this subtitle shall equal 7.9% of total highway user revenues;

(ii) The amount distributed to the counties under this subtitle shall equal 0.5% of total highway user revenues; and

(iii) The amount distributed to the municipalities under this subtitle shall equal 0.1% of total highway user revenues.

(3) For fiscal year 2012:

(i) The amount distributed to Baltimore City under this subtitle shall equal 7.5% of total highway user revenues;

(ii) The amount distributed to the counties under this subtitle shall equal [0.5%] **0.8%** of total highway user revenues; and

(iii) The amount distributed to the municipalities under this subtitle shall equal [0.1%] **0.6%** of total highway user revenues.

(4) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013:

(I) <u>The amount distributed to Baltimore City</u> <u>under this subtitle shall equal 8.1% of total highway user</u> <u>revenues;</u>

(II) THE AMOUNT DISTRIBUTED TO THE COUNTIES UNDER THIS SUBTITLE SHALL EQUAL 1.5% OF TOTAL HIGHWAY USER REVENUES; AND

(III) THE AMOUNT DISTRIBUTED TO THE MUNICIPALITIES UNDER THIS SUBTITLE SHALL EQUAL 0.4% OF TOTAL HIGHWAY USER REVENUES.

<u>12–118.</u>

(e) (1) Subject to paragraph (2) of this subsection, money in the special fund established under subsection (c)(2) of this section [shall be distributed to]:

(1) <u>SHALL BE DISTRIBUTED FIRST TO the Department of State</u> Police and the State Highway Administration to cover the costs of implementing and administering work zone speed control systems; AND

(II) AFTER THE DISTRIBUTION UNDER ITEM (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, FOR EACH OF FISCAL YEARS 2013 THROUGH 2015 ONLY, \$3,000,000 SHALL BE DISTRIBUTED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE TO BE USED ONLY FOR THE PURCHASE OF REPLACEMENT VEHICLES AND RELATED MOTOR VEHICLE EQUIPMENT USED TO OUTFIT POLICE VEHICLES.

<u>12-120.</u>

(a) In this section [, "miscellaneous]:

(1) <u>"MISCELLANEOUS fees" means all fees collected by the</u> Administration under this article other than:

(1) (1) The vehicle titling tax;

(II) THE CERTIFICATE OF TITLE FEE UNDER § 13–802 OF THIS ARTICLE; and

[(2)] (III) <u>Vehicle registration fees under Part II of Title 13, Subtitle 9</u> of this article; AND

(2) <u>"MISCELLANEOUS FEES" INCLUDES THE FEE CHARGED</u> UNDER § 23–205 OF THIS ARTICLE FOR VEHICLE EMISSIONS INSPECTION.

(b) <u>Except as provided in this section, the Administration may not alter the</u> <u>miscellaneous fees that the Administration is authorized under this article to</u> <u>establish.</u>

(c) (1) <u>Subject to the limitations under subsection (d) of this section</u>, before the start of any fiscal year the Administration by regulation may alter, effective beginning in the upcoming fiscal year, the levels of the miscellaneous fees that the Administration is authorized under this article to establish.

(2) <u>The Administration shall alter the levels of miscellaneous fees for</u> <u>the upcoming fiscal year if the projected cost recovery under subsection (d) of this</u> <u>section exceeds [100%] 75%.</u>

(d) The Administration shall set the levels of miscellaneous fees so that the total amount of projected revenues from all miscellaneous fees for the upcoming fiscal year is at least [95] 70 percent but does not exceed [100] 75 percent of the sum of:

(1) <u>The operating budget of the Administration for that fiscal year</u>, <u>INCLUDING THE COSTS OF ADMINISTERING THE VEHICLE EMISSIONS</u> <u>INSPECTION PROGRAM</u>, as approved by the General Assembly in the annual State <u>budget</u>;

(2) <u>The average annual capital program of the Administration as</u> reported in the 6-year Consolidated Transportation Program described in § 2–103.1 of this article; and

(3) <u>The Administration's portion of the cost for that fiscal year of the</u> <u>Department's data center operations, except for the cost of data center operations</u> <u>attributable to other administrations' activities.</u>

(e) (1) <u>The Administration may not alter miscellaneous fees more than</u> <u>once in any fiscal year.</u>

(2) <u>The Administration need not reduce fees for the upcoming fiscal</u> year if legislative budget modifications cause the projected cost recovery percentage to exceed [100] **75**-percent.

(3) The level of a miscellaneous fee set by the Administration remains in effect until again altered by the Administration as provided under this section.

<u>12–120.</u>

(a) In this section, "miscellaneous fees" means all fees collected by the Administration under this article other than:

(1) The vehicle titling tax;

(2) <u>ONE-HALF OF THE CERTIFICATE OF TITLE FEE UNDER §</u> <u>13–802 OF THIS ARTICLE; and</u>

[(2)] (3) <u>Vehicle registration fees under Part II of Title 13, Subtitle 9</u> of this article.

12-120.

(a) In this section, "miscellaneous fees" means all fees collected by the Administration under this article other than:

(1) The vehicle titling tax; [and]

(2) Vehicle registration fees under Part II of Title 13, Subtitle 9 of this article; AND

(3) FEES COLLECTED UNDER TITLE 16, SUBTITLE 10 OF THIS ARTICLE.

13-406.

The Administration shall refuse to register, **RENEW**, or transfer the registration of any vehicle if:

(9) The Administration has reasonable grounds to believe:

(i) That the vehicle is stolen;

(ii) That the grant or transfer of registration would be a fraud against another person; or

(iii) That the vehicle does not comply with Title 2, Subtitle 11 of the Environment Article or any regulations adopted under that subtitle; [or]

(10) The gross vehicle weight is 55,000 pounds or over and the applicant has failed to furnish proof of payment of the Federal Heavy Vehicle Use Tax[.]; OR

(11) THE APPLICANT HAS NOT PAID ALL UNDISPUTED TAXES AND UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE CONTRIBUTIONS PAYABLE TO THE COMPTROLLER OR THE SECRETARY OF LABOR, LICENSING, AND REGULATION OR HAS PROVIDED FOR PAYMENT IN A MANNER SATISFACTORY TO THE UNIT RESPONSIBLE FOR COLLECTION.

16–103.1.

The Administration may not issue a driver's license to an individual:

(11) Who does not provide:

(i) Satisfactory documentary evidence that the applicant has a valid Social Security number by presenting the applicant's Social Security Administration account card or, if the Social Security Administration account card is not available, any of the following documents bearing the applicant's Social Security number:

A current W-2 form;
A current SSA-1099 form;
A current non-SSA-1099 form; or
A current non-stab with the current of the

4. <u>A current pay stub with the applicant's name and</u> Social Security number on it; or

(ii) Satisfactory documentary evidence that the applicant is not eligible for a Social Security number; [or]

(12) WHO HAS NOT PAID ALL UNDISPUTED TAXES AND UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE CONTRIBUTIONS PAYABLE TO THE COMPTROLLER OR THE SECRETARY OF LABOR, LICENSING, AND REGULATION OR PROVIDED FOR PAYMENT IN A MANNER SATISFACTORY TO THE UNIT RESPONSIBLE FOR COLLECTION; OR

(13) Who otherwise does not qualify for a license under this title.

<u>13-406.2.</u>

(A) THE ADMINISTRATION MAY NOT RENEW OR TRANSFER THE REGISTRATION OF ANY VEHICLE IF THE APPLICANT HAS NOT PAID ALL UNDISPUTED TAXES AND UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE CONTRIBUTIONS PAYABLE TO THE COMPTROLLER OR THE SECRETARY OF LABOR, LICENSING,

AND REGULATION OR PROVIDED FOR PAYMENT IN A MANNER SATISFACTORY TO THE UNIT RESPONSIBLE FOR COLLECTION.

(B) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL COOPERATE WITH THE COMPTROLLER AND THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING, AND REGULATION TO DEVELOP PROCEDURES AND ADOPT REGULATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION.

(C) <u>REGULATIONS ADOPTED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL REQUIRE:</u>

(1) THE COMPTROLLER TO NOTIFY THE ADMINISTRATION THAT AN INDIVIDUAL HAS NOT PAID ALL UNDISPUTED TAXES; AND

(2) <u>The Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation</u> <u>TO NOTIFY THE ADMINISTRATION THAT AN INDIVIDUAL HAS NOT PAID ALL</u> <u>UNDISPUTED UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE CONTRIBUTIONS.</u>

<u>13–613.</u>

(b) In addition to the annual registration fee otherwise required by this title, the applicant shall pay an additional annual fee of [\$25] **\$50**, payable with the original and each renewal application for special registration under this section.

<u>13–802.</u>

(A) Except as provided in <u>SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION AND § 13–805</u> of this subtitle, the fee for each certificate of title issued under this title is [\$50] **\$100**.

(B) FOR FISCAL YEARS 2012 THROUGH 2014 ONLY, THE FEE FOR EACH CERTIFICATE OF TITLE ISSUED FOR A RENTAL VEHICLE IS \$50.

<u>13–812.</u>

(a) For collecting and remitting the tax, a licensed dealer who, on behalf of the Administration, collects the excise tax imposed by this part may keep the lesser of [\$24] \$12 per vehicle or [1.2] 0.6 percent of the gross excise tax the dealer collects.

<u>13–955.</u>

(c) <u>The Fund consists of:</u>

(1) <u>Registration surcharges collected under § 13–954 of this subtitle;</u> [and] (2) All funds, including charges for accident scene transports and interhospital transfers of patients, generated by an entity specified in subsection (e) of this section that is a unit of State government; AND

(3) <u>Revenues distributed to the Fund from the</u> <u>Surcharges collected under § 7–301(f) of the Courts Article.</u>

16-115.

<u>15–311.1.</u>

(b) (1) If a dealer charges a dealer processing charge, the charge:

- (i) Shall be reasonable;
- (*ii*) <u>May not exceed [\$100]</u>:

<u>1. \$200 FOR THE PERIOD FROM JULY 1, 2011,</u> <u>THROUGH JUNE 30, 2014; AND</u>

<u>2.</u> \$300 ON AND AFTER JULY 1, 2014; and

(iii) Shall reflect dealer expenses generally incurred for the services identified in subsection (a)(1) of this section.

<u>16–115.</u>

(J) (1) THE ADMINISTRATION MAY NOT RENEW THE DRIVER'S LICENSE OF AN APPLICANT WHO HAS NOT PAID ALL UNDISPUTED TAXES AND UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE CONTRIBUTIONS PAYABLE TO THE COMPTROLLER OR THE SECRETARY OF LABOR, LICENSING, AND REGULATION OR PROVIDED FOR PAYMENT IN A MANNER SATISFACTORY TO THE UNIT RESPONSIBLE FOR COLLECTION.

(2) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL COOPERATE WITH THE COMPTROLLER AND THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING, AND REGULATION TO DEVELOP PROCEDURES AND ADOPT REGULATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION.

(3) <u>REGULATIONS ADOPTED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION SHALL</u> <u>REQUIRE:</u>

(I) <u>THE COMPTROLLER TO NOTIFY THE ADMINISTRATION</u> THAT AN INDIVIDUAL HAS NOT PAID ALL UNDISPUTED TAXES; AND

(II) THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING, AND REGULATION TO NOTIFY THE ADMINISTRATION THAT AN INDIVIDUAL HAS NOT PAID ALL UNDISPUTED UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE CONTRIBUTIONS.

23_205.

(a) [(1)] [Subject to paragraph (2) of this subsection, the] THE Administration and the Secretary shall set the fee to be charged for each vehicle to be inspected and tested by a facility.

<u>f(2)</u> The fee established under this subsection:

(i) <u>During the period from January 1, 1995 through May 31,</u> 1997, may not exceed \$12; and

(ii) During the period after May 31, 1997, may not exceed \$14.]

(b) <u>The fee shall be collected in a manner established by the Administration</u> and the Secretary.

<u>f(c)</u> A specific portion of the fee shall be paid to or retained by the Administration to cover the cost of administration and enforcement of the emissions control program, as provided in the contract between the contractor and the State.]

SUBTITLE 10. ASSESSMENT OF FEES.

16-1001.

(A) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL ASSESS THE FOLLOWING FEES AGAINST A LICENSEE HOLDING A NONCOMMERCIAL CLASS A, B, C, D, E, OR M DRIVER'S LICENSE:

(1) IF THE LICENSEE IS ASSESSED MORE THAN 5 POINTS UNDER SUBTITLE 4 OF THIS TITLE FOR VIOLATIONS OCCURRING WITHIN ANY 2-YEAR PERIOD, EXCLUDING POINTS ASSESSED FOR A CONVICTION UNDER § 21–902 OF THIS ARTICLE, FOR EACH POINT THAT THE LICENSEE IS ASSESSED OVER 5 POINTS, A FEE OF \$100 ANNUALLY FOR A PERIOD OF 3 YEARS FROM THE DATE THAT THE POINT WAS ASSESSED; AND

(2) FOR EACH TIME A LICENSEE IS CONVICTED FOR A VIOLATION OF § 21–902 OF THIS ARTICLE, OR AN OFFENSE IN ANOTHER JURISDICTION THAT WOULD BE A VIOLATION OF § 21–902 OF THIS ARTICLE IF COMMITTED IN THIS STATE, A FEE OF \$500 ANNUALLY FOR A PERIOD OF 3 YEARS FROM THE DATE OF CONVICTION.

(B) IN CALCULATING THE TOTAL NUMBER OF POINTS ASSESSED AGAINST AN INDIVIDUAL WITHIN A 2-YEAR PERIOD FOR PURPOSES OF SUBSECTION (A)(1) OF THIS SECTION, THE ADMINISTRATION MAY INCLUDE NO MORE THAN 5 POINTS ASSESSED BEFORE JUNE 1, 2011.

16_1002.

(A) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL SEND NOTICE TO EACH INDIVIDUAL ASSESSED A FEE UNDER § 16–1001 OF THIS SUBTITLE NO MORE THAN 30 DAYS AFTER THE CONVICTION THAT SUBJECTS THE INDIVIDUAL TO THE FEE IS POSTED TO THE INDIVIDUAL'S DRIVING RECORD.

(B) (1) SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL SUSPEND THE DRIVER'S LICENSE OF AN INDIVIDUAL UNLESS ALL FEES ASSESSED UNDER § 16–1001 OF THIS SUBTITLE ARE PAID WITHIN A TIME PERIOD ESTABLISHED BY THE ADMINISTRATION.

(2) AN INDIVIDUAL MAY REQUEST A HEARING CONCERNING A PROPOSED DECISION OF THE ADMINISTRATION TO SUSPEND THE INDIVIDUAL'S DRIVER'S LICENSE OR PRIVILECE TO DRIVE UNDER THIS SUBSECTION.

(3) AT A HEARING UNDER THIS SUBSECTION, THE ISSUE SHALL BE LIMITED TO:

(I) WHETHER THE ADMINISTRATION HAD MISTAKEN THE IDENTITY OF THE INDIVIDUAL WHOSE DRIVER'S LICENSE OR PRIVILEGE TO DRIVE HAS BEEN SUSPENDED;

(II) WHETHER THE INDIVIDUAL HAS BEEN ASSESSED A TOTAL OF MORE THAN 5 POINTS FOR VIOLATIONS WITHIN ANY 2-YEAR PERIOD; AND

(III) WHETHER AT LEAST ONE OF THE TOTAL NUMBER OF POINTS ON WHICH THE FEE ASSESSMENT IS BASED WAS ASSESSED FOR A VIOLATION THAT OCCURRED ON OR AFTER JUNE 1, 2011.

(C) (1) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE ADMINISTRATION MAY ESTABLISH A SCHEDULE FOR PAYMENT OF FEES IMPOSED UNDER § 16–1001 OF THIS SUBTITLE. (2) IF THE PAYMENT SCHEDULE ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION IS FOLLOWED, THE ADMINISTRATION:

(1) MAY NOT SUSPEND AN INDIVIDUAL'S LICENSE FOR NONPAYMENT OF THE FEES IMPOSED UNDER § 16–1001 OF THIS SUBTITLE; AND

(II) SHALL REINSTATE A LICENSE THAT WAS SUSPENDED FOR FAILURE TO PAY THE FEES IMPOSED UNDER § 16–1001 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(3) A LICENSEE MAY PREPAY AT ANY TIME THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF FEES THAT WILL BE DUE OVER THE 3-YEAR PERIOD FOR WHICH THE FEES WERE ASSESSED UNDER § 16-1001 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

16_1003.

OF THE REVENUES DERIVED FROM FEES IMPOSED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE, THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL RETAIN AN AMOUNT SUFFICIENT TO COVER THE COSTS NEEDED TO ADMINISTER THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE, AND THE BALANCE SHALL BE DISTRIBUTED AS FOLLOWS:

(1) FOR FISCAL YEARS 2012 AND 2013, TO THE GENERAL FUND;

AND

(2) FOR ALL FISCAL YEARS BEGINNING ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2013, TO THE MARYLAND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SYSTEM OPERATIONS FUND ESTABLISHED UNDER § 13–955 OF THIS ARTICLE.

Chapter 288 of the Acts of 2002

SECTION 7. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, [within the next 10 years, and] no later than June 30, [2012] 2014, the Maryland State Department of Education, in consultation with the Department of Budget and Management and the Department of Legislative Services, shall contract with a public or private entity to conduct a study of the adequacy of education funding in the State. At a minimum, the adequacy study shall: (1) identify a base funding level for students without special needs; (2) per pupil weights for students with special needs to be applied to the base funding level; and (3) an analysis of the effect of concentrations of poverty on adequacy targets. THE STUDY SHALL BE CONDUCTED IN PHASES, WITH THE FIRST PHASE BEGINNING NO LATER THAN JUNE 30, 2014, AND THE FINAL PHASE BEING COMPLETED BY DECEMBER 1, 2016. THE STUDY SHALL INCORPORATE STANDARDS FROM THE COMMON CORE CURRICULUM ADOPTED BY THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND 2 YEARS OF RESULTS FROM THE NEW COMMON CORE ASSESSMENTS, WHICH ARE SCHEDULED TO BE IMPLEMENTED BEGINNING IN THE 2014–2015 SCHOOL YEAR. The Governor shall include sufficient funds in the

State budget for the appropriate fiscal years for the Maryland State Department of Education to cover the costs of conducting the adequacy study.

Chapter 503 of the Acts of 2007

SECTION 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, except as provided in Section 3 and subject to Section 4 of this Act, this Act shall take effect July 1, 2007. [It shall remain effective for a period of 5 years and, at the end of June 30, 2012, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.]

Chapter 487 of the Acts of 2009, as amended by Chapter 484 of the Acts of 2010

<u>SECTION 38. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, notwithstanding any</u> <u>other provision of law:</u>

(j) Subject to subsection (c) of this section, for fiscal year 2011 OR FISCAL YEAR 2012, [an] A CUMULATIVE amount up to \$500,000 of the balance in the Fund may be transferred to the State Board of Elections for the purpose of implementing an online campaign finance reporting system.

SECTION <u>4</u>, <u>2</u>. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section(s) 18–1101 through 18–1107 and the subtitle "Subtitle 11. Distinguished Scholar Programs" of Article – Education of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed.

<u>SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section(s) 7–402 of</u> <u>Article – Transportation of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed.</u>

SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section(s) 18–1201 through 18–1207 and the subtitle "Subtitle 12. Private Career School Student Grant Program" of Article – Education of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed.

SECTION 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section(s) 8–406(b) and 10–704.1 of the Tax – General Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed.

SECTION \mp $\underline{3}$, $\underline{4}$. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, notwithstanding any other provision of law, on or before June 30, 2011, the Governor may transfer to the General Fund:

\$1,000,000 of the funds in the Maryland Health Care Commission Fund established under § 19–111 of the Health – General Article;

500,000 1,000,000 750,000 of the funds in the State Used Tire Cleanup and Recycling Fund established under § 9–273 of the Environment Article;

256,000 of the funds in the Forest or Park Reserve Fund established under 5-212 of the Natural Resources Article;

250,000 of the funds in the Maryland Not–For–Profit Development Center Program Fund established under § 5–1204 of the Economic Development Article;

\$150,000 <u>\$75,000</u> *§150,000* of the funds in the Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners Fund established under § 2–303 of the Agriculture Article<u>: and</u>

\$970,000 of the funds in the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays 2010 Trust Fund established under § 8–2A–02 of the Natural Resources Article.

SECTION \$. <u>4.</u> <u>5.</u> AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, notwithstanding any other provision of law, on or before June 30, 2012, the Governor may transfer to the General Fund:

\$10,000,000 of the funds in the Circuit Court Real Property Records Improvement Fund established under § 13–602 of the Courts and Judicial Proceedings Article;

\$2,000,000 of the funds in the State Insurance Trust Fund established under § 9–103 of the State Finance and Procurement Article;

\$500,000 of the funds in the Spinal Cord Injury Research Trust Fund established under § 13–1406 of the Health – General Article;

\$237,888 of the funds in the State Board of Pharmacy Fund established under § 12–206 of the Health Occupations Article;

125,000 of the funds in the Maryland Not–For–Profit Development Center Program Fund established under § 5–1204 of the Economic Development Article;

\$1,500,000 of the funds in the Senior Prescription Drug Assistance Program Account of the Maryland Health Insurance Plan Fund established under § 14–504(e) of the Insurance Article;

\$2,297,142 of the funds in the accounts of the Baltimore City Community College;

\$44,888 of the funds in the State Board of Examiners of Psychologists Fund established under § 18–207 of the Health Occupations Article:

\$35,000 of the funds in the special fund established under § 1–203.3 of the Corporations and Associations Article;

<u>\$179,316 of the funds in the Central Collection Fund established under § 3–306 of the State Finance and Procurement Article;</u>

\$100,000 of the funds in the Rental Housing Programs Fund established under § 4–504 of the Housing and Community Development Article:

\$30,000 of the funds in the Homeownership Programs Fund established under § 4–502 of the Housing and Community Development Article;

\$175,000 of the funds in the Board of Physicians Fund established under § 14–207 of the Health Occupations Article;

<u>\$83,000 of the funds in the State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners Fund</u> established under § 13–207 of the Health Occupations Article;

\$39,000 of the funds in the Maryland Health Care Commission Fund established under § 19–111 of the Health – General Article;

<u>\$26,000 of the funds in the Board of Nursing Fund established under § 8–206 of the Health Occupations Article;</u>

<u>\$68,000 of the funds in the Mortgage Lender–Originator Fund established</u> <u>under § 11–610 of the Financial Institutions Article;</u>

<u>\$62,000 of the funds in the Deep Creek Lake Recreation Maintenance and Management Fund established under § 5–215 of the Natural Resources Article;</u>

<u>\$313,000 of the funds in the State Boat Act Fund established under § 8–723 of the Natural Resources Article;</u>

<u>\$68,000 of the funds in the Waterway Improvement Fund established under §</u> <u>8–707 of the Natural Resources Article;</u>

<u>\$325,000 of the funds in the Maryland Correctional Enterprises Revolving Fund</u> established under § 3–507 of the Correctional Services Article;

<u>\$50,000 of the funds in the special fund established under § 6–204 of the Agriculture Article;</u>

\$40,000 of the funds in the State Radiation Control Fund established under § 8–306 of the Environment Article:

\$40,000 of the funds in the Maryland Clean Water Fund established under § 9–320 of the Environment Article: <u>\$45,000 of the funds in the State Used Tire Cleanup and Recycling Fund</u> established under § 9–273 of the Environment Article;

\$85,000 of the funds in the Maryland Clean Air Fund established under \$2-107 of the Environment Article; and

<u>\$60,000 of the funds in the accounts of the Maryland Public Broadcasting</u> <u>Commission established under Title 24</u>, <u>Subtitle 2 of the Education Article</u>.

SECTION 9. 5. 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, notwithstanding any other provision of law, on or before June 30, 2012, the Governor may transfer to the General Fund:

\$90,000,000 of the funds in the Bay Restoration Fund established under § 9–1605.2 of the Environment Article that is not needed to pay debt service on Revenue Bonds issued by the Water Quality Financing Administration for the Enhanced Nutrient Removal Program;

\$2,200,000 of the funds in the Special Loan Programs Fund established under § 4–505 of the Housing and Community Development Article;

\$2,050,000 of the funds in the Neighborhood Business Development Fund established under § 6–310 of the Housing and Community Development Article;

\$1,500,000 of the funds in the Homeownership Programs Fund established under § 4–502 of the Housing and Community Development Article;

1,090,000 of the funds in the Waterway Improvement Fund established under $8\,8{-}707$ of the Natural Resources Article.

SECTION 10. 6. 7. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, notwithstanding any other provision of law, beginning in fiscal year 2011, any subsidy received by the State that is provided to employers as a result of the federal Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003, or similar federal subsidy received as a result of the State's prescription drug program shall be credited to the General Fund of the State. The provisions of this section shall be construed retroactively and shall be applied to any revenue received by the State on or after July 1, 2010.

SECTION 11. 7. 8. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, notwithstanding any other provision of law, on or before June 30, 2011, the Governor may transfer to the General Fund \$5,591,172 of the funds in the special fund established under § 13–209 of the Tax – Property Article. A transfer of funds from the special fund to the General Fund under this section may not be taken into account for purposes of determining any allocation or appropriation required under § 13–209(f) or (g) of the Tax – Property Article. SECTION <u>12.</u> <u>9.</u> AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, notwithstanding any other provision of law, on or before June 30, 2012, the Governor may transfer to the General Fund \$94,491,115 of the funds in the special fund established under § 13-209 of the Tax – Property Article. A transfer of funds from the special fund to the General Fund under this section may not be taken into account for purposes of determining any allocation or appropriation required under § 13-209(f) or (g) of the Tax – Property Article.

SECTION 13. 9. 10. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Title 1, Subtitle 3 of the Public Safety Article or any other law, 1,000,000 in fiscal year 2012 revenue from the State 9–1–1 fee on wired lines may be used to support the Computer Aided Dispatch/Records Management System project in the Maryland State Police.

SECTION <u>14.</u> <u>10.</u> <u>11.</u> AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Governor may transfer from the Senior Prescription Drug Assistance Program account of the Maryland Health Insurance Plan Fund established under § 14–504(e) of the Insurance Article to the Kidney Disease Program established under Title 13, Subtitle 3 of the Health – General Article up to \$3,000,000 in fiscal year 2012, and up to \$3,000,000 in fiscal year 2013.

SECTION <u>15.</u> <u>11.</u> <u>12.</u> AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Governor may transfer from the Senior Prescription Drug Assistance Program account of the Maryland Health Insurance Plan Fund established under § 14–504(e) of the Insurance Article to the Medical Assistance Program established under Title 15, Subtitle 1 of the Health – General Article up to \$2,500,000 in fiscal year 2011.

SECTION 16. 12. 13. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, notwithstanding the provisions of § 9–1A–29 of the State Government Article or any other provision of law, for fiscal year 2011, the first \$3.6 million in funds deposited to the Racetrack Facility Renewal Account shall be transferred to the Maryland Economic Development Corporation. If less than \$3.6 million is transferred in fiscal year 2011, the difference between the actual transfer in fiscal year 2011 and \$3.6 million shall be transferred in fiscal year 2012. Additional funding of up to \$400,000 shall be transferred in fiscal year 2012 to cover interest expense, fees, and administrative costs. The provisions of this section shall be construed retroactively and shall be applied to any revenue received by the State on or after July 1, 2010.

SECTION 13. 14. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, notwithstanding the provisions of § 8–402 of the Transportation Article or any other provision of law, \$6,768,222 from motor vehicle registration revenues and other user fees from the Motor Vehicle Administration for fiscal year 2012 shall be deposited in the General Fund rather than in the Gasoline and Motor Vehicle Revenue Account of the Transportation Trust Fund or the Transportation Trust Fund, respectively. SECTION 14. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, notwithstanding any other provision of law, by budget amendment the Governor may transfer from the <u>Cigarette Restitution Fund established under § 7–317 of the State Finance and</u> <u>Procurement Article to Medical Care Provider Reimbursements (M00Q01.03) in the</u> <u>Medical Care Programs Administration up to \$444,000 in fiscal year 2012.</u>

SECTION 15. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, notwithstanding any other provision of law, on or before June 30, 2012, any special fund savings realized in fiscal year 2012 from the abolition of positions in accordance with Section 48 47 of Chapter 395 (H.B. 70) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2011, and any special fund savings realized in fiscal year 2012 from reductions to electricity expenditures in accordance with Section 50 49 of Chapter 395 (H.B. 70) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2012, shall be transferred to the General Fund.

SECTION SECTION 16. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, in addition to any other revenue generated under § 19–214 of the Health – General Article, as amended by this Act:

(a) For fiscal year 2012, the Health Services Cost Review Commission shall approve a combination of hospital assessments and remittances in the amount of \$389,825,000 to support the general operations of the Medicaid program. The Commission may reduce assessments or remittances by the amount of any reduction in State Medicaid expenditures that will result from any Commission-approved changes in hospital rates or policies, other than changes authorized through the pooling of graduate medical education under § 19-214(b) of the Health - General Article.

(b) For fiscal year 2013 and every fiscal year thereafter, the Commission and the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene shall adopt policies that will provide at least \$389,825,000 from a combination of special fund revenues and General Fund savings from reduced hospital or other payments made by the Medicaid program. The policies adopted under this subsection shall be in lieu of the hospital assessment and remittance revenue generated in fiscal year 2012, but may include hospital assessments and remittances. To the maximum extent possible, the Commission and the Department shall adopt policies that do not erode preserve the State's Medicare waiver.

<u>SECTION</u> 17. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, notwithstanding § 9-20B-05 of the State Government Article or any other provision of law, for each of fiscal years 2012 through 2014, proceeds received by the Strategic Energy Investment Fund from the sale of allowances under § 2-1002(g) of the Environment Article shall be allocated as follows:

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(1) Up to 50% shall be credited to an energy assistance account to be used for the Electric Universal Service Program and other electricity assistance programs in the Department of Human Resources;

(2) At least 20% shall be credited to a low and moderate income efficiency and conservation programs account and to a general efficiency and conservation programs account for energy efficiency and conservation programs, projects, or activities and demand response programs, of which at least one-half shall be targeted to the low and moderate income efficiency and conservation programs account for:

(i) the low-income residential sector at no cost to the participants of the programs, projects, or activities; and

(ii) the moderate-income residential sector;

(3) At least 20% shall be credited to a renewable and clean energy programs account for:

- (i) renewable and clean energy programs and initiatives;
- (ii) energy related public education and outreach; and
- (iii) climate change programs; and

(4) Up to 10%, but not more than \$4 million, shall be credited to an administrative expense account for costs related to administration of the Fund, including the review of electric company plans for achieving electricity savings and demand reductions that the electric companies are required under law to submit to the Administration.

SECTION 18. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, notwithstanding any other provision of law, \$124,420,746 of the State funds that exceed the State share of the foundation program under § 5–202 of the Education Article, because of the use of federal funds available to the State through Public Law 111–226, shall be distributed to each county board on June 1, 2011 to prefund in fiscal year 2011 \$124,420,746 of the fiscal year 2012 State share of the foundation program required under § 5–202 of the Education Article. The \$124,420,746 of State funds paid in June 2011 shall be prorated according to the funding formulas applicable to fiscal year 2012 and counted towards satisfaction of the State's fiscal year 2012 obligation to provide financial assistance under the foundation program.

SECTION 19. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(a) In this section, "county" and "county board" have the meanings stated in § 1-101 of the Education Article.

(b) (1) Notwithstanding § 5–202(d) of the Education Article, for fiscal year 2012 only, a county that shifts to the county board the recurring costs associated with providing retiree health benefits for current retirees may deduct any reduction in those costs from the amount the county is required to appropriate to the county board in fiscal year 2012.

(2) It is the intent of the General Assembly that any funds shifted by Baltimore City to the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners in fiscal year 2011 be included in the local appropriation on which the calculation of State aid under § 5–210 of the Education Article is based for fiscal year 2012.

SECTION 20. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED. That, notwithstanding any other provision of law, because of the expiration of federal funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 that were used by the State to fund increases in the education aid formulas to the counties and Baltimore City in fiscal year 2010 and 2011, if the State Board of Education imposes any penalty under § 5–213 of the Education Article on a county or Baltimore City for not meeting the required local maintenance of effort in fiscal year 2012 under § 5–202(d) of the Education Article, the penalty may not be more than the net increase in State aid over fiscal year 2011 due to a county or Baltimore City regardless of the fund source.

<u>SECTION 19. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Maryland</u> <u>Insurance Administration shall:</u>

(1) work with the Health Services Cost Review Commission and the Maryland Health Care Commission to develop a mechanism for identifying hospital rate adjustments and assessments as components to be considered in the Administration's process for reviewing and approving premium rates for health insurance policies and contracts issued or delivered in the State by insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations;

(2) take into account in its work under item (1) of this section:

(i) <u>the tools available to the Administration for supporting</u> active premium rate review under laws regulating medical loss ratios;

(ii) <u>the requirements of Section 1003 "Ensuring That</u> <u>Consumers Get Value For Their Dollars" of the federal Patient Protection and</u> <u>Affordable Care Act, as amended by the federal Health Care and Education</u> <u>Reconciliation Act of 2010, and any regulations adopted or guidance issued under the</u> <u>Acts ("Affordable Care Act") for annual reviews of unreasonable premium increases</u> <u>and State grants;</u>

(iii) <u>the observations relating to premium rate review and</u> <u>approval and interagency regulatory coordination contained in the Hilltop Institute</u> report "Premium Rate Review of Private Health Insurers in Maryland and Opportunities for State Regulatory Coordination under Health Care Reform" issued on January 20, 2011; and

(iv) <u>any recommendations that result from the analysis of rate</u> review and public disclosure processes undertaken by the Administration with grant money provided under the Affordable Care Act; and

(3) <u>report, on or before November 1, 2011, its findings and</u> recommendations for the mechanism to be developed under item (1) of this section to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, the <u>General Assembly.</u>

SECTION <u>20.</u> 21. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, notwithstanding any other provision of law:

(a) Subject to subsection (b) of this section, on or before June 30, 2012, the Governor shall transfer from the Injured Workers Insurance Fund to the General Fund an amount equal to \$6,000,000 less the amount received on or before June 30, 2012, as a result of the imposition of a premium tax under § 6–101 of the Insurance Article as enacted by this Act, to reimburse the State for State personnel costs in connection with retirement and pension benefits and health care benefits for employees and retirees that are provided to employees of the Injured Workers Insurance Fund.

(b) Subsection (a) of this section is contingent on the taking effect of Chapter 132 (H.B. 598) or Chapter 276 (S.B. 693) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2011, and if Chapter 132 (H.B. 598) or Chapter 276 (S.B. 693) does not become effective, subsection (a) of this section shall be null and void without the necessity of further action by the General Assembly.

SECTION 19. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, notwithstanding any other provision of law, for each of fiscal years 2013 through 2016:

(a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, the Governor is not required to include an appropriation in the budget for any program or item in an amount that exceeds the fiscal year 2012 appropriation for that item or program as approved in the State budget for fiscal year 2012 as enacted by the General Assembly.

(b) Subsection (a) of this section does not apply to:

(1) funding required for State aid to public elementary and secondary education as provided under Title 5, Subtitle 2 or § 4-121, § 4-122, § 6-306, § 8-310.3, § 8-317, or § 8-415 of the Education Article;

(2) the State's employer contribution to the State Retirement and Pension System required under § 21–308 of the State Personnel and Pensions Article;

(3) any appropriation to the Maryland Agricultural and Resource-Based Industry Development Corporation established under Title 10, Subtitle 2 of the Economic Development Article; or

(4) any appropriation required to the Revenue Stabilization Account of the State Reserve Fund under § 7–311 of the State Finance and Procurement Article.

SECTION <u>21.</u> 22. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, notwithstanding any other provision of law:

(a) Subject to subsection (b) of this section, on or before June 30, 2012, the Governor shall transfer from the Maryland Automobile Insurance Fund to the General Fund an amount equal to \$4,000,000 to reimburse the State for State administrative expenses in connection with the management of retirement and pension benefits and health care benefits for employees and retirees that are provided to employees of the Maryland Automobile Insurance Fund.

(b) Subsection (a) of this section is contingent on the taking effect of Chapter 312 (S.B. 993) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2011, and if Chapter 312 (S.B. 993) does not become effective, subsection (a) of this section shall be null and void without the necessity of further action by the General Assembly.

SECTION <u>20.</u> <u>22.</u> <u>23.</u> AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, notwithstanding any other provision of law, no amounts may be expended in fiscal year 2012 to pay increases over the rates in effect on January 21, 2011, for providers with rates set by the Interagency Rates Committee of nonpublic placements under § 8–406 of the Education Article or providers of nonpublic placements with rates set by the Interagency Rates Committee of nonpublic placements with rates set by the Interagency Rates Committee of nonpublic placements with rates set by the Interagency Rates Committee of nonpublic placements with rates set by the Interagency Rates Committee under § 8–417 of the Education Article.

SECTION <u>21.</u> <u>23.</u> <u>24.</u> AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, notwithstanding any other provision of $law_{\overline{3}}$:

(a) <u>Except as otherwise provided in this section</u>. State employees employed by any entity, including the University System of Maryland, Morgan State University, and St. Mary's College of Maryland, may not receive merit increases prior to April 1, 2014.

(b) This provision does not affect:

(1) salaries for constitutional officers or members of the General Assembly $\overline{\text{or}_{i:}}$

(2) increases necessary for the retention of faculty in the University System of Maryland, Morgan State University, or St. Mary's College of Maryland, . or.

(3) payments pursuant to a collective bargaining agreement negotiated with an accredited representative in accordance with § 7–601 of the Transportation Article; or

(4) for fiscal year 2012 only, operationally critical staff.

(c) On or before December 1, 2011, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, the University System of Maryland, Morgan State University, and St. Mary's College of Maryland shall each submit a report to the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee and the House Appropriations Committee that details the policies adopted by the governing boards of those institutions to designate operationally critical staff, all staff identified as critical under subsection (b)(4) of this section, and any merit increases awarded as a consequence of this designation.

(d) On or before December 1, 2011, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, the Department of Budget and Management shall submit a report to the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee and the House Appropriations Committee that details the policies adopted to designate operationally critical staff, all executive branch staff identified as critical under subsection (b)(4) of this section, and any merit increases awarded as a consequence of this designation.

SECTION <u>22.</u> <u>24.</u> <u>25.</u> AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, notwithstanding § 36 of Chapter 484 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2010 or any other provision of law, for fiscal years 2011 and 2012 only, State employees employed by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene at a facility that is scheduled to be closed may, subject to the approval of the Secretary of Budget and Management, receive retention bonuses.

SECTION 25. 26. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, notwithstanding §§ 22–406 or 23–407 of the State Personnel and Pensions Article and except for an individual whose retirement allowance is subject to a reduction as provided under § 22–406(c)(1)(iii) and (3) or § 23–407(c)(1)(iii) and (3), the reduction of an allowance does not apply to an individual who was previously employed by the State Retirement Agency, retired, and is rehired by the State Retirement Agency for a period not to exceed 1 year to assist in the implementation of the pension option selection enacted during the 2011 session of the General Assembly. This exception to the earnings limitation provisions of §§ 22–406 and 23–407 shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect on June 30, 2012.

SECTION 23. 26. 27. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, notwithstanding State Personnel and Pensions Article, §§ 21–304 and 21–308, or any other provision of law, to reflect the actuarially determined impact of legislation increasing employee contributions to and reducing the liabilities of the State

Retirement and Pension System, the Governor shall include in the budget bill the following amounts:

(1) For fiscal year 2012 only, the Governor is not required to include in the budget bill the total amount of the State's contributions to each system as ascertained based on the rates certified by the Board of Trustees for the State Retirement and Pension System, but the Governor shall include in the budget bill the total amount of the State's contributions to each system as ascertained based on the rates certified by the Board of Trustees less \$120,000,000;

(2) For fiscal year 2013 only, in addition to the total amount of the State's contributions to each system certified by the Board of Trustees, the Governor shall include in the budget bill an additional amount that reflects the difference between the State's required contribution for that fiscal year and the amount that the Board determines would have been required had legislation increasing employee contributions to, and reducing the liabilities of, the State Retirement and Pension System not been enacted in 2011, less 60,000,000; and 120,000,000.

(3) For fiscal year 2014 and each year thereafter, in addition to the total amount of the State's contributions to each system certified by the Board of Trustees, the Governor shall include in the budget bill an additional amount that reflects the difference between the State's required contribution for that fiscal year and the amount that the Board determines would have been required had legislation increasing employee contributions to, and reducing the liabilities of, the State Retirement and Pension System not been enacted in 2011.

<u>SECTION 27.</u> 28. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, notwithstanding § 21–316 of the State Personnel and Pensions Article, as enacted by this Act, or any other provision of law, on:

(a) Sections 21–303(d) and 21–316 of the State Personnel and Pensions Article as enacted by this Act are applicable beginning with fiscal year 2013.

(b) For fiscal year 2012:

(1) <u>The State Retirement and Pension System shall be funded as</u> provided in the fiscal year 2012 State budget bill (Chapter (H.B. 70) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2011).

(2) (i) Local school boards and community colleges shall pay their pro rata share of the administrative and operational expenses of the Board of Trustees and the State Retirement Agency appropriated in the fiscal year 2012 State budget bill as provided in paragraph (3) of this subsection.

(*ii*) On or before July 1, 2011, the Board of Trustees shall, for local school board employees and community college employees:

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(1) Determine the per-member contribution amount and the amounts payable by each local employer for fiscal year 2012 under § 21–316 of the State Personnel and Pensions Article; and

(2) <u>Certify to each local employer the per member contribution and the</u> <u>amounts payable by the local employer.</u>

<u>1.</u> Determine the pro rata share of the administrative and operational expenses of the Board of Trustees and the State Retirement Agency, based on the number of members of the Teachers' Retirement System and Teachers' Pension System employed by the local school board or community college as of June 30, 2010, compared to the total membership of the several systems as of that date other than those who are employed by participating governmental units as defined in § 20–101 of the State Personnel and Pensions Article or by employers who are required to make employer contributions under § 21–307 of the State Personnel and Pensions Article; and

2. <u>Certify the amount determined under item 1 of this</u> subparagraph to each local school board and community college.

(3) (i) <u>A local school board shall pay the amount certified under</u> paragraph (2)(ii) of this subsection to the Comptroller to be credited to a special fund to be used only to provide funding for program R00A02.03 Aid for Local Employee Fringe <u>Benefits.</u>

(ii) <u>A community college shall pay the amount certified under</u> paragraph (2)(ii) of this subsection to the Comptroller to be credited to a special fund to be used only to provide funding for program R62I00.06 Aid to Community Colleges – <u>Fringe Benefits.</u>

(*iii*) On or before October 1, 2011, January 1, 2012, April 16, 2012, and June 1, 2012, each local school board and community college shall pay 25% of the payments required under subparagraphs (i) and (ii) of this paragraph.

(iv) If a local school board or community college does not pay the amounts required under this subsection within the time required, the local school board or community college is liable for interest on delinquent amounts at a rate of 4% a year until payment.

(v) The Comptroller may allow a grace period not to exceed 10 calendar days for payment of the amounts certified under this subsection.

(vi) If a delinquency exists, the Comptroller immediately shall exercise the right of setoff against any money due or coming due to that local school board or community college from the State. SECTION <u>24.</u> <u>28.</u> <u>29.</u> AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Governor's Salary Commission, <u>the Judicial Compensation Commission</u>, and the General Assembly Salary Commission shall, taking into account the sustainability of the pension systems, include specific recommendations in their respective reports concerning appropriate benefit and member contribution levels.

SECTION $\frac{25}{29}$ <u>30.</u> AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Board of Trustees for the State Retirement and Pension System shall provide an annual report to the Governor and the Joint Committee on Pensions, on or before December 15 of each year, on the funding progress of the several systems. The Secretary of the Department of Budget and Management shall report biennially, beginning on January 1, 2013, to the Governor and the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, on the financial health of the several systems. The Secretary's report shall reflect the State system's progress towards achieving the statutory funding goals, and shall include recommendations concerning modifications to the funding methods or benefits structure.

SECTION 26. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, notwithstanding the provisions of § 8–402(c) of the Transportation Article as enacted by this Act, the modified percentage of distribution of highway user revenues to the Department of Transportation for fiscal year 2012 does not apply unless the General Assembly appropriates in the Budget Bill (S.B. 85/H.B. 70) for fiscal year 2012 funds that are sufficient to pay in fiscal year 2012 the principal of and interest due and payable in that fiscal year on the Department's Consolidated Transportation Bonds that were issued before July 1, 2011. If funds are appropriated by the General Assembly in the fiscal year 2012 Budget Bill (S.B. 85/H.B. 70) to pay in fiscal year 2012 the principal of and interest due and payable in fiscal year 2012 on the Department's Consolidated Transportation Bonds that were fiscal year 2012 Budget Bill (S.B. 85/H.B. 70) to pay in fiscal year 2012 the principal of and interest due and payable in fiscal year 2012 on the Department's Consolidated Transportation Bonds that were issued before July 1, 2011. If funds are appropriated by the General Assembly in the fiscal year 2012 Budget Bill (S.B. 85/H.B. 70) to pay in fiscal year 2012 the principal of and interest due and payable in fiscal year 2012 on the Department's Consolidated Transportation Bonds that were issued before July 1, 2011, the distribution of highway user revenues to the Department of Transportation for fiscal year 2012 shall be made in accordance with § 8–402(c)(2) as enacted by this Act.

SECTION 30. 31. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, notwithstanding the provisions of this Act, except as otherwise provided in this section, the altered distributions of the revenues from the corporate income tax and the sales and use tax under the provisions of Title 2, Subtitles 6 and 13 of the Tax – General Article as enacted by this Act do not apply until any Consolidated Transportation Bonds that were issued by the Department of Transportation before July 1, 2011, no longer remain outstanding and unpaid. In any fiscal year for which funds are appropriated by the General Assembly to pay the amount due and payable in that fiscal year for the principal of and interest on the Department of Transportation's Consolidated Transportation Bonds that were issued before July 1, 2011, the revenues from the corporate income tax and the sales and use tax shall be distributed as provided in Title 2, Subtitles 6 and 13 of the Tax – General Article as enacted by this Act.

SECTION 31. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, notwithstanding any other provision of law, if the University System of Maryland, St. Mary's College of Ch. 397

<u>Maryland, or Morgan State University institute a voluntary separation program under</u> <u>Executive Order 01.01.2010.23:</u>

(a) <u>The institution that institutes the program:</u>

(1) shall provide as part of the program that the positions of the employees who separate from employment under the program be abolished; and

(2) <u>may not recreate the positions that are abolished under the</u> program, notwithstanding the autonomy of the institution to create positions as <u>needed.</u>

(b) <u>The portion of the salaries for the positions of the employees who</u> separate from employment under the program that have been appropriated for fiscal year 2012 from State funds shall be transferred to the General Fund of the State.

<u>SECTION 32. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Developmental</u> <u>Disabilities Administration shall ensure that no provider funded by the Developmental</u> <u>Disabilities Administration will have an overall funding reduction in fiscal year 2012</u> <u>as a result of changes in reimbursement policies for absence days in residential, day,</u> <u>and supported employment services.</u>

SECTION 33. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That a memorandum of understanding negotiated between the State and an exclusive representative that is duly ratified on or after January 1, 2011, and before the effective date of this Act complies with the provisions of §§ 3–501(c) and 3–601 of the State Personnel and Pensions Article.

SECTION 27. 32. 34. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, if any provision of this Act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid for any reason in a court of competent jurisdiction, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or any other application of this Act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and for this purpose the provisions of this Act are declared severable.

SECTION 28. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, except as provided in § 16–1001(b) of the Transportation Article, as enacted by this Act, Title 16, Subtitle 10 of the Transportation Article, as enacted by this Act, shall be construed to apply only prospectively and may not otherwise be applied or interpreted to have any effect on or application to a conviction of, or the assessment of points against or points accumulated by, a licensee before the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 33. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That §§ 9–103 and 9–255 of the Tax – Property Article as enacted by this Act shall be applicable to tax credits granted for qualified property for which a property tax credit has not been granted for any taxable year beginning before July 1, 2011. <u>SECTION 35. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That § 7–301(f) of the Courts</u> <u>Article, §§ 2–614, 2–1104, and 2–1302.1 of the Tax – General Article, and §§ 12–120(a),</u> <u>13–613(b), 13–802, 13–812(a), 13–955(c), and 15–311.1(b) of the Transportation Article,</u> <u>as enacted by this Act, shall take effect July 1, 2011.</u>

<u>SECTION 34.</u> <u>36.</u> <u>AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, subject to Section</u> <u>30</u> <u>31</u> of this Act, the repeal of § 2–1302.2 of the Tax – General Article under this Act shall take effect July 1, 2011.

SECTION $\frac{29}{25}$, $\frac{35}{25}$, $\frac{37}{20}$ AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 4 2 of this Act shall take effect July 1, 2015.

SECTION 38. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Article 24, § 9–1101(b)(2) of the Code and § 5–202(i) of the Education Article as enacted by this Act and Section 19 of this Act are contingent on funding for those provisions being provided in Chapter 395 (H.B. 70) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2011 (Budget Bill Fiscal Year 2012), and if funding for those provisions is not provided in Chapter 395 (H.B. 70), Article 24, § 9–1101(b)(2) of the Code and § 5–202(i) of the Education Article as enacted by this Act and Section 19 of this Act shall be null and void without the necessity of further action by the General Assembly.

SECTION 30. <u>36.</u> <u>39.</u> AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, except as otherwise provided in this Act, this Act shall take effect June 1, 2011.

Approved by the Governor, May 19, 2011.