

Report of the Conference Committee on Senate Bill 150

The Budget Bill

April 9, 2012

Mr. President,
Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate:

Mr. Speaker,
Ladies and Gentlemen of the House of Delegates:

The Conference Committee has reconciled the differences between the Senate and House versions of SB 150 and Supplemental Budget No. 1, in which the Senate made total reductions of \$534.0 million, including \$168.5 million in reductions contingent on SB 152, the Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act (BRFA) of 2012. The House made total reductions of \$613.3 million, of which \$240.9 million is contingent on the BRFA. The Conference Committee made total reductions of \$926.4 million, including \$239.9 million contingent on the BRFA.

The Senate adopted 147 amendments to the budget bill. The House subsequently adopted 53 amendments to the budget bill, as amended by the Senate. The Senate concurred in none of the House amendments. All these amendments have been reconsidered, and actions taken are indicated in the attached *Report of the Conference Committee*. In addition, the Governor submitted one Supplemental Budget after the Conference Committee had been appointed. Ten amendments were adopted to Supplemental Budget No. 1.

The budget responds to the significant decline in State revenues, and overall spending grows just 2.7%. Despite reductions and constrained growth, funding is maintained for core State services and priorities including public education, higher education, Medicaid, human services, and public safety. The projected general fund balance at the close of fiscal 2013, given the legislative actions on the budget and the BRFA is \$46.0 million.

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A description of the Conference Committee's actions pertaining to the budget and the final report of the committee are attached. The Department of Legislative Services has also provided a separate report on the budget with additional data.

Sincerely,

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Norman H. Conway, Chairman
House Appropriations Committee

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April 9, 2012

Mr. President,
Mr. Speaker,
Ladies and Gentlemen of the General Assembly of Maryland:

The Senate adopted 147 amendments to the original budget bill.

The House adopted 53 amendments to the budget bill, as amended by the Senate.

The Senate rejected all of the House amendments and called for a Conference Committee.

The House refused to recede and agreed to a Conference Committee.

The budget was then referred to the Conference Committee. The Conference Committee also considered Supplemental Budget No. 1.

Action of the Conference Committee:

The Conference Committee recommends:

1. The adoption of the following House amendments:

1, 3, 5-6, 8, 14, 18, 20-22, 24, 26, 31, 36, 38-39, 43-44, 47-50, 52

2. The rejection of the following House amendments:

4, 10, 15, 17, 27-28, 30, 32-33, 35, 37, 42, 45, 53

3. The action indicated on the following House amendments:

<u>Adopt</u>	<u>Reject</u>	<u>Conference Committee Amendment</u>
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46	15
51	16

4. The adoption of Conference Committee Supplemental Budget Amendments No. 1 through 10.

Respectfully submitted,

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Conference Committee Amendment No. 1

On page 4 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading Judiciary, adopt Amendment 2, and in line 6, strike “\$5,000,000” and substitute “\$3,000,000”.

Conference Committee Amendment No. 2

On page 18 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading State Board of Elections, in program D38I01.01 General Administration, adopt Amendment 7, and in line 11 after “SBE” strike beginning with “completes” down through “comments.” in line 26 and substitute “submits a report to the budget committees on the status of corrective actions taken by SBE in response to the fiscal compliance audit of SBE released in June 2010. The report shall include the date each action was implemented and the date on which actions planned but not yet implemented will be implemented. The report shall be submitted by December 1, 2012, to the Joint Audit Committee and budget committees. The budget committees shall have 45 days to review and comment.”; and in line 31 after “committees” insert “. The General Assembly is concerned about the high number of repeat audit findings in the June 2010 fiscal compliance report and expects that SBE has made substantial progress in resolving these findings”.

Conference Committee Amendment No. 3

On page 32 of the committee reprint, under the heading State Lottery Agency, in program E75D00.01 Administration and Operations, adopt Amendment 9, and in line 15 after “Appropriation” insert “. provided that \$167,119 of this appropriation made for the purpose of commencing a program of online lottery sales may not be expended until the State Lottery Agency develops and reports on a proposed platform and regulatory structure for a program of online lottery sales. The plan for the program may be developed with the assistance of consulting services procured by the agency. Further, the development of the proposed program shall include efforts to incorporate existing lottery retailers. The agency shall report to the budget committees and to the State Lottery Commission by December 15, 2012, and the budget committees shall have 45 days to review and comment. Funds restricted pending the receipt of this report may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall be canceled if the report is not submitted to the budget committees”.

Conference Committee Amendment No. 4

On page 36 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading Office of Personnel Services and Benefits, in program F10A02.08 Statewide Expenses, reject amendment 11; and on page 22 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading Military Department Operations and Maintenance,

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in program D50H01.06 Maryland Emergency Management Agency, in line 15 after “Appropriation” insert “, provided that it is the intent of the General Assembly that the Aross Fire, Rescue, and Ambulance Fund receive an additional \$2,000,000 via budget amendment in fiscal 2013 contingent on the enactment of legislation that increases vehicle registration fees by \$2 per year to be credited to the Maryland Emergency Medical System Operations Fund”; and on page 170 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading State Reserve Fund, in program Y01A01.01 Revenue Stabilization Account, in line 3 strike “340,457,774” and substitute “27,757,774”; and on page 217 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading Section 38, in line 17 after “payments;” strike “and”; and following line 17 insert “(5) contributions received as a result of the Exelon Corporation/Constellation Energy Group merger; and”; and in line 18 strike “(5)” and insert “(6)”; and on page 223 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading Section 45, following line 39 insert “SECTION 46, AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That for fiscal 2013, \$5,000,000 may be transferred from the Revenue Stabilization Account of the State Reserve Fund to the General Fund.”; and on page 223 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading Section 45, following line 39 insert “SECTION 47. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Governor shall abolish 64 regular full-time equivalent positions from the Executive Branch during fiscal 2013. Further provided that abolitions shall occur on or before January 1, 2013, and an accounting of the abolished positions shall be noted in Appendix E of the fiscal 2014 budget submission.”.

Conference Committee Amendment No. 5

On page 48 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading The Secretary’s Office, in program J00A01.03 Facilities and Capital Equipment, reject Amendment 12, and on page 47 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading The Secretary’s Office, in program J00A01.01 Executive Direction, in line 31 after “Appropriation” insert “, provided that \$500,000 of this appropriation made for the purpose of administration in the Secretary’s Office may not be expended until the agency completes, and submits to the budget committees, a comprehensive review performed by an independent consultant that details potential alternative sites in the Baltimore metropolitan area for the siting of an intermodal freight facility. The review shall include an analysis of the tax and employment impacts that would result from construction of an intermodal freight facility in disadvantaged areas, including empowerment zones, enterprise zones and brownfield sites, within Baltimore City or surrounding counties. This review may not be limited by the current CSX criteria for an intermodal freight facility but shall include sites within a mile of existing rail lines. The report shall be submitted by October 1, 2012, and the budget committees shall have 45 days to review and comment. Funds restricted pending the receipt of a report may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall be canceled if the report is not submitted to the budget committees”.

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Conference Committee Amendment No. 6

On page 67 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading Office of Marketing, Animal Industries, and Consumer Services, in program L00A12.20 Maryland Agricultural and Resource-Based Industry Development Corporation, adopt Amendment 13, and in line 22 strike “3,000,000” and substitute “2,875,000”.

Conference Committee Amendment No. 7

On page 79 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading Mental Hygiene Administration, in program M00L01.02 Community Services, adopt Amendment 16, and on page 78 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading Mental Hygiene Administration, in program M00L01.01 Program Direction, in line 40 after “committees” insert “. Further provided that \$100,000 of the appropriation made for the purpose of executive direction may not be expended until the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene submits to the budget committees, by January 1, 2013: (1) A facility program document for the replacement of the existing inpatient capacity at Spring Grove Hospital Center, including anticipated facility size and location; (2) In consultation with the Department of General Services, the development of a public-private partnership request for information document for the redevelopment of the Spring Grove Hospital Center including, if determined appropriate by a facility program document, the financing of new State-operated inpatient psychiatric capacity; (3) A plan to facilitate the utilization of the property identified as Plot K in the December 2011 Spring Grove Hospital Center Redevelopment Plan developed by the Maryland Economic Development Corporation and Department of Health and Mental Hygiene for recreational space through the Baltimore County Recreation and Parks program; and (4) Detail on how the Mental Hygiene Community-Based Services Fund can be utilized to accelerate the development of community capacity in order to reduce demand for State-operated inpatient psychiatric capacity. The budget committees shall have 45 days to review and comment. Funds restricted pending the receipt of the requested information may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund if the requested information is not submitted to the budget committees”.

Conference Committee Amendment No. 8

On page 88 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading Medical Care Programs Administration, in program M00Q01.03 Medical Care Provider Reimbursements, adopt Amendment 19, and in line 29 strike “2,456,528,130” and substitute “2,475,918,130”; and on page 89, in line 12 strike “3,449,039,265” and substitute “3,465,029,265”; and in the same line strike “6,805,075,566” and substitute “6,840,455,566”; and on page 86, following line 22 insert “Further provided that any part of this appropriation made for the purpose of supporting an increase in hospital inpatient or outpatient rates through the annual update factor developed by the Health Services Cost Review Commission that is not used for that purpose may only be

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expended to offset cost containment built into the fiscal 2013 Medical Care Programs Administration Provider Reimbursements budget that negatively impacts the State's Medicare Waiver. Funds not expended for this restricted purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund or be canceled."; and on page 88, in line 27 after "hospitalization" insert ". Further provided that \$3,000,000 of this appropriation made for the purpose of Statewide Rural Enrollment Supplemental Payments in calendar year 2013 may not be expended for that purpose and instead may only be used, as determined by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, to increase Managed Care Organization rates in such a way that promotes access to care in rural enrollment counties as defined in COMAR 10.09.65.19-3. The Department shall report to the budget committees by October 15, 2012, on how it intends to utilize these funds to promote access to care in rural enrollment counties. The budget committees shall have 45 days to review and comment. Funds not expended for this restricted purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund".

Conference Committee Amendment No. 9

On page 121 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading Aid to Education, in program R00A02.01 State Share of Foundation Program, adopt Amendment 23, and in line 27 after "Appropriation" insert ". provided that \$1,867,000 of this appropriation shall be reduced contingent upon the enactment of legislation transferring Video Lottery Terminal revenue from the Small, Minority, and Women-Owned Business Investment Account to the Education Trust Fund. Authorization is hereby provided to process a special fund budget amendment up to \$1,867,000 to recognize the new revenue in the Education Trust Fund."; and in line 38 after "~~Fund~~" strike ". provided" down through "Fund." in line 8 on page 122; and on page 122, in line 24, strike "\$950,000" and substitute "\$1,159,000"; and in line 27 following "Fund." strike beginning with "and" down through "Fund." in line 30.

Conference Committee Amendment No. 10

On page 123 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading Aid to Education, in program R00A02.03 Aid for Local Employee Fringe Benefits, adopt Amendment 25, and in line 5 following "~~of~~" insert "\$136,644,952"; and in line 6 strike beginning with "by" down through "152" in line 7; and on page 223 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading Section 45, following line 39 insert "SECTION 48. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the following reductions of \$163,502 in General Fund appropriations shall be reduced to offset additional special funds available for administrative charges associated with the use of the State Retirement System.

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<u>Appropriation Code</u>	<u>Program Title</u>	<u>Reduction</u>
<u>R00A02.03</u>	<u>Aid for Local Employee Fringe Benefits</u>	<u>155,941</u>
<u>R62I00.06</u>	<u>Aid to Community College - Fringe Benefits</u>	<u>7,561”.</u>

Conference Committee Amendment No. 11

On page 131 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading University of Maryland, Baltimore, in program R30B21.00 University of Maryland, Baltimore, adopt Amendment 29, and after “Appropriation” insert “, provided that \$250,000 of this appropriation made for the purpose of general operating expenses at the University of Maryland, Baltimore may only be transferred by budget amendment to the University System of Maryland Office (R30B26) for use by University System of Maryland institutions to leverage State resources to assist farmers in the State with estates and trusts issues, compliance with environmental laws, and other matters necessary to preserve family farms. Funds not expended for this restricted purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall be canceled”.

Conference Committee Amendment No. 12

On page 137 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading Higher Education, in program R75T00.01 Support for State Operated Institutions of Higher Education, adopt Amendment 34, and on page 140, in line 15 after “June 30, 2013” insert “. Further provided that \$250,000 of this appropriation made for the purpose of general operating expenses at the University of Maryland, Baltimore may only be transferred by budget amendment to the University System of Maryland Office (R30B26) for use by University System of Maryland institutions to leverage State resources to assist farmers in the State with estates and trusts issues, compliance with environmental laws, and other matters necessary to preserve family farms. Funds not expended for this restricted purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund”.

Conference Committee Amendment No. 13

On page 149 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading Division of Business and Enterprise Development, in program T00F00.04 Office of Business Development, adopt Amendment 40, and in line 21 after “Appropriation” insert “, provided that it is the intent of the General Assembly that some portion of this appropriation be used to collaborate with the University System of Maryland to develop an incubator program for businesses associated with

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the unmanned aerial vehicle industry"; and in line 23, strike "2,232,526" and substitute "2,417,526"; and in line 26, strike "2,292,526" and substitute "2,477,526".

Conference Committee Amendment No. 14

On page 151 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading Division of Tourism, Film, and the Arts, in program T00G00.03 Maryland Tourism Development Board, adopt Amendment 41, and in line 20, strike "7,000,000" and substitute "8,000,000"; and in line 22 strike "7,350,000" and substitute "8,350,000".

Conference Committee Amendment No. 15

On page 218 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading Section 41, adopt Amendment 46 and on page 219 strike in its entirety line 6 down through line 26.

Conference Committee Amendment No. 16

On page 224 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading Section 46, adopt Amendment 51, and in line 1 strike "46." and substitute "49."; and in line 8 strike "47." and substitute "50.".

Conference Committee Supplemental Budget Amendment No. 1

On page 3 of Supplemental Budget No. 1, under the heading Office of the Public Defender, in item 2, program C80B00.02 District Operations, strike each occurrence of "40.50" and substitute "34.00"; and in the same item add the following language to the general fund appropriation ", provided that these funds shall be reduced by \$1,273,214. Further provided that 6.5 Assistant Public Defender I and 6.5 PD Intake Specialist I positions are abolished".

Conference Committee Supplemental Budget Amendment No. 2

On page 3 of Supplemental Budget No. 1, under the heading Office of the Public Defender, in item 3, program C80B00.02 District Operations, add the following language to the general fund appropriation ", provided that these funds shall be reduced by \$965,359".

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Conference Committee Supplemental Budget Amendment No. 3

On page 9 of Supplemental Budget No. 1, under the heading Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, in item 29, program M00L01.03 Community Services for Medicaid Recipients, strike “3,000,000” and substitute “1,500,000”; and in the same item, strike each occurrence of “1,500,000”, and substitute “750,000”.

Conference Committee Supplemental Budget Amendment No. 4

On page 9 of Supplemental Budget No. 1, under the heading Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, in item 30, program M00M01.02 Community Services, following “Community Services,” insert “Provided that the Developmental Disabilities Administration is hereby authorized to spend federal funds encumbered at the close of fiscal 2011 to fund any fiscal 2012 costs associated with the provision of community services for the developmentally disabled.”.

Conference Committee Supplemental Budget Amendment No. 5

On page 9 of Supplemental Budget No. 1, under the heading Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, in item 32, program M00Q01.03 Medical Care Provider Reimbursements, strike “-60,000,000” and substitute “-85,500,000”; and in the same item, strike each occurrence of “-30,000,000”, and substitute “-42,750,000”.

Conference Committee Supplemental Budget Amendment No. 6

On page 9 of Supplemental Budget No. 1, under the heading Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, in Item 33, program M00Q01.03 Medical Care Provider Reimbursements, after “operating expenses” insert “, provided that this appropriation may only be expended to: (1) increase the net capital value rental rate in Baltimore City; (2) establish a Baltimore City specific regional rate for the administration/routine cost and other patient care cost centers; and (3) establishing an increased tracheotomy care rate for services to individuals who require frequent suctioning”.

Conference Committee Supplemental Budget Amendment No. 7

On page 10 of Supplemental Budget No. 1, under the heading Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation, in Item 38, program P00H01.01 Office of Unemployment Insurance, strike beginning with “In addition” down through the second occurrence of “13,000,000” in its entirety.

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Conference Committee Supplemental Budget Amendment No. 8

On page 11 of Supplemental Budget No. 1, under the heading Maryland State Department of Education, in item 43, program R00A01.04 Division of Accountability, Assessment, and Data Systems, add the following language to the general fund appropriation “provided that this appropriation is contingent on enactment of SB 293 or HB 1227 requiring the implementation of an assessment program in social studies that includes a written response”.

Conference Committee Supplemental Budget Amendment No. 9

On page 13 of Supplemental Budget No. 1, under the heading Maryland State Department of Education, in item 51, program R00A02.13 Innovative Programs, add the following language to the general fund appropriation “provided that this appropriation shall be allocated according to the following schedule:

<u>County</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<u>Calvert</u>	<u>\$253,780</u>
<u>Caroline</u>	<u>\$76,043</u>
<u>Charles</u>	<u>\$348,722</u>
<u>Frederick</u>	<u>\$310,740</u>
<u>Garrett</u>	<u>\$387,562</u>
<u>Howard</u>	<u>\$321,686</u>
<u>Kent</u>	<u>\$64,025</u>
<u>Montgomery</u>	<u>\$179,248</u>
<u>Queen Anne’s</u>	<u>\$296,372</u> ”.

Conference Committee Supplemental Budget Amendment No. 10

On page 19 of Supplemental Budget No. 1, under the heading Amendments to Senate Bill 150/House Bill 85 (First Reading File Bill), in Amendment No. 3, after “words” strike “Section XX.” and insert “SECTION 41.”; and after “for fiscal year 2013” insert “1”; and after “health insurance shall be reduced by” strike “\$15,767,725 in Executive Branch agencies” and substitute “\$16,875,614”; and after “for this purpose shall be reduced” strike “in Executive Branch agencies”; and after “Current Unrestricted Funds 3,042,734” insert “General Funds - Legislature 199,739 General Funds - Judiciary 836,682 Special Funds - Judiciary 58,602 Federal Funds - Judiciary 12,866”; and after “to reduce health insurance” strike “in Executive Branch agencies”.

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Amendment Description

Payments to Civil Divisions of the State

Amendment 1: The House deleted language directing how disparity grants should be allocated by jurisdiction. The conference committee adopted the House position.

Judiciary

Amendment 2: The House increased the general fund reduction for operating expenditures for the Judiciary. The conference committee adopted the House position and modified the reduction to \$3.0 million (Conference Committee Amendment 1).

Amendment 3: The House added a reduction for mediation and conflict resolution grants. The conference committee adopted the House position.

Amendment 4: The House increased the number of positions and funding reduced in Judicial information systems. The conference committee rejected the House position.

Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention

Amendment 5: The House partially restored funding for the Operation Safe Kids initiative. The conference committee adopted the House position.

State Board of Elections

Amendment 6: The House struck language making a portion of the appropriation contingent on authorization of revenue from the Fair Campaign Financing Fund. The conference committee adopted the House position.

Amendment 7: The House added language restricting funding for administrative expenses until the submission of a report reflecting the resolution of audit findings. The conference committee adopted the House position and modified language to specify that only the status of findings must be reported and removes the Office of Legislative Audits from review (Conference Committee Amendment 2).

Amendment Descriptions

Comptroller of Maryland

Amendment 8: The House deleted a reduction that was contingent on the repeal of provisions related to abandoned property notifications. The conference committee adopted the House position.

State Lottery Agency

Amendment 9: The House deleted language prohibiting a plan to implement online sales of traditional lottery games. The conference committee adopted the House position and added language restricting funds pending receipt of a report on how the State Lottery Agency will implement online gaming (Conference Committee Amendment 3).

Department of Budget and Management

Amendment 10: The House added language restricting funding until the submission of a report on the State's asset maximization strategies. The conference committee rejected the amendment and instead adopted committee narrative.

Amendment 11: The House added intent language allowing for employees and retirees outside the collective bargaining process to choose between revised medical health insurance benefits negotiated by different labor groups. The conference committee rejected the House position and also adopted language specifying that 64 positions must be abolished by the Governor by the end on or before January 1, 2013, to meet Spending Affordability Committee guidelines. The conference committee also added intent language concerning the Amoss fund and reduced an appropriation to the Rainy Day Fund and allowed the transfer of \$5 million contingent on the Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act. Finally, the conference committee added language specifying contributions received as a result of the Exelon Corporation/Constellation Energy Group merger shall be included in the annual report on the Strategic Energy Investment Fund (Conference Committee Amendment 4).

Department of Transportation

Amendment 12: The House added language restricting funding until a report is submitted on various cost estimates for the sites of a planned intermodal facility. The conference committee rejected the House position and added language restricting funding until a report is submitted on potential alternative sites in the Baltimore metropolitan area (Conference Committee Amendment 5).

Amendment Descriptions

Department of Agriculture

Amendment 13: The House restored funding for the Maryland Agricultural and Resource-Based Industry Development Corporation. The conference committee adopted the House position and modified the reduction to \$125,000 (Conference Committee Amendment 6).

Amendment 14: The House deleted language restricting funding until the submission of a report on soil conservation district personnel position counts and funding. The conference committee adopted the House position.

Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

Amendment 15: The House increased a reduction for the Cigarette Restitution Fund program in the Family Health Administration. The conference committee rejected the House position.

Amendment 16: The House partially restored funding for purchase of care beds. The conference committee adopted the House position and added language concerning the redevelopment of Spring Grove Hospital Center (Conference Committee Amendment 7).

Amendment 17: The House increased the amount of Cigarette Restitution Fund support authorized for the Medicaid program. The conference committee rejected the House position.

Amendment 18: The House amended language on the general fund appropriation to modify the amount of the potential expansion of personal care services in order to generate general fund savings. The conference committee adopted the House position.

Amendment 19: The House restored funding for hospital inpatient and outpatient care, reduced funding for nonprimary care physician rates, restored funding for rural access payments to managed care organizations, reduced funding for non-emergency transportation grants, partially restored funding for the orthodontia program, and increased a reduction of general funds based on the availability of Cigarette Restitution Fund dollars. The conference committee adopted the House position but rejected the reduction of general funds based on the availability of Cigarette Restitution Fund dollars and funding for physician rates. The conference committee also added language concerning rural access payments and hospital update funding (Conference Committee Amendment 8).

Amendment 20: The House amended language on the federal fund appropriation to modify the amount of the potential expansion of personal care services in order to generate general fund savings. The conference committee adopted the House position.

Amendment Descriptions

Department of Human Resources

Amendment 21: The House added language restricting funding for administrative expenses in the Child Support Enforcement Administration until the submission of a report reflecting the resolution of audit findings. The conference committee adopted the House position.

Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation

Amendment 22: The House increased a reduction for horse racing local impact aid. The conference committee adopted the House position.

State Department of Education

Amendment 23: The House added a reduction contingent on authorization of a special fund transfer to the Education Trust Fund. Replaced by Amendment 53. The conference committee rejected Amendment 53 and adopted the House position on Amendment 23 and modified the action to partially restore funding to the State Share of the Foundation Program, increased the reduction to the Small Minority and Women-Owned Business account, rejected the reduction to the Problem Gambling Fund, and increased the authorization to transfer special funds to support grants to certain counties (Conference Committee Amendment 9).

Amendment 24: The House adopted a technical amendment. The conference committee adopted the House position.

Amendment 25: The House modified a reduction associated with the phase-in of the Teachers' Retirement cost shift. Replaced by Amendment 53. The conference committee rejected Amendment 53 and adopted the House position on Amendment 25 and increased the reduction to Teachers' Retirement to conform with the phased-in cost shift to local jurisdictions. The conference committee also added general fund reductions to offset special fund increases to Teachers' Retirement for administrative charges of retirement accounts for local boards of education and community colleges (Conference Committee Amendment 10).

Amendment 26: The House added language expressing intent that Youth Services Bureaus be funded in fiscal 2013 at the same level as in fiscal 2012 and that all certified bureaus should receive funding. The conference committee adopted the House position.

Amendment Descriptions

Morgan State University

Amendment 27: The House increased a reduction to Morgan State University. The conference committee rejected the House position.

University System of Maryland

Amendment 28: The House increased a reduction to the University System of Maryland. The conference committee rejected the House position.

University of Maryland, Baltimore

Amendment 29: The House struck language restricting funds to only be transferred to the University of Baltimore to create a new agricultural law clinic. The conference committee adopted the House position and adopted language restricting funds to be transferred to the University System of Maryland Office to be distributed to system institutions to help preserve family farms (Conference Committee Amendment 11).

Maryland Higher Education Commission

Amendment 30: The House added language restricting funds until the commission makes a decision regarding the proposed Towson University facility at Harford Community College. The conference committee rejected the House position.

Amendment 31: The House reduced funds for the Sellinger Formula to reflect there being one less eligible private college in the program. The conference committee adopted the House position.

Amendment 32: The House added language regarding how much each college may receive through the Keeping Maryland Community Colleges Affordable Grant. The conference committee rejected the House position.

Amendment 33: The House restored funding for the Keeping Maryland Community Colleges Affordable Grant. The conference committee rejected the House position.

Amendment Descriptions

Higher Education

Amendment 34: The House struck language restricting funds to only be transferred to the University of Baltimore to create a new agricultural law clinic (Technical Amendment, related to Amendment 29). The conference committee adopted the House position and adopted language restricting funds to be transferred to the University System of Maryland Office to be distributed to system institutions to help preserve family farms (Conference Committee Amendment 12).

Amendment 35: The House increased a reduction to the University System of Maryland (Technical Amendment, related to Amendment 28). The conference committee rejected the House position.

Amendment 36: The House modified a contingent reduction and authorized a grant for St. Mary's College of Maryland to reduce a tuition increase by 2 percentage points. The conference committee adopted the House position.

Amendment 37: The House increased a reduction to Morgan State University (Technical Amendment, related to Amendment 27). The conference committee rejected the House position.

Amendment 38: The House restricted funds from the University System of Maryland to be used only as incentive funds for University System of Maryland institutions that offer programs at non-University System of Maryland regional higher education centers. The conference committee adopted the House position.

Department of Business and Economic Development

Amendment 39: The House restored funding for a study regarding taxes associated with the sale of businesses to Minority Business Enterprises. The conference committee adopted the House position.

Amendment 40: The House restored funding for the space science initiative but deleted funding for the cyber business initiative. The conference committee adopted the House position but restored funding to the cyber business initiative and added intent language regarding an incubator for the unmanned aerial vehicle industry. (Conference Committee Amendment 13).

Amendment 41: The House reduced funding for War of 1812 celebrations but restored funding for the Maryland Tourism Board. The conference committee adopted the House position and restored funding for the War of 1812 celebrations (Conference Committee Amendment 14).

Amendment Descriptions

Department of Juvenile Services

Amendment 42: The House modified language regarding the date on which education services at Alfred D. Noyes Children's Center will be transferred to the Maryland State Department of Education. The conference committee rejected the House position.

Amendment 43: The House added language to restrict funds until a report is submitted on placement disparities between girls and boys and an implementation plan for addressing gender-specific programming needs. The conference committee adopted the House position.

Amendment 44: The House modified language restricting funds until the department hires an outside consultant to survey direct care employees to help the department with its employee retention issues. The conference committee adopted the House position.

Fiscal 2012 Deficiency Appropriations

Amendment 45: The House reduced funding for a deficiency appropriation for funding of War of 1812 celebrations. The conference committee rejected the House position.

Back of the Bill Sections

Amendment 46: The House modified language regarding a proposed relocation of the Department of Housing and Community Development and added new language requiring an evaluation by an independent consultant. The conference committee adopted the House position and struck budget language attached to the appropriation (Conference Committee Amendment 15).

Amendment 47: The House modified reductions that are contingent on the failure of legislation that increases general fund revenues. The conference committee adopted the House position.

Amendment 48: The House rejected reductions contingent on the failure of legislation transferring special funds to the general fund. The conference committee adopted the House position.

Amendment 49: The House added language restricting funds until the Uniform Crime Report is submitted and directing the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention to withhold grant funds from jurisdictions that are delinquent in submitting crime data to the Department of State Police. The conference committee adopted the House position.

Amendment Descriptions

Amendment 50: The House added language requiring agencies with large contractual services or grants disbursement budgets to identify the local destination of large contracts or grants. The conference committee adopted the House position.

Amendment 51: The House adopted a technical amendment. The conference committee adopted the House position and adopted a technical change (Conference Committee Amendment 16).

House Floor Amendments

Amendment 52: The House added language making the new Teachers' Retirement supplemental grants contingent on legislation (SB 152) requiring local jurisdictions to share a portion of teacher pension costs. The conference committee adopted the House position.

Amendment 53: The House added language transferring special funds to the Education Trust Fund and reduced general funds by an equal amount. The amendment also specifies the amount of teacher pension costs to be shared with local jurisdictions in fiscal 2013. The House also struck language authorizing grants for school systems receiving more than 5% less in State aid in fiscal 2013 than in fiscal 2012. The conference committee rejected the House position.

Supplemental Budget

Conference Committee Supplemental Budget Amendment No. 1: The conference committee added language reducing funds to exclude weekend bail reviews and deleted 13 positions.

Conference Committee Supplemental Budget Amendment No. 2: The conference committee added language reducing funds to exclude weekend bail reviews.

Conference Committee Supplemental Budget Amendment No. 3: The conference committee reduced funding for psychiatric programs at Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center.

Conference Committee Supplemental Budget Amendment No. 4: The conference committee adopted language allowing prior-year funds to be spent on expenses incurred within the Community Services Program.

Conference Committee Supplemental Budget Amendment No. 5: The conference committee further reduced funds in fiscal 2012 for Medicaid based on favorable trends in enrollment and service expenditures.

Conference Committee Supplemental Budget Amendment No. 6: The conference committee added language restricting how nursing home payment funds should be expended.

Amendment Descriptions

Conference Committee Supplemental Budget Amendment No. 7: The conference committee deleted fiscal 2013 funding so that it can be brought in by budget amendment during fiscal 2012.

Conference Committee Supplemental Budget Amendment No. 8: The conference committee added language to the Maryland State Department of Education to make funding contingent on the enactment of legislation implementing an assessment program in social studies.

Conference Committee Supplemental Budget Amendment No. 9: The conference committee added language restricting additional funds in the Healthy Families program to counties whose funding was eliminated in the fiscal 2013 allowance.

Conference Committee Supplemental Budget Amendment No. 10: The conference committee reduced funds for the Legislature and Judiciary similar to a reduction to executive agencies that recognizes savings from a new pharmacy contract.

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2	1	1	Payments to Civil Divisions of the State – Strikes language allocating the \$19.6 million one-time supplemental grant to local jurisdictions.						Adopt	
4	3	2	Judiciary – Further reduces the general fund reduction to the Judiciary by \$2,500,000 in budget bill language.						Adopt w/ CCA	
4	3-4	3	Judiciary – Reduces Mediation and Conflict Resolution grants to fiscal 2012 level.	GF	\$5,837,015	\$5,837,015	\$5,610,759	\$226,256	\$5,610,759	\$226,256
5	4	4	Judiciary – Deletes an additional 2 new positions under Judicial Information Systems.	GF	30,413,756	30,197,355	30,071,991	125,364	30,197,355	216,401
14	14-15	5	Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention – Partially restores funding for the Operation Safe Kids initiative.	GF	94,254,325	72,433,790	72,713,790	280,000	72,713,790	21,540,535
18	20	6	State Board of Elections – Strikes the contingent reduction to the General Administration program authorizing the use of revenue from the Fair Campaign Financing Fund.						Adopt	
18	20-21	7	State Board of Elections – Adds budget bill language restricting funds until all planned actions to resolve fiscal compliance audit findings are completed.						Adopt w/ CCA	
29	30	8	Comptroller of Maryland – Strikes a contingent reduction to reduce special funds contingent on legislation to alter procedures for abandoned property notifications.						Adopt	
32	31	9	State Lottery Agency – Strikes budget bill language to reduce funding and positions, as well as prohibiting any spending, for the implementation of sales of lottery games over the Internet.						Adopt w/ CCA	
34	32	10	Department of Budget and Management (DBM) – Adds budget bill language restricting funds until a report is submitted assessing the State's asset maximization strategies.						Reject	

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36	33	11	DBM – Adds budget bill language expressing that it is the policy of the General Assembly that employees and retirees with no representation in the collective bargaining process may choose among differing health care benefits that have been negotiated by different labor groups.						Reject w/ CCA	
48-49	42-43	12	Maryland Department of Transportation Secretary's Office – Adds budget bill language restricting \$1,000,000 until a report is submitted on the costs estimates and financial plan for a planned intermodal facility.						Reject w/ CCA	
67	56-57	13	Department of Agriculture – Restores \$250,000 to the Maryland Agricultural and Resource-Based Industry Corporation.	GF	3,000,000	2,750,000	3,000,000	250,000	2,875,000	125,000
69-70	57-58	14	Department of Agriculture – Strikes language requesting a report on soil conservation field personnel position count and funding.						Adopt	
24 75	65	15	Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH) – Family Health Administration – Reduces funding to the Cigarette Restitution Fund (CRF) program equal to the amount proposed in the Governor's contingent reduction.	SF	48,318,254	37,030,111	33,630,111	3,400,000	37,030,111	11,288,143
79	71-72	16	DHMH – Mental Hygiene Administration – Partially restores funding for purchase of beds at private psychiatric hospitals to treat uninsured individuals in need of inpatient care.	GF	73,978,661	71,878,661	72,978,661	1,100,000	72,978,661	1,000,000
87	76	17	DHMH – Medical Care Provider Reimbursements – Increases the contingent fund reduction based on the availability of CRF dollars.						Reject	
88	78	18	DHMH – Medical Care Provider Reimbursements – Modifies the use of funds available as a result of changing the nursing home bed hold policy to make a contingent reduction.						Adopt	
88-89	78-81	19	DHMH – Medical Care Provider Reimbursements – Restores funds based on a lower estimate of growth in hospital costs and for rural access payments, decreases funds for speciality physician rates and non-emergency transportation grants, and modifies a reduction for orthodontia services.	GF FF	2,511,473,437 3,508,170,068	2,456,300,130 3,451,411,265	2,456,528,130 3,449,039,265	228,000 2,372,000	2,475,918,130 3,465,029,265	35,555,307 43,140,803

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88-89	81	20	DHMH – Medical Care Provider Reimbursements – Modifies the use of funds available as a result of changing the nursing home bed hold policy to make a contingent reduction.						Adopt	
97	92	21	Department of Human Resources (DHR) – Child Support Enforcement Administration – Adds language that restricts funding until the department corrects audit findings.						Adopt	
102	96	22	Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation (DLLR) – Share of Racing Revenue to Local Divisions – Further reduces funding for local impact aid.	SF	1,251,800	351,000	0	351,000	0	1,251,800
121-122	106	23	Aid to Education State Share of Foundation Program – Modifies contingent reduction to the foundation program and authorizes a budget amendment to recognize new revenue in Education Trust Fund. Replaced by Amendment 53.						Adopt w/ CCA	
25 122	107	24	Aid to Education State Share of Foundation Program – Technical.						Adopt	
123	107-108	25	Aid to Education Aid for Local Employee Fringe Benefits – Modifies reduction to Teachers' Retirement to reflect amount of savings in fiscal 2013. Replaced by Amendment 53.						Adopt w/ CCA	
129	109	26	Children's Cabinet Interagency Fund – Adds language that expresses the intent of the General Assembly that Local Management Boards be funded at fiscal 2012 levels and funding be distributed to all certified bureaus.						Adopt	
130	110	27	Morgan State University – Further reduces appropriation to delete \$750 one-time bonus in fiscal 2013 allowance.						Reject	
131	113	28	University System of Maryland (USM) – Further reduces appropriation to delete \$750 one-time bonus in fiscal 2013 allowance.						Reject	
131	115	29	USM – University of Maryland, Baltimore – Strikes language relating to the transfer of funds to the University of Baltimore to create a new agricultural law clinic.						Adopt w/ CCA	

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133-134	116	30	Maryland Higher Education Commission – Adds language restricting funds until a decision is made on the Towson University off-campus site located on Harford Community College's west campus.						Reject	
134	118-119	31	Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC) – Reduces funding to the Baltimore International College from Sellinger Aid because it is not eligible for funding.	GF	39,790,106	39,790,106	39,400,323	389,783	39,400,323	389,783
134	119	32	MHEC – Adds budget bill language regarding the amount of funding provided through the Keeping Maryland Community Colleges Affordable Grant.						Reject	
134-135	120	33	MHEC – Restores funding for the Keeping Maryland Community Colleges Affordable Grant in fiscal 2013.	GF	219,013,213	215,044,122	217,544,122	2,500,000	215,044,122	3,969,091
137-138	122	34	Higher Education – Technical action to reflect actions taken in Amendment 29.						Adopt w/CCA	
139	123	35	Higher Education – Technical action to reflect actions taken in Amendment 28.						Reject	
139	123	36	Higher Education – Modifies contingent reduction and provides for a grant to St. Mary's College of Maryland to reduce a planned tuition increase by 2 percentage points.						Adopt	
139	124	37	Higher Education – Technical action to reflect actions taken in Amendment 27.						Reject	
139-140	124	38	Higher Education – Adds language to restrict \$1.0 million from USM to be used as incentive funding to institutions that offer new programs at non-USM Regional Higher Education Centers.						Adopt	
149	129-130	39	Department of Business and Economic Development (DBED) – Small Business Development Financing Authority – Restores funding for a feasibility study on tax exemptions on the sale of businesses to Minority Business Enterprises.	SF	1,723,368	1,699,468	1,723,368	23,900	1,723,368	0

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149	130	40	DBED – Office of Business Development – Restores funding for space business incubator and eliminates funds for the cyber business initiative.	GF	2,417,526	2,193,241	2,232,526	39,285	2,417,526	0
151	131	41	DBED – Maryland Tourism Development Board – Restores funding for the Maryland Tourism Development Board and reduces funding for the War of 1812 celebration.	GF	8,000,000	7,000,000	7,000,000	0	8,000,000	0
158-159	137-138	42	Department of Juvenile Services (DJS) – Modifies the date education services at Alfred D. Noyes Children’s Center will be transferred to MSDE.						Reject	
159-160	139-140	43	DJS – Adds language restricting funds until the department submits a report regarding placement disparities between girls and boys and an implementation plan for addressing gender-specific programming needs.						Adopt	
161	141	44	DJS – Modifies language to restrict funds until the Department of Juvenile Services hires an outside consultant to help the department with its employee retention issues.						Adopt	
185	146	45	DBED – Division of Tourism, Film, and the Arts – Reduces deficiency appropriation to the Maryland Tourism Board for the War of 1812.	GF	2,000,000	2,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	2,000,000	0
218-219	164-165	46	Section 41 – Modifies language relating to the proposed move of the Department of Housing and Community Development and requires an evaluation by an independent consultant.						Adopt w/ CCA	
220-222	167-169	47	Section 43 – Modifies reductions contingent on the failure to enact legislation to increase general fund revenues.						Adopt	
222-223	169	48	Section 44 – Strikes language reducing funds contingent on the failure of legislation transferring special funds to the general fund.						Adopt	
223	170	49	Section 44 – Adds language restricting funds until the <i>Uniform Crime Report</i> is submitted and directs grants to be withheld until crime data is submitted.						Adopt	

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223	171	50	Section 45 – Adds language to direct agencies with large contractual services and grant disbursal budgets to submit a report to cite the direction of these funds.						Adopt	
224	172	51	Section 46 – Technical renumbering.						Adopt w/ CCA	
	173	52	Payments to Civil Divisions to the State – Adds budget bill language reducing the Teachers' Retirement Supplemental Grant contingent upon the failure of Senate Bill 152.						Adopt	
	174-175	53	Aid to Education – Modifies the contingent reduction for teacher pensions and increases the general fund reduction due to the availability of funds from the Problem Gambling Account and the Small, Minority, and Women-Owned Business Account.						Reject	
		CCS1	Office of Public Defender – Reduce the supplemental budget appropriation by \$1,273,214 and 13 positions to reflect provisions in SB 422.							
		CCS2	Office of the Public Defender – Reduces the supplemental budget appropriation by \$965,359 to reflect provisions in SB 422.							
		CCS3	DHMH – Mental Health – Reduces for psychiatric rehabilitation payments to Johns Hopkins Bayview.	GF	1,500,000				750,000	750,000
				FF	1,500,000				750,000	750,000
		CCS4	DHMH – Developmental Disabilities Administration – Adds budget bill language authorizing the agency to spend federal funds carried forward in fiscal 2012 on expenses within the Community Services program.							
		CCS5	DHMH – Medicaid – Further reduces the fiscal 2012 Medicaid deficiency due to favorable enrollment trends.	GF	-30,000,000				-42,750,000	-12,750,000
				FF	-30,000,000				-42,750,000	-12,750,000
		CCS6	DHMH – Medicaid – Adds budget bill language specifying three areas of increase in nursing home rates.							
		CCS7	DLLR – Deletes fiscal 2013 federal funding so that it can be brought in by budget amendment for fiscal 2012.	FF	13,000,000				0	-13,000,000

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		CCS8	MSDE – Adds budget bill language making the \$3,500,000 in the supplemental budget for Government High School Assessment contingent upon legislation.							
		CCS9	MSDE – Adds budget bill language restoring funding to the 10 counties for which funding was eliminated in the fiscal 2013 allowance.							
		CCS10	Amendment 3 – Reduces the legislative and judicial appropriation by to recognize savings from the new pharmacy contract.							