

HOUSE BILL 72

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By: The Speaker (By Request – Administration)

Introduced and read first time: January 23, 2015

Assigned to: Appropriations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act of 2015**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing or altering the distribution of certain revenue; altering or
4 repealing certain required appropriations; authorizing the use of certain funds for
5 certain purposes; ~~repealing a certain requirement for a certain notice relating to~~
6 ~~abandoned property to be published in certain newspapers; requiring the~~
7 ~~Comptroller to maintain an abandoned property database containing the names and~~
8 ~~last known addresses, if any, of persons listed in certain reports; requiring the~~
9 ~~Comptroller to maintain a certain Internet Web site relating to the abandoned~~
10 ~~property database; requiring the Comptroller to publish certain notices on a certain~~
11 ~~Internet Web site; altering the time period year by which the Maryland Agricultural~~
12 ~~and Resource-Based Industry Development Corporation is to become self-sufficient~~
13 ~~and in no further need of certain operating support; altering the date for requiring~~
14 ~~the establishment of a certain library; altering the method for calculating certain~~
15 ~~income tax disparity grants; requiring a local school system that has a certain~~
16 structural deficit to provide certain notifications under certain circumstances;
17 requiring the State Superintendent of Schools to require a local school system to
18 submit a certain plan and to file certain reports under certain circumstances;
19 requiring the State Superintendent to include certain information concerning local
20 school system structural deficits in certain reports to the Governor and General
21 Assembly; authorizing the Office of Legislative Audits to request certain information
22 pertaining to certain structural deficits; providing that certain payments in certain
23 fiscal years be based on certain revenues; prohibiting certain payments in certain
24 fiscal years; repealing the State Police Helicopter Replacement Fund; altering
25 certain penalties for liquidated damages that apply to certain violations related to
26 certain prevailing wage rates; altering a certain provision that authorizes a certain
27 ~~refund to make it~~ certain provisions concerning the State and county earned income
28 credits to make them applicable to State residents only; altering the amount of

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.

1 certificates for certain tax credits that the Secretary of Business and Economic
2 Development may issue; altering the date and method by which the Governor is
3 required to reduce a certain assessment by a certain amount each fiscal year;
4 clarifying language regarding a certain appropriation; requiring the Health Services
5 Cost Review Commission to ~~enact~~ adopt certain policies to achieve certain savings
6 for ~~certain fiscal years~~; a certain fiscal year; requiring the Health Services Cost
7 Review Commission to submit, on or before a certain date, a certain alternative plan
8 to achieve certain savings to the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and the
9 Department of Budget and Management under certain circumstances; altering, for
10 a certain fiscal year, the criteria to be used for a certain program that provides
11 stipends to certain teachers and school-based employees; repealing the authority to
12 provide certain stipends to certain teachers and school-based employees; altering
13 the method of calculating a certain contribution to be paid on behalf of certain
14 members of certain State retirement and pension systems; repealing certain
15 provisions that provide for a certain method of calculating a certain contribution to
16 be paid on behalf of certain members of certain State retirement and pension
17 systems; repealing certain obsolete provisions; altering certain requirements for
18 certain fiscal years that the Governor include in the budget bill certain supplemental
19 contributions to certain accumulation funds of certain State retirement and pension
20 systems; setting certain limits on increases in payments to certain providers for a
21 certain fiscal year; prohibiting the payment of certain merit increases
22 ~~or cost-of-living adjustments~~ for certain State employees, except under certain
23 circumstances; providing that certain payments be deposited into the General Fund
24 for certain fiscal years; providing for the transfer of certain funds; providing that on
25 or after a certain date certain revenues be credited to the General Fund rather than
26 the State Police Helicopter Replacement Fund; ~~setting certain limits on increases on~~
27 ~~certain required appropriations~~; requiring that certain Managed Care
28 Organizations, on or before a certain date, to reimburse the Department of Health
29 and Mental Hygiene make adjustments to certain rates for insufficient loss ratios for
30 a certain fiscal year; providing for a certain reimbursement under certain
31 circumstances; prohibiting the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners from
32 being required to contribute to the Baltimore City Public School Construction
33 Financing Fund for a certain fiscal year; prohibiting the State Comptroller from
34 withholding a certain amount from a certain installment due the Baltimore City
35 Board of School Commissioners for a certain fiscal year; reducing certain
36 unexpended appropriations and providing for their reversion to the General Fund;
37 requiring, under certain circumstances, a county to pay certain costs beyond a
38 certain amount restricted in the State budget to implement a certain Court of
39 Appeals decision; providing that a certain budgetary authorization represents a
40 one-time allocation and provides no authority for certain actions without certain
41 statutory or budgetary authority; requiring that certain money received by the State
42 as a result of a certain approved merger between Exelon Corporation and Pepco
43 Holdings, Inc. be expended only in a certain manner; prohibiting the State Health
44 Services Cost Review Commission from assessing certain hospital rate assessments
45 for the operation and administration of the Maryland Health Insurance Plan for a
46 certain fiscal year; setting certain limits, for a certain fiscal year, on the State's share
47 of certain operating deficits of the Baltimore Convention Center and the Ocean City

1 Convention facility; altering and repealing the definition of certain terms; defining a
 2 certain term certain terms; making the provisions of this Act severable; providing
 3 for the application of this Act; providing for a delayed effective date for certain
 4 provisions of this Act; and generally relating to the financing of State and local
 5 government.

6 ~~BY repealing~~

7 ~~Article – Commercial Law~~

8 ~~Section 17–311(a) and (b)~~

9 ~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~

10 ~~(2013 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)~~

11 ~~BY adding to~~

12 ~~Article – Commercial Law~~

13 ~~Section 17–311(a), (b), and (c)~~

14 ~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~

15 ~~(2013 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)~~

16 ~~BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,~~

17 ~~Article – Commercial Law~~

18 ~~Section 17–311(e)~~

19 ~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~

20 ~~(2013 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)~~

21 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

22 Article – Economic Development

23 Section 10–523(a)(3)(i) and (c)

24 Annotated Code of Maryland

25 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

26 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

27 Article – Education

28 Section ~~5–202(a)(13)(ii), (iii), and (iv) and (k)(5)~~ 5–114, 5–202(k)(5), 6–306(b),

29 16–305(c)(1)(i), ~~17–104(a)(1)~~ 17–104(a), ~~23–108(a), 23–205(e), (d), and (c)~~

30 ~~23–205(c) and (d), and 23–503(b)(1)~~

31 Annotated Code of Maryland

32 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

33 BY adding to

34 Article – Education

35 ~~Section 5–202(a)(13)(v) and (vi), 16–305(c)(1)(iii) and (iv), and 17–104(a)(2) and (3)~~

36 Section 16–305(c)(1)(v)

37 Annotated Code of Maryland

38 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

39 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

40 Article – Education

- 1 Section 16–305(c)(1)(iii) and (iv) ~~and 17–104(a)(2) and (3)~~
2 Annotated Code of Maryland
3 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)
- 4 ~~BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,~~
5 ~~Article – Health – General~~
6 ~~Section 2–302(b)(3) and 7–307(d)(1)~~
7 ~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~
8 ~~(2009 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)~~
- 9 ~~BY repealing~~
10 ~~Article – Health – General~~
11 ~~Section 13–1116(a)(1)~~
12 ~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~
13 ~~(2009 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)~~
- 14 ~~BY adding to~~
15 ~~Article – Health – General~~
16 ~~Section 13–1116(a)(1)~~
17 ~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~
18 ~~(2009 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)~~
- 19 ~~BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,~~
20 ~~Article – Insurance~~
21 ~~Section 31–107.2(a)~~
22 ~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~
23 ~~(2011 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)~~
- 24 ~~BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,~~
25 ~~Article – Local Government~~
26 ~~Section 16–501(e)~~
27 ~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~
28 ~~(2013 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)~~
- 29 ~~BY adding to~~
30 ~~Article – Local Government~~
31 ~~Section 16–501(f)~~
32 ~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~
33 ~~(2013 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)~~
- 34 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
35 Article – Natural Resources
36 Section 5–212(g)(2), 5–212.1(g)(2), and 8–709(d)
37 Annotated Code of Maryland
38 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)
- 39 BY repealing

1 Article – Public Safety
2 Section 2–801 and the subtitle “Subtitle 8. State Police Helicopter Replacement
3 Fund”
4 Annotated Code of Maryland
5 (2011 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
7 Article – Public Safety
8 Section 4–506(a)
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (2011 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
12 Article – State Finance and Procurement
13 Section ~~7–311(j)(1) and 7–325(a)~~ 17–220(d)(2) and 17–222(a)
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

16 BY adding to
17 Article – Tax – General
18 Section 2–606(h)
19 Annotated Code of Maryland
20 (2010 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

21 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
22 Article – Tax – General
23 Section 2–1302.1(b), ~~10–704(b)(2)(i)~~ 10–704(a), (b)(2)(i), (c)(2)(iii), and (d),
24 10–730(f)(1), and 10–733(f)(3)(iv)
25 Annotated Code of Maryland
26 (2010 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

27 ~~BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,~~
28 ~~Article – Tax – General~~
29 ~~Section 10–704(d)~~
30 ~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~
31 ~~(2010 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)~~

32 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
33 Article – Tax – Property
34 Section 13–209(f)(2) and (h), (g), and (h)
35 Annotated Code of Maryland
36 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

37 ~~BY repealing~~
38 ~~Article – Tax – Property~~
39 ~~Section 13–209(g)~~
40 ~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~

~~(2012 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)~~

~~BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,~~

~~Article — Transportation~~

~~Section 8-613.3~~

~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~

~~(2008 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)~~

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Chapter 397 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2011, as amended by Chapter

425 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2013, and Chapter 464 of the Acts

of the General Assembly of 2014

Section 16

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – State Personnel and Pensions

Section 21-304(a) and (b)(1) and 21-308(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2009 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – State Personnel and Pensions

Section 21-304(b)(2) and (3)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2009 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

BY repealing

Article – State Personnel and Pensions

Section 21-304(e) and (f)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2009 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

~~Article — Commercial Law~~

~~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.~~

1 (b) ~~The published notice shall be entitled “Notice of Names of Persons Appearing~~
2 ~~to Be Owners of Abandoned Property” and shall contain:~~

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

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

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

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

14 (B) (1) ~~THE ADMINISTRATOR SHALL MAINTAIN AN ABANDONED~~
15 ~~PROPERTY DATABASE.~~

16 (2) ~~WITHIN 365 DAYS AFTER THE FILING OF THE REPORT REQUIRED~~
17 ~~BY § 17-310 OF THIS SUBTITLE, THE ADMINISTRATOR SHALL ADD TO THE~~
18 ~~ABANDONED PROPERTY DATABASE THE NAMES AND LAST KNOWN ADDRESSES, IF~~
19 ~~ANY, OF PERSONS LISTED IN THE REPORT.~~

20 (3) ~~THE ADMINISTRATOR SHALL MAINTAIN AN INTERNET WEB SITE~~
21 ~~THAT:~~

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

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

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

31 (IV) ~~INCLUDES A LINK TO AN ABANDONED PROPERTY CLAIM~~
32 ~~FORM.~~

~~1 (c) (4) The Administrator is not required to [publish in the notice] INCLUDE~~
~~2 ON THE WEB SITE any item valued at less than \$100 unless the Administrator considers~~
~~3 the [publication] INCLUSION to be in the public interest.~~

~~4 (c) (1) THE ADMINISTRATOR SHALL PUBLISH NOTICE ON THE INTERNET~~
~~5 WEB SITE REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION (B)(3) OF THIS SECTION.~~

~~6 (2) THE NOTICE:~~

~~7 (i) SHALL ALSO BE PUBLISHED AT LEAST ONCE EACH~~
~~8 CALENDAR QUARTER IN ONE OR MORE NEWSPAPERS OF GENERAL CIRCULATION IN~~
~~9 EACH COUNTY OF THE STATE; AND~~

~~10 (ii) SHALL CONTAIN:~~

~~11 1. A STATEMENT THAT THE ADMINISTRATOR~~
~~12 MAINTAINS RECORDS OF THE NAMES AND LAST KNOWN ADDRESSES, IF ANY, OF~~
~~13 PERSONS WHO APPEAR TO BE OWNERS OF ABANDONED PROPERTY;~~

~~14 2. A STATEMENT THAT ANY PERSON MAY SEARCH THE~~
~~15 ADMINISTRATOR'S ABANDONED PROPERTY RECORDS THROUGH THE~~
~~16 ADMINISTRATOR'S INTERNET WEB SITE;~~

~~17 3. THE ADDRESS OF THE INTERNET WEB SITE; AND~~

~~18 4. A PHONE NUMBER THAT A PERSON MAY CALL FOR~~
~~19 ASSISTANCE IF THEY LACK INTERNET ACCESS.~~

Article – Economic Development

10–523.

22 (a) (3) (i) To assist the Corporation in complying with subsection (c) of this
 23 section, the Governor shall include each year in the State budget bill an appropriation to
 24 the Corporation for rural business development and assistance as follows:

- 25 1. [for fiscal year 2011, \$2,750,000;
- 26 2. for fiscal year 2012, \$2,750,000;
- 27 3. for fiscal year 2013, \$2,875,000;
- 28 4. for fiscal year 2014, \$2,875,000;
- 29 5.] for fiscal year 2015, \$2,875,000; and

1 [6.] 2. for each of the fiscal years 2016 through [2021]
2 2024, [\$4,000,000] \$2,875,000.

3 (c) The Corporation shall conduct its financial affairs so that, by [the] FISCAL
4 year [2021] 2025, it is self-sufficient and in no further need of general operating support
5 by the State.

6 Article – Education

7 5–114.

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

10 (2) “DEFICIT” means a negative fund balance in the General Fund [of 1%
11 or more of General Fund revenue] at the end of the fiscal year.

12 (3) “STRUCTURAL DEFICIT” MEANS A PROJECTED NEGATIVE FUND
13 BALANCE IN THE GENERAL FUND THAT REQUIRES THE TRANSFER OF RESERVE
14 FUNDS IN ORDER TO AVOID A DEFICIT.

15 (b) The State Superintendent and the Department shall monitor the financial
16 status of each local school system.

17 (c) If a local school system does not file the annual audit results in a timely
18 manner with the State Superintendent as required by § 5–109 of this subtitle, the State
19 Superintendent shall:

20 (1) Immediately notify:

21 (i) The Department of Legislative Services;

22 (ii) The county governing body; and

23 (iii) The local board and local superintendent or chief executive
24 officer of the local school system; and

25 (2) Order that the audit report be filed within 10 days.

26 (d) (1) A local school system may not carry a deficit as reported in the annual
27 audit under § 5–109 of this subtitle.

28 (2) If a local school system has a deficit, the State Superintendent shall
29 immediately notify the Governor, the General Assembly, the Department of Legislative
30 Services, and county governing body and shall require the local school system to:

1 (i) Develop and submit for approval a corrective action cost
2 containment plan within 15 days;

3 (ii) File monthly status reports with the State Superintendent and
4 county governing body demonstrating actions taken to close the deficit and the effect of the
5 actions taken on the deficit; and

6 (iii) Include information on the corrective action cost containment
7 plan, actions taken to close the deficit, and status of the deficit in the annual audit under §
8 5–109 of this subtitle filed with the State Superintendent and county governing body.

9 (3) **(I) IF A LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEM HAS A STRUCTURAL DEFICIT**
10 **AND TRANSFERS RESERVE FUNDS INTO THE GENERAL FUND IN ORDER TO AVOID A**
11 **DEFICIT, THE LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEM IMMEDIATELY SHALL NOTIFY THE**
12 **GOVERNOR, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT, THE**
13 **DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES, AND THE COUNTY GOVERNING BODY.**

14 **(II) THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT SHALL REQUIRE A LOCAL**
15 **SCHOOL SYSTEM DESCRIBED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH TO SUBMIT**
16 **A CORRECTIVE ACTION COST CONTAINMENT PLAN WITHIN 15 DAYS AND FILE**
17 **MONTHLY STATUS REPORTS WITH THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT AND COUNTY**
18 **GOVERNING BODY DEMONSTRATING ACTIONS TAKEN TO ELIMINATE THE**
19 **STRUCTURAL DEFICIT, THE EFFECT OF THE ACTIONS TAKEN ON THE STRUCTURAL**
20 **DEFICIT, AND A SCHEDULE TO REPAY THE RESERVE FUND.**

21 (4) The State Superintendent shall include information on any local school
22 system deficit **OR STRUCTURAL DEFICIT**, corrective action cost containment plan, actions
23 taken to close a local school system deficit **OR STRUCTURAL DEFICIT**, and status of any
24 local school system deficit **OR STRUCTURAL DEFICIT** in a quarterly report to the Governor
25 and the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article.

26 **[(4)] (5) If a local school system has a deficit **OR STRUCTURAL DEFICIT**:**

27 (i) The Office of Legislative Audits may request any financial
28 information pertaining to the deficit **OR STRUCTURAL DEFICIT** and the corrective action
29 cost containment plan; and

30 (ii) The local superintendent or chief executive officer of a local
31 school system shall provide the requested information.

32 (e) If a local school system fails to comply with the requirements of this section,
33 the State Superintendent, with the approval of the State Board of Education, shall notify
34 the State Comptroller, who shall withhold 10% of the next installment and each subsequent
35 installment due the local school system from the General State School Fund until the State

1 Superintendent notifies the Comptroller that the local school system is in full compliance
 2 with the requirements of this section.

3 5-202.

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

5 ~~(ii) Except as provided in items (iii) [and], (iv), (v), AND (vi) of this~~
 6 ~~paragraph, in subsequent fiscal years:~~

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

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

11 ~~B. The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers for~~
 12 ~~the Washington-Baltimore metropolitan area, or any successor index, for the second prior~~
 13 ~~fiscal year; or~~

14 ~~C. 5%; or~~

15 ~~2. If there is no increase in the implicit price deflator for~~
 16 ~~State and local government expenditures for the second prior fiscal year or in the Consumer~~
 17 ~~Price Index for All Urban Consumers for the Washington-Baltimore metropolitan area, or~~
 18 ~~any successor index, for the second prior fiscal year, the target per pupil foundation amount~~
 19 ~~for the prior fiscal year;~~

20 ~~(iii) In fiscal year 2012, \$6,694; [and]~~

21 ~~(iv) In each of fiscal years 2013 through 2015:~~

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

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

26 ~~B. The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers for~~
 27 ~~the Washington-Baltimore metropolitan area, or any successor index, for the second prior~~
 28 ~~fiscal year; or~~

29 ~~C. 1%; or~~

30 ~~2. If there is no increase in the implicit price deflator for~~
 31 ~~State and local government expenditures for the second prior fiscal year or in the Consumer~~
 32 ~~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;~~

~~(v) IN FISCAL YEAR 2016, \$6,860; AND~~

~~(vi) IN EACH OF FISCAL YEARS 2017 THROUGH 2020:~~

~~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%; AND~~

~~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 SHALL BE THE AMOUNT FOR THE PRIOR FISCAL YEAR.~~

(k) (5) If the amount of State aid for a county, using the calculation of State aid under paragraph (3)(ii) of this subsection, is the greater of the two calculations under paragraph (3) of this subsection, payment of any increase in State aid resulting from the difference between the two calculations shall be phased in as follows:

(i) For fiscal year 2014, 20 percent of the difference between the two calculations;

(ii) For fiscal year 2015, 40 percent of the difference between the two calculations;

(iii) For fiscal year 2016, [60] 40 percent of the difference between the two calculations;

(iv) For fiscal year 2017, [80] 60 percent of the difference between the two calculations; [and]

1 (v) For fiscal year 2018, **80 PERCENT OF THE DIFFERENCE**
2 **BETWEEN THE TWO CALCULATIONS; AND**

3 (VI) **FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019**, and each fiscal year thereafter, the full
4 amount of the calculation.

5 16–305.

6 (c) (1) (i) [The] **EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN ~~SUBPARAGRAPH (IV)~~**
7 **SUBPARAGRAPHS (III), (IV), AND (V) OF THIS PARAGRAPH**, THE total State operating
8 fund per full–time equivalent student to the community colleges for each fiscal year [other
9 than fiscal year 2013,] as requested by the Governor shall be:

10 1. ~~I~~In fiscal year 2009, not less than an amount equal to
11 26.25% of the State’s General Fund appropriation per full–time equivalent student to the
12 4–year public institutions of higher education in the State as designated by the Commission
13 for the purpose of administering the Joseph A. Sellinger Program under Title 17 of this
14 article in the previous fiscal year;

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

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

25 4. In fiscal year 2012, not less than an amount equal to 20%
26 of the State’s General Fund appropriation per full–time equivalent student to the 4–year
27 public institutions of higher education in the State as designated by the Commission for
28 the purpose of administering the Joseph A. Sellinger Program under Title 17 of this article
29 in the same fiscal year;

30 5. In fiscal year 2014, an amount that is the greater of 19.7%
31 of the State’s General Fund appropriation per full–time equivalent student to the 4–year
32 public institutions of higher education in the State as designated by the Commission for
33 the purpose of administering the Joseph A. Sellinger Program under Title 17 of this article
34 in the same fiscal year or \$1,839.47 per full–time equivalent student;

35 6. In fiscal year 2015, an amount that is the greater of 19.7%
36 of the State’s General Fund appropriation per full–time equivalent student to the 4–year
37 public institutions of higher education in the State as designated by the Commission for

1 the purpose of administering the Joseph A. Sellinger Program under Title 17 of this article
2 in the same fiscal year or \$1,839.47 per full-time equivalent student;

3 7. [In fiscal year 2016, not less than an amount equal to
4 20.0% of the State's General Fund appropriation per full-time equivalent student to the
5 4-year public institutions of higher education in the State as designated by the Commission
6 for the purpose of administering the Joseph A. Sellinger Program under Title 17 of this
7 article in the same fiscal year;

8 8.] In fiscal year 2017, not less than an amount equal to 20.5%
9 of the State's General Fund appropriation per full-time equivalent student to the 4-year
10 public institutions of higher education in the State as designated by the Commission for
11 the purpose of administering the Joseph A. Sellinger Program under Title 17 of this article
12 in the same fiscal year;

13 [9.] ~~2.~~ 8. In fiscal year 2018, not less than an amount equal
14 to 21.0% of the State's General Fund appropriation per full-time equivalent student to the
15 4-year public institutions of higher education in the State as designated by the Commission
16 for the purpose of administering the Joseph A. Sellinger Program under Title 17 of this
17 article in the same fiscal year;

18 [10.] ~~3.~~ 9. In fiscal year 2019, not less than an amount equal
19 to 22.0% of the State's General Fund appropriation per full-time equivalent student to the
20 4-year public institutions of higher education in the State as designated by the Commission
21 for the purpose of administering the Joseph A. Sellinger Program under Title 17 of this
22 article in the same fiscal year;

23 [11.] ~~4.~~ 10. In fiscal year 2020, not less than an amount equal
24 to 23% of the State's General Fund appropriation per full-time equivalent student to the
25 4-year public institutions of higher education in the State as designated by the Commission
26 for the purpose of administering the Joseph A. Sellinger Program under Title 17 of this
27 article in the same fiscal year;

28 [12.] ~~5.~~ 11. In fiscal year 2021, not less than an amount equal
29 to 25% of the State's General Fund appropriation per full-time equivalent student to the
30 4-year public institutions of higher education in the State as designated by the Commission
31 for the purpose of administering the Joseph A. Sellinger Program under Title 17 of this
32 article in the same fiscal year;

33 [13.] ~~6.~~ 12. In fiscal year 2022, not less than an amount equal
34 to 27% of the State's General Fund appropriation per full-time equivalent student to the
35 4-year public institutions of higher education in the State as designated by the Commission
36 for the purpose of administering the Joseph A. Sellinger Program under Title 17 of this
37 article in the same fiscal year; and

1 [14.] ~~7.~~ **13.** In fiscal year 2023 and each fiscal year thereafter,
2 not less than an amount equal to 29% of the State’s General Fund appropriation per
3 full-time equivalent student to the 4-year public institutions of higher education in the
4 State as designated by the Commission for the purpose of administering the Joseph A.
5 Sellinger Program under Title 17 of this article in the same fiscal year.

6 ¶(iii) Notwithstanding the provisions of subparagraph (i) of this
7 paragraph, the total State operating funds to be distributed under this subsection to the
8 community colleges for each of fiscal years 2011 and 2012 shall be \$194,407,432.

9 (iv) In fiscal year 2013, the total State operating funds for community
10 colleges shall be \$199,176,114, to be distributed as follows:

- 11 1. Allegany College\$4,773,622;
- 12 2. Anne Arundel Community College\$27,235,329;
- 13 3. Community College of Baltimore County.....\$34,398,366;
- 14 4. Carroll Community College\$6,851,515;
- 15 5. Cecil Community College\$4,645,751;
- 16 6. College of Southern Maryland\$10,902,580;
- 17 7. Chesapeake College.....\$5,675,815;
- 18 8. Frederick Community College\$8,145,648;
- 19 9. Garrett College\$2,246,709;
- 20 10. Hagerstown Community College\$6,965,064;
- 21 11. Harford Community College\$9,990,806;
- 22 12. Howard Community College\$12,584,485;
- 23 13. Montgomery College.....\$35,998,553;
- 24 14. Prince George’s Community College..... \$22,013,074; and
- 25 15. Wor–Wic Community College \$6,748,796.¶

26 ~~(III)~~ **(V)** **IN FISCAL YEAR 2016, THE TOTAL STATE OPERATING**
27 **FUNDS FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES SHALL BE ~~\$218,744,622~~ \$222,744,620, TO BE**
28 **DISTRIBUTED AS FOLLOWS:**

1	1.	ALLEGANY COLLEGE	\$4,592,847	<u>\$4,850,443;</u>
2	2.	ANNE ARUNDEL COMMUNITY		
3	COLLEGE.....		\$27,461,464	<u>\$28,715,483;</u>
4	3.	COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF BALTIMORE		
5	COUNTY.....		\$38,157,317	<u>\$38,637,668;</u>
6	4.	CARROLL COMMUNITY		
7	COLLEGE.....		\$7,194,863	<u>\$7,345,653;</u>
8	5.	CECIL COMMUNITY		
9	COLLEGE.....		\$4,964,098	<u>\$5,108,064;</u>
10	6.	COLLEGE OF SOUTHERN		
11	MARYLAND.....		\$12,950,598	<u>\$13,017,885;</u>
12	7.	CHESAPEAKE COLLEGE	\$6,009,400	<u>\$6,142,473;</u>
13	8.	FREDERICK COMMUNITY		
14	COLLEGE.....		\$8,795,333	<u>\$8,975,284;</u>
15	9.	GARRETT COLLEGE	\$2,515,927	<u>\$2,561,002;</u>
16	10.	HAGERSTOWN COMMUNITY COLLEGE	\$7,500,700	
17				<u>\$7,620,412;</u>
18	11.	HARFORD COMMUNITY COLLEGE	\$10,754,623	
19				<u>\$10,865,634;</u>
20	12.	HOWARD COMMUNITY COLLEGE.....	\$15,643,389	
21				<u>\$15,723,055;</u>
22	13.	MONTGOMERY COLLEGE ..	\$39,679,904	<u>\$40,000,786;</u>
23	14.	PRINCE GEORGE'S COMMUNITY		
24	COLLEGE.....		\$25,800,203	<u>\$26,072,537; AND</u>
25	15.	WOR-WIC COMMUNITY COLLEGE.....	\$6,723,956	
26				<u>\$7,108,241.</u>

27 (IV) ~~NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF SUBPARAGRAPH~~
 28 ~~(I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR~~

~~THEREAFTER, THE PERCENTAGE INCREASE IN APPROPRIATION OVER THE PREVIOUS FISCAL YEAR MAY NOT EXCEED THE PERCENTAGE BY WHICH THE PROJECTED TOTAL GENERAL FUND REVENUES FOR THE UPCOMING FISCAL YEAR EXCEED THE REVISED ESTIMATE OF TOTAL GENERAL FUND REVENUES FOR THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR, AS REFLECTED IN THE DECEMBER REPORT OF ESTIMATED STATE REVENUES SUBMITTED BY THE BOARD OF REVENUE ESTIMATES TO THE GOVERNOR UNDER § 6-106(B) OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE, LESS 1%.~~

17-104.

(a) (1) Except as provided in paragraphs ~~(2) and (3)~~ **(2), (3), AND (4)** 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) ~~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 2014, an amount that is the greater of 9.4% 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 or \$875.53 per full-time equivalent student;

(vi) In fiscal year 2015, an amount that is the greater of 9.4% 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 or \$875.53 per full-time equivalent student;

(vii) [In fiscal year 2016, an amount not less than 9.6% 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 2017, an amount not less than 10.1% 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)] ~~(H)~~ (VIII) In fiscal year 2018, an amount not less than 10.5% 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;

[(x)] ~~(H)~~ (IX) In fiscal year 2019, an amount not less than 10.8% 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;

[(xi)] ~~(H)~~ (X) In fiscal year 2020, an amount not less than 11.1% 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

[(xii)] ~~(H)~~ (XI) 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.

[(2)] For each of fiscal years 2011 and 2012, the total amount of the aid provided under this subtitle shall be \$38,445,958, to be allocated among the institutions that qualify under this subtitle in proportion to the number of full-time equivalent students enrolled at each 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.

(3) In fiscal year 2013, the total amount of aid due to all institutions shall be \$38,056,175.}

~~(2) IN FISCAL YEAR 2016, THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF AID DUE TO ALL INSTITUTIONS SHALL BE \$41,422,240 TO BE DISTRIBUTED AS FOLLOWS:~~

- ~~(I) CAPITOL COLLEGE\$497,379;~~
- ~~(II) NOTRE DAME OF MARYLAND UNIVERSITY\$1,460,006;~~
- ~~(III) WASHINGTON ADVENTIST UNIVERSITY\$834,640;~~
- ~~(IV) GOUCHER COLLEGE\$1,638,923;~~

- 1 ~~(V) HOOD COLLEGE.....\$1,542,917;~~
- 2 ~~(VI) JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY.....\$18,108,588;~~
- 3 ~~(VII) LOYOLA UNIVERSITY MARYLAND.....\$4,792,569;~~
- 4 ~~(VIII) MARYLAND INSTITUTE OF ART.....\$2,040,049;~~
- 5 ~~(IX) McDANIEL COLLEGE.....\$2,184,320;~~
- 6 ~~(X) MOUNT ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY.....\$1,754,630;~~
- 7 ~~(XI) ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE.....\$548,433;~~
- 8 ~~(XII) SOJOURNER DOUGLASS COLLEGE.....\$855,898;~~
- 9 ~~(XIII) STEVENSON UNIVERSITY.....\$3,653,834; AND~~
- 10 ~~(XIV) WASHINGTON COLLEGE.....\$1,510,054.~~

11 ~~(3) NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS~~
 12 ~~SUBSECTION, FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER, THE~~
 13 ~~PERCENTAGE INCREASE IN APPROPRIATION OVER THE PREVIOUS FISCAL YEAR MAY~~
 14 ~~NOT EXCEED THE PERCENTAGE BY WHICH THE PROJECTED TOTAL GENERAL FUND~~
 15 ~~REVENUES FOR THE UPCOMING FISCAL YEAR EXCEED THE REVISED ESTIMATE OF~~
 16 ~~TOTAL GENERAL FUND REVENUES FOR THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR, AS REFLECTED~~
 17 ~~IN THE DECEMBER REPORT OF ESTIMATED STATE REVENUES SUBMITTED BY THE~~
 18 ~~BOARD OF REVENUE ESTIMATES TO THE GOVERNOR UNDER § 6-106(B) OF THE~~
 19 ~~STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE, LESS 1%.~~

20 (4) IN FISCAL YEAR 2016, THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF THE AID PROVIDED
 21 UNDER THIS SUBTITLE SHALL BE \$42,822,240, TO BE ALLOCATED AMONG THE
 22 INSTITUTIONS THAT QUALIFY UNDER THIS SUBTITLE IN PROPORTION TO THE
 23 NUMBER OF FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT STUDENTS ENROLLED AT EACH INSTITUTION
 24 DURING THE FALL SEMESTER OF FISCAL YEAR 2015, AS DETERMINED BY THE
 25 MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION.

26 ~~23-108.~~

27 ~~(a) [The] ON OR AFTER OCTOBER 1, 2015, THE Division of Library~~
 28 ~~Development and Services shall establish the Deaf Culture Digital Library as the primary~~
 29 ~~information center on deaf resources for library customers and staff in the State.~~

30 ~~23-205.~~

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

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

5 (i) For each of fiscal years 2011 through 2015.....\$6.75 per each
6 resident of the area served;

7 (ii) For fiscal year 2016.....~~[\$7.50]~~ **\$6.95** per each resident of the
8 area served;

9 (iii) For fiscal year 2017..... ~~[\$8.25]~~ **\$7.15** per each resident of the
10 area served;

11 (iv) For fiscal year 2018..... ~~[\$8.50]~~ **\$7.35** per each resident of the
12 area served; [and]

13 (v) **FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019.....\$7.55 PER EACH RESIDENT**
14 **OF THE AREA SERVED;**

15 (vi) **FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020..... \$7.75 PER EACH RESIDENT**
16 **OF THE AREA SERVED;**

17 (vii) **FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021..... \$7.95 PER EACH RESIDENT**
18 **OF THE AREA SERVED;**

19 (viii) **FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022..... \$8.15 PER EACH RESIDENT**
20 **OF THE AREA SERVED;**

21 (ix) **FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023..... \$8.35 PER EACH RESIDENT**
22 **OF THE AREA SERVED;**

23 (x) **FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024..... \$8.55 PER EACH RESIDENT**
24 **OF THE AREA SERVED; AND**

25 [(v)] (xi) For fiscal year [2019] **2025** and each fiscal year
26 thereafter..... \$8.75 per each resident of the area served.

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

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

1 (i) For each of fiscal years 2010 through 2016.....\$1.67 per State
2 resident;

3 (ii) For fiscal year 2017.....[~~\$1.73~~] **\$1.69** per State resident;

4 (iii) For fiscal year 2018.....[~~\$1.79~~] **\$1.71** per State resident;

5 [and]

6 (IV) **FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019..... \$1.73 PER STATE RESIDENT;**

7 (V) **FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020.....\$1.75 PER STATE RESIDENT;**

8 (VI) **FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021.....\$1.77 PER STATE RESIDENT;**

9 (VII) **FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022.....\$1.79 PER STATE RESIDENT;**

10 (VIII) **FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023.....\$1.81 PER STATE RESIDENT;**

11 (IX) **FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024.....\$1.83 PER STATE RESIDENT;**

12 AND

13 [(iv)] (X) For fiscal year [2019] **2025** and each fiscal year
14 thereafter.....\$1.85 per State resident.

15 (e) ~~[Beginning in fiscal year 2016 and in each fiscal year thereafter, the] THE~~
16 ~~Maryland Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped shall receive an amount~~
17 ~~equivalent to [at least 25%] THE PERCENTAGE of the amount received by the State~~
18 ~~Library Resource Center for the same fiscal year under subsection (d) of this section AS~~
19 ~~FOLLOWS:~~

20 ~~(1) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016, 2.5%;~~

21 ~~(2) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017, 5%;~~

22 ~~(3) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018, 7.5%;~~

23 ~~(4) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019, 10%;~~

24 ~~(5) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020, 12.5%;~~

25 ~~(6) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021, 15%;~~

26 ~~(7) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022, 17.5%;~~

27 ~~(8) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023, 20%;~~

1 ~~(9) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024, 22.5%; AND~~

2 ~~(10) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER,~~
3 ~~25%.~~

4 23-503.

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

8 (i) For each of fiscal years 2011 through 2015 – \$14.00;

9 (ii) For fiscal year 2016 – [~~\$15.00~~] **\$14.27**;

10 (iii) For fiscal year 2017 – [~~\$16.00~~] **\$14.54**;

11 (iv) For fiscal year 2018 – [~~\$16.30~~] **\$14.81**; [and]

12 (v) **FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019 – \$15.08;**

13 (vi) **FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020 – \$15.35;**

14 (vii) **FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021 – \$15.62;**

15 (viii) **FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022 – \$15.89;**

16 (ix) **FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023 – \$16.16;**

17 (x) **FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024 – \$16.43; AND**

18 [(v)] (xi) For fiscal year [2019] **2025** and each fiscal year thereafter
19 – \$16.70.

20 ~~Article Health General~~

21 ~~2-302.~~

22 (b) ~~The funding shall be:~~

23 (3) ~~For EACH OF fiscal [year] YEARS 2015 and [each subsequent fiscal~~
24 ~~year] 2016, \$41,743,209; AND~~

25 (4) ~~FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017 AND EACH SUBSEQUENT FISCAL YEAR, the~~
26 ~~amount of funding for the preceding fiscal year adjusted for:~~

1 (i) ~~Inflation, as measured by the Consumer Price Index (All Urban~~
 2 ~~Consumers), for the second preceding fiscal year, calculated by the U.S. Department of~~
 3 ~~Commerce; and~~

4 (ii) ~~Population growth, as measured by the growth in the total~~
 5 ~~population of the State for the second preceding fiscal year, according to the most recent~~
 6 ~~statistics available through the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.~~

7 ~~7-307.~~

8 (d) (1) ~~The Governor's proposed budget for fiscal year 2016 shall include a~~
 9 ~~[3.5%] 1.75% rate increase for community service providers over the funding provided in~~
 10 ~~the legislative appropriation for Object 08 Contractual Services in Program M00M01.02~~
 11 ~~Community Services for fiscal year 2015.~~

12 ~~13-1116.~~

13 (a) ~~[(1) (i) For each of fiscal years 2011 and 2012:~~

14 1. ~~The Governor shall include at least \$2,400,000 in the~~
 15 ~~annual budget in appropriations for the Statewide Academic Health Center Cancer~~
 16 ~~Research Grants under this section; and~~

17 2. ~~The Grants shall be distributed between the Statewide~~
 18 ~~Academic Health Centers as follows:~~

19 A. ~~\$2,007,300 to the University of Maryland Medical Group;~~
 20 ~~and~~

21 B. ~~\$392,700 to the Johns Hopkins Institutions.~~

22 (ii) ~~For fiscal year 2013 and each fiscal year thereafter:~~

23 1. ~~The Governor shall include at least \$13,000,000 in the~~
 24 ~~annual budget in appropriations for the Statewide Academic Health Center Cancer~~
 25 ~~Research Grants under this section; and~~

26 2. ~~The Grants shall be distributed according to historical~~
 27 ~~allocations between the Academic Health Centers.]~~

28 **(1) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER,**
 29 **THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE AT LEAST \$5,800,000 IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET IN**
 30 **APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE STATEWIDE ACADEMIC HEALTH CENTER CANCER**
 31 **RESEARCH GRANTS UNDER THIS SECTION.**

~~Article Insurance~~~~31-107.2.~~

~~(a) [(1)] For State fiscal year 2015 and for each State fiscal year thereafter, from the funds received from the distribution of the premium tax under § 6-103.2 of this article, the Governor shall provide an appropriation in the State budget adequate to fully fund the operations of the Exchange.~~

~~[(2) (i) For State fiscal year 2015, the appropriation shall be no less than \$10,000,000.~~

~~(ii) For each State fiscal year thereafter, the appropriation shall be no less than \$35,000,000.]~~

~~Article Local Government~~~~16-501.~~

~~(e) (1) THIS SUBSECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO FISCAL YEARS BEGINNING WITH FISCAL YEAR 2016.~~

~~(2) Except as provided in paragraph [(2)] (3) of this subsection, for fiscal year 2011 and each subsequent fiscal year, the distribution provided to any county or Baltimore City under this section may not exceed the amount distributed to the county or Baltimore City for fiscal year 2010.~~

~~[(2)] (3) (i) If a county or Baltimore City has a county income tax rate of at least 2.8% but less than 3%, the county or Baltimore City may receive a minimum of 20% of the amount determined under subsection (e)(3) of this section.~~

~~(ii) If a county or Baltimore City has a county income tax rate of at least 3% but less than 3.2%, the county or Baltimore City may receive a minimum of 40% of the amount determined under subsection (e)(3) of this section.~~

~~(iii) If a county or Baltimore City has a county income tax rate of at least 3.2%, the county or Baltimore City may receive a minimum of 60% of the amount determined under subsection (e)(3) of this section.~~

~~(F) (1) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS SECTION, IN FISCAL YEAR 2016 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF THE DISTRIBUTION PROVIDED UNDER THIS SECTION MAY NOT EXCEED \$127,708,537.~~

~~(2) IF THE TOTAL AMOUNT REQUIRED BY CALCULATING THE GRANTS UNDER SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION WOULD EXCEED \$127,708,537, THE~~

~~GRANTS SHALL BE ALLOCATED IN THE SAME PROPORTION AS WOULD BE PROVIDED UNDER SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION.~~

Article – Natural Resources

5–212.

(g) (2) For fiscal years 2012 [and], 2013, **2015, AND 2016** 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) (2) (i) 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:

1. 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

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 net revenue derived from concession operations within a State forest or park located in that county.

(ii) For fiscal years [2012 and 2013] **2015 AND 2016** only, the payments under subparagraph (i) of this subsection may not be made.

8–709.

(d) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section:

(1) For fiscal year 2006 through fiscal year 2009, as provided in the State budget, the Department may use up to the following percentage of the moneys in the Waterway Improvement Fund for administrative expenses directly relating to implementing the purposes of the Waterway Improvement Fund:

(i) In fiscal year 2006, 8%;

(ii) In fiscal year 2007, 6%;

(iii) In fiscal year 2008, 4%; and

(iv) In fiscal year 2009, 2%; and

(2) [For] **EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION, FOR EACH OF THE** fiscal years after fiscal year 2009, the Department may

1 use up to \$750,000 in the Waterway Improvement Fund for administrative expenses
2 directly relating to implementing the purposes of the Waterway Improvement Fund.

3 **(3) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016 ONLY, THE DEPARTMENT MAY USE UP TO**
4 **\$1,625,000 IN THE WATERWAY IMPROVEMENT FUND FOR ADMINISTRATIVE**
5 **EXPENSES DIRECTLY RELATING TO IMPLEMENTING THE PURPOSES OF THE**
6 **WATERWAY IMPROVEMENT FUND.**

7 **Article – Public Safety**

8 [Subtitle 8. State Police Helicopter Replacement Fund.]

9 [2–801.

10 (a) In this section, “Fund” means the State Police Helicopter Replacement Fund.

11 (b) There is a State Police Helicopter Replacement Fund.

12 (c) (1) The Fund is a special, nonlapsing fund that is not subject to § 7–302 of
13 the State Finance and Procurement Article.

14 (2) The Treasurer shall hold the Fund separately and the Comptroller shall
15 account for the Fund.

16 (d) The Fund consists of:

17 (1) money received by the Fund under § 7–301(f) of the Courts Article;

18 (2) investment earnings of the Fund; and

19 (3) money received by the Fund from any other source.

20 (e) Any investment earnings of the Fund shall be separately accounted for and
21 credited to the Fund and are not subject to § 6–226(a) of the State Finance and Procurement
22 Article.

23 (f) The money in the Fund may be used only for the procurement by the
24 Department of new helicopters and auxiliary helicopter equipment, ground support
25 equipment, and other capital equipment related to helicopters.]

26 4–506.

27 (a) **(1) [Subject] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS**
28 **SUBSECTION AND SUBJECT to § 4–507 of this subtitle and the limitations and**
29 **requirements provided in this subtitle, each fiscal year the State shall pay to each county**

1 and each qualifying municipality, in the manner provided in this subtitle, an amount
2 determined as provided in this section.

3 (2) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS SUBTITLE,
4 FOR EACH OF FISCAL YEARS 2015 AND 2016, THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF THE GRANTS
5 PROVIDED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE SHALL BE \$67,277,067.

6 Article – State Finance and Procurement

7 ~~7-311.~~

8 (j) (1) ~~Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection [and § 13-209(g)~~
9 ~~of the Tax – Property Article], for fiscal year 2007 and for each subsequent fiscal year, the~~
10 ~~Governor shall include in the budget bill an appropriation to the Account equal to the~~
11 ~~amount by which the unappropriated General Fund surplus as of June 30 of the second~~
12 ~~preceding fiscal year exceeds \$10,000,000.~~

13 ~~7-325.~~

14 (a) (1) ~~[In each of fiscal years 2011 and 2012, the Governor shall include in the~~
15 ~~annual budget bill submitted to the General Assembly a General Fund appropriation for~~
16 ~~the Maryland State Arts Council of not less than \$13,298,434] **FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016,**~~
17 ~~THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET BILL SUBMITTED TO THE~~
18 ~~GENERAL ASSEMBLY A GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATION FOR THE MARYLAND~~
19 ~~STATE ARTS COUNCIL OF \$15,418,942.~~

20 (2) ~~For fiscal year [2013] 2017 and each fiscal year thereafter, the~~
21 ~~Governor shall include in the annual budget bill submitted to the General Assembly a~~
22 ~~General Fund appropriation for the Maryland State Arts Council in an amount not less~~
23 ~~than the amount of the General Fund appropriation for the Council as approved in the~~
24 ~~State budget as enacted by the General Assembly for the prior fiscal year, increased by not~~
25 ~~less than the percentage by which the projected total General Fund revenues for the~~
26 ~~upcoming fiscal year exceed the revised estimate of total General Fund revenues for the~~
27 ~~current fiscal year, as contained in the report of estimated State revenues submitted by the~~
28 ~~Board of Revenue Estimates to the Governor under § 6-106(b) of this article.~~

29 17-220.

30 (d) If a contractor is late in submitting copies of the payroll records required under
31 subsection (b) of this section:

32 (2) the contractor shall be liable to the public body for liquidated damages
33 of [\$10] \$250 for each calendar day the records are late.

34 17-222.

1 (a) A contractor under a public work contract is liable to the public body for
 2 liquidated damages of [\\$20] **\$250** for each laborer or other employee for each day for which:

3 (1) the laborer is paid less than the prevailing wage rate of a mechanic
 4 while performing a task required to be performed by a mechanic or mechanic's apprentice;
 5 or

6 (2) the employee is paid less than the prevailing wage rate.

7 **Article – Tax – General**

8 2–606.

9 (H) (1) ON OR BEFORE JUNE 30, 2015, THE COMPTROLLER SHALL
 10 DISTRIBUTE \$100,000,000 FROM THE LOCAL RESERVE ACCOUNT ESTABLISHED TO
 11 COMPLY WITH THIS SECTION TO THE GENERAL FUND OF THE STATE.

12 (2) IN EACH OF FISCAL YEARS 2017 THROUGH 2025, IN ADDITION TO
 13 THE AMOUNTS DISTRIBUTED UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, THE
 14 COMPTROLLER SHALL DISTRIBUTE \$10,000,000 OF THE REMAINING INCOME TAX
 15 REVENUE FROM INDIVIDUALS TO THE LOCAL RESERVE ACCOUNT TO REPAY THE
 16 \$100,000,000 TRANSFER TO THE GENERAL FUND REQUIRED UNDER PARAGRAPH
 17 (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION.

18 2–1302.1.

19 (b) For each fiscal year beginning on or before July 1, [2014] **2015**, after the
 20 distribution required under subsection (a)(1) of this section, the Comptroller shall
 21 distribute the remainder of the sales and use tax collected on short-term vehicle rentals
 22 under § 11–104(c) of this article as follows:

23 (1) to the General Fund of the State:

24 (i) **[\$15,169,444 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011;**

25 (ii) **\$10,076,582 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012;**

26 (iii) **\$14,535,845 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013; and]**

27 **[(iv)] \$9,249,199 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014; and**

28 **(II) \$8,639,632 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2015;**

29 **AND**

30 (2) the remainder to the Chesapeake Bay 2010 Trust Fund.

1 10-704.

2 (a) (1) [An individual] A RESIDENT may claim a credit against the State
3 income tax for a taxable year in the amount determined under subsection (b) of this section
4 for earned income.

5 (2) [An individual] A RESIDENT may claim a credit against the county
6 income tax for a taxable year in the amount determined under subsection (c) of this section
7 for earned income.

8 (b) (2) (i) [An individual] ~~EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBJECT TO~~
9 SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION ~~FOR A PART-YEAR RESIDENT,~~ A RESIDENT may
10 claim a refund in the amount, if any, by which the applicable percentage specified in
11 subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph of the earned income credit allowable for the taxable
12 year under § 32 of the Internal Revenue Code exceeds the State income tax for the taxable
13 year.

14 (c) (2) (iii) If a county provides for a refundable county earned income credit
15 under this paragraph, [an individual] A RESIDENT may claim a refund of the amount, if
16 any, by which the product of multiplying the credit allowable for the taxable year under §
17 32 of the Internal Revenue Code by 5 times the county income tax rate for the taxable year
18 exceeds the county income tax for the taxable year.

19 (d) For an individual who ~~is a nonresident or~~ is a resident of the State for only a
20 part of the year, the amount of the credit or refund allowed under this section shall be
21 determined based on the part of the earned income credit allowable for the taxable year
22 under § 32 of the Internal Revenue Code that is attributable to Maryland, determined by
23 multiplying the federal earned income credit by a fraction:

24 (1) the numerator of which is the Maryland adjusted gross income of the
25 individual; and

26 (2) the denominator of which is the federal adjusted gross income of the
27 individual.

28 10-730.

29 (f) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, the Secretary
30 may not issue tax credit certificates for credit amounts in the aggregate totaling more than:

31 (i) for fiscal year 2014, \$25,000,000;

32 (ii) for fiscal year 2015, \$7,500,000; and

33 (iii) for fiscal year 2016, ~~[\$7,500,000]~~ **\$6,816,237**.

1 10-733.

2 (f) (3) (iv) 1. [For] **EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSUBPARAGRAPH 2**
 3 **OF THIS SUBPARAGRAPH, FOR** each fiscal year, the Governor shall include in the budget
 4 bill an appropriation of at least \$2,000,000 to the Reserve Fund.

5 **2. IN FISCAL YEAR 2016, THE GOVERNOR SHALL**
 6 **INCLUDE IN THE BUDGET BILL AN APPROPRIATION OF AT LEAST \$1,500,000 TO THE**
 7 **RESERVE FUND.**

8 **Article – Tax – Property**

9 13-209.

10 (f) (2) For any fiscal year in which the actual transfer tax revenue collections
 11 are less than the revenue estimates used as the basis for the appropriations required under
 12 this section, the amount of the deficiency shall be reconciled as follows:

13 (i) for the first \$3,000,000 of any deficiency, the allocation to the
 14 special fund under subsection (a) of this section as provided under subsections (c) and (d)
 15 of this section for the second fiscal year following the deficiency shall be reduced by either
 16 the amount of the deficiency or \$3,000,000, whichever is less; [and]

17 (ii) for any deficiency in excess of \$3,000,000, the amount in excess
 18 of \$3,000,000 shall be reconciled either by the reduction of the allocation to the special fund
 19 under subsection (a) of this section as provided under subsections (c) and (d) of this section
 20 for the second fiscal year following the deficiency or by the deauthorization of projects
 21 authorized in prior fiscal years; ~~AND~~

22 **(III) FOR THE ALLOCATION OF THE SPECIAL FUND UNDER**
 23 **SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION, IN THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2016,**
 24 **TRANSFER TAX REVENUE UNDER-ATTAINMENT FROM THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING**
 25 **JULY 1, 2014, WILL NOT BE APPLIED; AND**

26 **(IV) TRANSFER TAX REVENUE IN FISCAL YEAR 2015, THAT IS IN**
 27 **EXCESS OF \$161,016,000 MAY BE TRANSFERRED BY BUDGET AMENDMENT IN FISCAL**
 28 **YEAR 2016 FOR:**

29 **1. ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES RELATED TO LAND**
 30 **ACQUISITION FOR PROGRAM OPEN SPACE;**

31 **2. CRITICAL MAINTENANCE PROJECTS IN THE**
 32 **DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES;**

1 3. NATURAL RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT FUND
 2 PROJECTS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES; AND

3 4. REPLACEMENT OF GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS
 4 IN THE MARYLAND PARK SERVICE.

5 ¶(g) (1) Notwithstanding § 7–311(j) of the State Finance and Procurement
 6 Article, subject to paragraph (3) of this subsection, for fiscal year ~~2016~~ **2019** and for each
 7 subsequent fiscal year, if the unappropriated General Fund surplus as of June 30 of the
 8 second preceding year exceeds \$10,000,000, the Governor shall include in the budget bill a
 9 General Fund appropriation to the special fund under subsection (a) of this section in an
 10 amount equal to at least the lesser of \$50,000,000 or the excess surplus over \$10,000,000.

11 (2) For any fiscal year to which this subsection applies:

12 (i) unless the unappropriated General Fund surplus as of June 30
 13 of the second preceding fiscal year exceeds the sum of \$10,000,000 and the amount required
 14 to be appropriated to the special fund under paragraph (1) of this subsection, the
 15 appropriation to the Revenue Stabilization Account under § 7–311(j) of the State Finance
 16 and Procurement Article is not required; and

17 (ii) if the unappropriated General Fund surplus as of June 30 of the
 18 second preceding fiscal year exceeds the sum of \$10,000,000 and the amount required to be
 19 appropriated to the special fund under paragraph (1) of this subsection, the appropriation
 20 required to the Revenue Stabilization Account under § 7–311(j) of the State Finance and
 21 Procurement Article shall equal the amount by which that surplus exceeds the sum of
 22 \$10,000,000 and the amount appropriated to the special fund under paragraph (1) of this
 23 subsection.

24 (3) (i) The cumulative amount required to be appropriated to the
 25 special fund under paragraph (1) of this subsection for all fiscal years shall equal the
 26 cumulative amount of any appropriation or transfer from the special fund to the General
 27 Fund for fiscal year 2006 and for each subsequent fiscal year, reduced by:

28 1. the amount of any appropriation or transfer from the
 29 General Fund to the special fund for any fiscal year in excess of the amount required under
 30 paragraph (1) of this subsection for that fiscal year; and

31 2. the amount of any appropriation or transfer from the
 32 General Fund to the special fund for any fiscal year in which the appropriation under
 33 paragraph (1) of this subsection is not required.

34 (ii) This subsection does not apply to any fiscal year if a cumulative
 35 amount has been appropriated to the special fund for prior fiscal years under this
 36 subsection equal to the cumulative amount of any appropriation or transfer from the special

1 fund to the General Fund for fiscal year 2006 and for each subsequent fiscal year, reduced
2 by:

3 1. the amount of any appropriation or transfer from the
4 General Fund to the special fund for any fiscal year in excess of the amount required under
5 paragraph (1) of this subsection for that fiscal year; and

6 2. the amount of any appropriation or transfer from the
7 General Fund to the special fund for any fiscal year in which the appropriation under
8 paragraph (1) of this subsection is not required.†

9 ~~[(h)] (G)~~ (1) The distributions required under this subsection may not be
10 utilized or considered for the purposes of calculating any allocation or appropriation under
11 subsection (f) ~~for (g)]~~ of this section.

12 (2) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Governor may transfer
13 funds from the special fund established under this section to the General Fund as follows:

14 (i) on or before June 30, 2014, \$89,198,555;

15 (ii) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014, \$144,188,544;

16 (iii) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, ~~[\$77,654,000]~~
17 **\$115,366,700;**

18 (iv) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, \$82,771,000; and

19 (v) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017, \$86,028,000.

20 ~~Article — Transportation~~

21 ~~§ 613.3.~~

22 ~~The Governor shall include in the annual operating or capital budget OF THE~~
23 ~~DEPARTMENT an appropriation [to the Administration] to be used to comply with the~~
24 ~~Watershed Implementation Plan in the amount of:~~

25 ~~(1) \$45,000,000 for fiscal year 2015;~~

26 ~~(2) \$65,000,000 for fiscal year 2016;~~

27 ~~(3) \$85,000,000 for fiscal year 2017;~~

28 ~~(4) \$100,000,000 for fiscal year 2018; and~~

29 ~~(5) \$100,000,000 for fiscal year 2019.~~

1 **Chapter 397 of the Acts of 2011, as amended by Chapter 425 of the Acts of 2013,**
2 **and Chapter 464 of the Acts of 2014**

3 SECTION 16. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, in addition to any other
4 revenue generated under § 19–214 of the Health – General Article, as amended by this Act:

5 (a) For fiscal year 2012, the Health Services Cost Review Commission shall
6 approve a combination of hospital assessments and remittances in the amount of
7 \$389,825,000 to support the general operations of the Medicaid program. The Commission
8 may reduce assessments or remittances by the amount of any reduction in State Medicaid
9 expenditures that will result from any Commission–approved changes in hospital rates or
10 policies.

11 (b) For fiscal years 2013 and 2014, the Commission and the Department of Health
12 and Mental Hygiene shall adopt policies that will provide at least \$389,825,000 from a
13 combination of special fund revenues and General Fund savings from reduced hospital or
14 other payments made by the Medicaid program. The policies adopted under this subsection
15 shall be in lieu of the hospital assessment and remittance revenue generated in fiscal year
16 2012, but may include hospital assessments and remittances. To the maximum extent
17 possible, the Commission and the Department shall adopt policies that preserve the State
18 Medicare waiver.

19 (c) **(1)** For fiscal year 2015 and ~~every fiscal year thereafter~~ **2016**, the
20 Commission and the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene shall adopt policies that
21 will provide up to \$389,825,000 in special fund revenues from hospital assessment and
22 remittance revenue.

23 **(2)** Beginning with the State budget submission for fiscal year [2016]
24 **2017**, the Governor shall reduce the budgeted Medicaid Deficit Assessment ~~by the full~~
25 ~~amount of hospital inpatient and outpatient General Fund savings that accrue to the~~
26 ~~Medicaid program as a result of the implementation of Maryland's all-payer model contract~~
27 ~~approved by the federal Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation. The extent of~~
28 ~~General Fund savings shall be calculated by the Health Services Cost Review Commission~~
29 ~~and the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene using a methodology developed by the~~
30 ~~Commission and the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene in consultation with the~~
31 ~~Maryland Hospital Association. The Commission and the Department of Health and~~
32 ~~Mental Hygiene shall model the methodology for calculating General Fund savings in the~~
33 ~~Medicaid program by comparing an average baseline of Maryland Medicaid total risk-~~
34 ~~adjusted hospital expenditures per beneficiary over a reasonable period of time before the~~
35 ~~implementation of the Maryland all-payer model contract to the actual Maryland Medicaid~~
36 ~~total risk-adjusted hospital expenditures per beneficiary during the period under~~
37 ~~Maryland's all-payer model contract.~~ **ANNUALLY BY \$20,000,000 OVER THE**
38 **ASSESSMENT LEVEL FOR THE PRIOR YEAR.**

1 **(3)** To the extent that the Commission takes other actions that reduce
2 Medicaid costs, those savings shall also be used to reduce the budgeted Medicaid Deficit
3 Assessment.

4 **(4)** To the maximum extent possible, the Commission and the Department
5 of Health and Mental Hygiene shall adopt policies that preserve the State's Medicare
6 waiver.

7 **(D) (1) FROM THE RECOGNITION OF ADDITIONAL HOSPITAL INPATIENT**
8 **AND OUTPATIENT SAVINGS DUE TO A DECREASE IN UNCOMPENSATED CARE, THE**
9 **HEALTH SERVICES COST REVIEW COMMISSION SHALL ~~ENACT~~ ADOPT POLICIES**
10 **THAT WILL ACHIEVE GENERAL FUND SAVINGS TO THE MEDICAID PROGRAM OF AT**
11 **LEAST:**

12 ~~(I) \$8,000,000 IN FISCAL YEAR 2015; AND~~

13 ~~(II) \$16,700,000 IN FISCAL YEAR 2016.~~

14 **(2) (I) IF THE POLICIES ~~ENACTED~~ ADOPTED UNDER PARAGRAPH**
15 **(1) OF THIS SUBSECTION FAIL TO ACHIEVE THE REQUIRED SAVINGS IN ~~EACH FISCAL~~**
16 **~~YEAR~~ FISCAL YEAR 2016, THE HEALTH SERVICES COST REVIEW COMMISSION**
17 **SHALL ~~ENACT POLICIES TO LOWER HOSPITAL BILLING RATES FOR MEDICARE AND~~**
18 **~~MEDICAID PATIENTS SUFFICIENT TO ACHIEVE THE TOTAL SAVINGS REQUIRED FOR~~**
19 **~~EACH FISCAL YEAR~~ SUBMIT, ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1, 2015, AN ALTERNATIVE**
20 **PLAN FOR GENERAL FUND SAVINGS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND**
21 **MENTAL HYGIENE AND THE DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT FOR**
22 **REVIEW.**

23 **(II) THE PLAN SUBMITTED UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS**
24 **PARAGRAPH SHALL PROVIDE FOR SAVINGS IN THE MEDICAID PROGRAM THAT,**
25 **WHEN COMBINED WITH THE SAVINGS UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION,**
26 **ARE SUFFICIENT TO ACHIEVE TOTAL GENERAL FUND SAVINGS OF AT LEAST**
27 **\$16,700,000 IN FISCAL YEAR 2016.**

28 ~~**(3) IF THE POLICIES ENACTED UNDER PARAGRAPHS (1) AND (2) OF**~~
29 ~~**THIS SUBSECTION FAIL TO ACHIEVE THE REQUIRED SAVINGS IN EACH FISCAL YEAR,**~~
30 ~~**THE HEALTH SERVICES COST REVIEW COMMISSION SHALL ENACT POLICIES TO**~~
31 ~~**INCREASE THE MEDICAID DEFICIT ASSESSMENT TO A LEVEL SUFFICIENT TO**~~
32 ~~**ACHIEVE THE TOTAL SAVINGS REQUIRED FOR EACH FISCAL YEAR.**~~

33 ~~**(4)**~~ THE SAVINGS REQUIRED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE IN
34 ADDITION TO THE AMOUNT PROVIDED FOR IN SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION.

35 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read
36 as follows:

Article – Education

6–306.

(b) (1) For fiscal year 2000 and each subsequent fiscal year, the Governor shall include in each year’s operating budget funding for the stipends and bonuses provided in this subsection.

(2) A classroom teacher or other nonadministrative school-based employee in a public school identified by the State Board as having comprehensive needs who holds a standard professional certificate or an advanced professional certificate who is employed by a county board and who holds a certificate issued by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards shall receive a stipend from the State in an amount equal to the county grant for national certification, up to a maximum of \$2,000 per qualified individual.

(3) A classroom teacher or other nonadministrative school-based employee in a school not identified by the State Board as having comprehensive needs who holds a standard professional certificate or an advanced professional certificate who is employed by a county board and who holds a certificate issued by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards shall receive a stipend from the State in an amount equal to the county grant for national certification, up to a maximum of \$1,000 per qualified individual.

[(4) A classroom teacher who holds an advanced professional certificate and teaches in a public school identified by the State Board as a school having comprehensive needs shall receive a stipend from the State in the amount of \$1,500 for each year that the teacher performs satisfactorily in the classroom.]

[(5)] (4) (i) 1. The State Board shall establish a program to support locally negotiated incentives, governed under Subtitles 4 and 5 of this title, for highly effective classroom teachers and principals to work in public schools that are:

A. In improvement, corrective action, or restructuring;

B. Categorized by the local school system as a Title I school;

or

C. In the highest 25% of schools in the State based on a ranking of the percentage of students who receive free and reduced priced meals.

2. The program established under subparagraph 1 of this subparagraph may include financial incentives, leadership changes, or other incentives.

(ii) 1. The State Board shall adopt guidelines to implement this paragraph.

1 (iii) a principal;

2 (iv) a superintendent;

3 (v) a supervisor; or

4 (vi) a teacher.

5 ~~[(7)]~~ (4) “Local employer” means a county board of education or the
6 Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners.

7 ~~[(8)]~~ (8) “New legislative change” means a legislative change that results in an
8 adjustment to the normal cost or accrued liabilities that has not previously been recognized
9 in an actuarial valuation under § 21–125(b) of this title.

10 (9) “Preliminary funding rate” means the full funding rate without any
11 adjustment to the normal cost or accrued liabilities for a new legislative change.]

12 ~~[(10)]~~ (5) “State member” does not include a member on whose behalf a
13 participating governmental unit is required to make an employer contribution under
14 § 21–305 or § 21–306 of this subtitle.

15 ~~[(11)]~~ (6) “Total employer contribution for local employees” means that
16 portion of the employer contribution calculated under subsection (b) of this section that is
17 attributable to all local employees.

18 (b) (1) Subject to paragraphs (4) and (5) of this subsection, each fiscal year, on
19 behalf of the State members of each State system, the State shall pay to the appropriate
20 accumulation fund an amount equal to or greater than the sum of the amount, if any,
21 required to be included in the budget bill under § 3–501(c)(2)(ii) of this article and the
22 product of multiplying:

23 (i) the aggregate annual earnable compensation of the State
24 members of that State system; and

25 (ii) [1. for State members of the Law Enforcement Officers’
26 Retirement System, State Police Retirement System, and the Judges’ Retirement System,]
27 the sum of the normal contribution rate and the accrued liability contribution rate FOR
28 STATE MEMBERS OF THAT STATE SYSTEM, as determined under this section[;

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

1 3. for State members of the Teachers' Pension System and
2 Teachers' Retirement System, the teachers' systems contribution rate determined under
3 subsection (f) of this section].

4 (2) The amount determined under paragraph (1) of this subsection for each
5 State system shall be based on an actuarial determination of the amounts that are required
6 to preserve the integrity of the funds of the several systems using:

7 (i) the entry-age actuarial cost method; and

8 (ii) actuarial assumptions adopted by the Board of Trustees.

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

11 (i) the Employees' Retirement System, the Employees' Pension
12 System, the Correctional Officers' Retirement System, and the Legislative Pension Plan
13 shall be considered together as one State system; and

14 (ii) the Teachers' Retirement System and the Teachers' Pension
15 System shall be considered together as one State system.

16 [(e) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (3) of this subsection and subject to
17 paragraph (2) of this subsection, the employees' system contribution rate shall be the sum
18 of:

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

21 (ii) 1. 20% of the difference between the full funding rate for the
22 current fiscal year and the employees' system contribution rate for the previous fiscal year;
23 or

24 2. for a fiscal year for which an adjustment to normal cost or
25 accrued liabilities for a new legislative change is first determined as a result of an actuarial
26 valuation under § 21-125(b) of this title, 20% of the difference between the preliminary
27 funding rate for the current fiscal year and the employees' system contribution rate for the
28 previous fiscal year.

29 (2) For a fiscal year for which an adjustment to normal cost or accrued
30 liabilities for a new legislative change is determined as a result of an actuarial valuation
31 under § 21-125(b) of this title, the contribution rate for the employees' systems under
32 paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be adjusted to fully reflect the cost or savings of the
33 new legislative changes that result in changes in normal contributions or accrued liabilities
34 and to amortize over the time remaining until June 30, 2038, any changes in accrued
35 liabilities of the employees' systems.

1 (3) The percentages used in paragraph (1)(ii) of this subsection shall be:

2 (i) 28% for the rate for fiscal year 2015;

3 (ii) 36% for the rate for fiscal year 2016;

4 (iii) 44% for the rate for fiscal year 2017;

5 (iv) 52% for the rate for fiscal year 2018;

6 (v) 60% for the rate for fiscal year 2019;

7 (vi) 68% for the rate for fiscal year 2020;

8 (vii) 76% for the rate for fiscal year 2021;

9 (viii) 84% for the rate for fiscal year 2022;

10 (ix) 92% for the rate for fiscal year 2023; and

11 (x) 100% for the rate for fiscal year 2024 and thereafter.]

12 [(f) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (3) of this subsection and subject to
13 paragraph (2) of this subsection, the teachers' system contribution rate shall be the sum of:

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

16 (ii) 1. 20% of the difference between the full funding rate for the
17 current fiscal year and the teachers' system contribution rate for the previous fiscal year;
18 or

19 2. for a fiscal year for which an adjustment to normal cost or
20 accrued liabilities for a new legislative change is first determined as a result of an actuarial
21 valuation under § 21-125(b) of this title, 20% of the difference between the preliminary
22 funding rate for the current fiscal year and the teachers' system contribution rate for the
23 previous fiscal year.

24 (2) For a fiscal year for which an adjustment to normal cost or accrued
25 liabilities for a new legislative change is determined as a result of an actuarial valuation
26 under § 21-125(b) of this title, the contribution rate for the teachers' systems under
27 paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be adjusted to fully reflect the cost or savings of the
28 new legislative changes that result in changes in normal contributions or accrued liabilities
29 and to amortize over the time remaining until June 30, 2038, any changes in accrued
30 liabilities of the teachers' systems.

31 (3) The percentages used in paragraph (1)(ii) of this subsection shall be:

- 1 (i) 28% for the rate for fiscal year 2015;
2 (ii) 36% for the rate for fiscal year 2016;
3 (iii) 44% for the rate for fiscal year 2017;
4 (iv) 52% for the rate for fiscal year 2018;
5 (v) 60% for the rate for fiscal year 2019;
6 (vi) 68% for the rate for fiscal year 2020;
7 (vii) 76% for the rate for fiscal year 2021;
8 (viii) 84% for the rate for fiscal year 2022;
9 (ix) 92% for the rate for fiscal year 2023; and
10 (x) 100% for the rate for fiscal year 2024 and thereafter.】

11 21–308.

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

13 (i) certify to the Governor and the Secretary of Budget and
14 Management the rates to be used to determine the amounts to be paid by the State to the
15 accumulation fund of each of the several systems during the next fiscal year, including a
16 separate certification of the normal contribution rate for the Teachers’ Retirement System
17 and the Teachers’ Pension System; and

18 (ii) provide to the Secretary of Budget and Management a statement
19 of the total amount to be paid by the State as determined under § 21–304 of this subtitle to
20 the Teachers’ Retirement System and the Teachers’ Pension System expressed as a
21 percentage of the payroll of all members of those State systems.

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

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

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

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

3 (3) The amounts that the Governor is required to include in the budget bill
4 under paragraph (2) of this subsection shall be reduced by the amount of administrative
5 and operational expenses for the Board of Trustees and the State Retirement Agency that
6 are to be paid by local employers under § 21-316 of this subtitle other than participating
7 governmental units or employers who are required to make contributions under § 21-307
8 of this subtitle.

9 (4) (i) [1. For fiscal year 2014, in addition to the annual required
10 contribution required under paragraph (2) of this subsection, the Governor shall include in
11 the budget bill a supplemental contribution of \$100,000,000.

12 2. For fiscal year 2015, in addition to the annual required
13 contribution required under paragraph (2) of this subsection, the Governor shall include in
14 the budget bill a supplemental contribution of \$100,000,000.

15 3.] For fiscal year 2016, in addition to the annual required
16 contribution required under paragraph (2) of this subsection, the Governor shall include in
17 the budget bill a supplemental contribution of [~~\$150,000,000~~] **\$75,000,000.**

18 [4.] (II) For fiscal year 2017 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR
19 THEREAFTER, in addition to the annual required contribution required under paragraph
20 (2) of this subsection, the Governor shall include in the budget bill a supplemental
21 contribution of [~~\$200,000,000~~] **\$75,000,000[.**

22 5. For fiscal year 2018, in addition to the annual required
23 contribution required under paragraph (2) of this subsection, the Governor shall include in
24 the budget bill a supplemental contribution of \$250,000,000.

25 6. For fiscal year 2019 and each fiscal year thereafter, in
26 addition to the annual required contribution required under paragraph (2) of this
27 subsection, the Governor shall include in the budget bill a supplemental contribution of
28 \$300,000,000,] until[:

29 A.] the total actuarial value of assets for the several systems
30 divided by the total actuarial accrued liability for the several systems equals a funding ratio
31 of 85%[; and

32 B. the contribution rates certified under paragraph (1)(i) of
33 this subsection are the full funding rates as defined in § 21-304(a)(3) of this subtitle].

34 [(ii) If the amount of a supplemental contribution included in the
35 budget bill for a fiscal year is less than the amount required under subparagraph (i) of this

1 paragraph, the Governor shall increase the supplemental contribution for the following
2 fiscal year by the amount of the reduction to the supplemental contribution in the previous
3 fiscal year.]

4 SECTION ~~2~~ 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, notwithstanding any other
5 provision of law, for fiscal year 2016, there shall be no increase in rates to providers of
6 nonpublic placements under § 8-406 of the Education Article over the rates in effect on
7 ~~June 30~~ July 1, 2014.

8 SECTION ~~3~~ 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, for fiscal year 2016,
9 payments to providers with rates set by the Interagency Rates Committee under § 8-417
10 of the Education Article may not increase over the rates in effect on ~~June 30~~ July 1, 2014.

11 SECTION ~~4~~ 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, notwithstanding any other
12 provision of law:

13 (a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, State employees employed by any
14 entity, including the University System of Maryland, Morgan State University, and St.
15 Mary's College of Maryland, may not receive merit increases ~~or cost-of-living adjustments~~
16 in fiscal year 2016.

17 (b) This provision does not affect:

18 (1) Salaries for constitutional officers or members of the General Assembly;
19 or

20 (2) Increases necessary for the retention of faculty in the University
21 System of Maryland, Morgan State University, or St. Mary's College of Maryland.

22 SECTION ~~5~~ 7. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, notwithstanding any other
23 provision of law, for fiscal year 2016 the Department of Housing and Community
24 Development may use up to \$2,400,000 of the funds in the Housing Counseling and
25 Foreclosure Mediation Fund established under § 4-507 of the Housing and Community
26 Development Article for administrative expenses.

27 SECTION ~~6~~ 8. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, notwithstanding any other
28 provision of law:

29 (a) Subject to subsection (b) of this section, for fiscal year 2015, funds in the
30 Maryland Health Insurance Plan Fund established under § 14-504 of the Insurance Article
31 may be used by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to fund provider
32 reimbursements in the Medicaid program.

33 (b) The amount of funds that may be used under this section shall be the greater
34 of:

35 (1) ~~\$45,000,000~~ \$55,000,000; or

1 ~~(2) The nonfederal share of the Medicare or Medicaid programs.~~

2 (2) The estimated percentage of the fund balance obtained from payers
3 other than the federal Medicare program or the federal portion of the Medicaid program.

4 SECTION ~~7~~ 9. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, notwithstanding any other
5 provision of law, for fiscal years 2015 and 2016, any payment received by the Department
6 of Business and Economic Development as a repayment of a loan under § 7-314 of the State
7 Finance and Procurement Article shall be deposited in the General Fund.

8 SECTION ~~8~~ 10. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, notwithstanding any
9 other provision of law, on or before June 30, 2015, the Governor may transfer to the General
10 Fund:

11 \$10,500,000 from the unencumbered balance in the accounts of Program Open Space
12 established under Title 5, Subtitle 9 of the Natural Resources Article;

13 \$6,000,000 of the funds ~~in~~ from a combination of the efficiency and conservation
14 programs accounts, renewable and clean energy programs account, and administrative
15 expense account of the Maryland Strategic Energy Investment Fund established under §
16 9-20B-05 of the State Government Article;

17 \$4,000,000 of the funds in the accounts of the Baltimore City Community College;

18 \$4,000,000 of the funds in the reserve account established by the State to pay
19 unemployment compensation for State employees;

20 \$3,000,000 of the funds in the Jane E. Lawton Conservation Fund established under
21 § 9-20A-07 of the State Government Article;

22 \$3,000,000 from the funds of the Mortgage Lender-Originator Fund established
23 under § 11-610 of the Financial Institutions Article;

24 \$2,500,000 of the funds in the Board of Nursing Fund established under § 8-206 of
25 the Health Occupations Article;

26 \$2,180,000 of the funds in the Waterway Improvement Fund established under §
27 8-707 of the Natural Resources Article;

28 \$1,800,000 of the funds in the Board of Physicians Fund established under § 14-207
29 of the Health Occupations Article;

30 \$1,700,000 of the funds in the accounts of the Health Personnel Shortage Incentive
31 Grant Program established under § 18-803 of the Education Article that are paid to the
32 Program from the Board of Physicians Fund under § 14-207(c)(2)(i) of the Health
33 Occupations Article;

1 \$1,600,000 of the funds in the State Board of Pharmacy Fund established under §
2 12–206 of the Health Occupations Article;

3 \$1,375,000 of the funds in the Bay Restoration Fund established under § 9–1605.2
4 of the Environment Article; ~~and~~

5 ~~\$1,000,000~~ \$500,000 of the funds in the Spinal Cord Injury Research Trust Fund
6 established under § 13–1406 of the Health – General Article; and

7 \$58,000 of the funds in the Sustainable Communities Tax Credit Reserve Fund
8 established under § 5A–303 of the State Finance and Procurement Article.

9 SECTION ~~9~~ 11. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, notwithstanding any
10 other provision of law, on or before June 30, 2015, the Governor may transfer to the General
11 Fund the balance of the funds in the State Police Helicopter Replacement Fund established
12 under § 2–801 of the Public Safety Article.

13 SECTION 12. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, notwithstanding any other
14 provision of law, on or after July 1, 2015, the revenue attributable to the surcharge under
15 § 7–301(f) of the Courts Article on citations issued before October 1, 2010 (the effective date
16 of Chapter 735 of the Acts of 2010) that would have otherwise been credited to the State
17 Police Helicopter Replacement Fund, but for the repeal of the Fund under this Act, shall be
18 credited to the General Fund.

19 SECTION ~~10~~ 13. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, notwithstanding any
20 other provision of law, on or before June 30, 2016, the Governor may transfer to the General
21 Fund:

22 \$4,000,000 of the funds in the reserve account established by the State to pay
23 unemployment compensation for State employees; and

24 \$500,000 of the funds in the Spinal Cord Injury Research Trust Fund established
25 under § 13–1406 of the Health – General Article.

26 ~~SECTION 11. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, notwithstanding any other~~
27 ~~provision of law:~~

28 (a) ~~In fiscal year 2015, \$4,073,964 of the funds that would otherwise be allocated~~
29 ~~as video lottery terminal local impact grants under § 9–1A–31 of the State Government~~
30 ~~Article shall be allocated to the Education Trust Fund; and~~

31 (b) ~~In fiscal year 2016, \$3,887,697 of the funds that would otherwise be allocated~~
32 ~~as video lottery terminal local impact grants under § 9–1A–31 of the State Government~~
33 ~~Article shall be allocated to the Education Trust Fund.~~

34 ~~SECTION 12. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:~~

1 (a) ~~On or before June 30, 2015, the Comptroller shall distribute \$100,000,000~~
 2 ~~from the Local Reserve Account established under § 2-606 of the Tax General Article to~~
 3 ~~the General Fund; and~~

4 (b) ~~During fiscal year 2016, the State shall pay \$100,000,000 to the Local Reserve~~
 5 ~~Account established under § 2-606 of the Tax General Article to repay the transfer to the~~
 6 ~~General Fund authorized under subsection (a) of this section.~~

7 ~~SECTION 13. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, notwithstanding any other~~
 8 ~~provision of law, for fiscal year 2017 and each fiscal year thereafter:~~

9 (a) ~~For any appropriation that is required by statute, the percentage funding~~
 10 ~~increase over the previous fiscal year may not exceed the percentage by which the projected~~
 11 ~~total General Fund revenues for the upcoming fiscal year exceed the revised estimate of~~
 12 ~~total General Fund revenues for the current fiscal year, as reflected in the December report~~
 13 ~~of estimated State revenues submitted by the Board of Revenue Estimates to the Governor~~
 14 ~~under § 6-106(b) of the State Finance and Procurement Article, less 1%.~~

15 (b) ~~Subsection (a) of this section does not apply to:~~

16 (1) ~~funding required for State aid to public elementary and secondary~~
 17 ~~education as provided under Title 5, Subtitle 2 and §§ 8-310.3, 8-317, 8-406, 8-415, and~~
 18 ~~23-503 of the Education Article; or~~

19 (2) ~~the State's employer contribution to the State Retirement and Pension~~
 20 ~~System required under § 21-308 of the State Personnel and Pensions Article.~~

21 SECTION 14. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, on or before June 30, 2015,
 22 each Managed Care Organization that the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
 23 estimates to have an insufficient loss ratio for calendar year 2014, shall make adjustments
 24 to Managed Care Organization capitation rates, including at least \$10,000,000 in general
 25 funds, reimburse the Department for the amount of the estimated insufficient loss ratios
 26 in calendar year 2014 ratio. The adjustments reimbursements under this section shall be
 27 credited toward the maximum adjustment amount based on each Managed Care
 28 Organization's final calendar year 2014 loss ratio, as determined under Code of Maryland
 29 Regulations 10.09.65.19-5. To the extent that the Department determines that the
 30 maximum adjustment amount based on a Managed Care Organization's final calendar year
 31 2014 loss ratio is less than the adjustment reimbursement paid by the Managed Care
 32 Organization to the Department under this section, the Department shall reimburse the
 33 Managed Care Organization shall be reimbursed at an amount equal to the difference.

34 SECTION 15. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, notwithstanding any other
 35 provision of law, for fiscal year 2016, a stipend granted under:

1 (1) Section 6–306(b)(2) and (4) of the Education Article may only be granted
2 to a teacher or an employee in a public school identified by the State Board of Education
3 for fiscal year 2014 as having comprehensive needs; and

4 (2) Section 6–206(b)(3) of the Education Article may only be granted to a
5 teacher or an employee in a public school not identified by the State Board of Education for
6 fiscal year 2014 as having comprehensive needs.

7 SECTION 16. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, notwithstanding any other
8 provision of law, for fiscal year 2016 only:

9 (1) the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners may not be required
10 to contribute any funds to the Baltimore City Public School Construction Financing Fund
11 established under § 10–656 of the Economic Development Article; and

12 (2) the State Comptroller may not withhold, under § 10–645(h) of the
13 Economic Development Article, an amount from any installment due the Baltimore City
14 Board of School Commissioners from the General Fund.

15 SECTION 17. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the unexpended
16 appropriation for the Autism Waiver, within the Maryland State Department of Education,
17 Program R00A02.07 Students with Disabilities – Aid to Education, that was included in
18 the fiscal year 2015 operating budget (Chapter 462 of the Acts of 2014) is reduced by
19 \$2,800,000 and shall revert to the General Fund.

20 SECTION 18. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the unexpended
21 appropriation for the Out-of-County Placements, within the Maryland State Department
22 of Education, Program R00A02.05 Formula Programs for Specific Populations – Aid to
23 Education, that was included in the fiscal year 2015 operating budget (Chapter 462 of the
24 Acts of 2014) is reduced by \$900,000 and shall revert to the General Fund.

25 SECTION 19. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, in implementing the holding
26 of the Court of Appeals in DeWolfe v. Richmond, 434 Md. 403 (2012) and 434 Md. 444
27 (2013), if attorneys are appointed in a county to provide legal representation at an initial
28 appearance before a District Court commissioner, in fiscal year 2016, the total amount of
29 the costs of compensating the attorneys plus the associated costs to administer the program
30 that is beyond the amount restricted for this purpose in the State budget shall be billed by
31 the appointing authority to the county in which the representation is provided and shall be
32 paid by that county. Authorization of State funds in the fiscal year 2016 State budget for
33 this purpose represents a one-time allocation and provides no authority for additional
34 State expenditures or commitment of funds without separate statutory authority or
35 separate authorization in the State budget as passed by the General Assembly.

36 SECTION 20. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That any money received by the
37 State as a result of conditions of an approved merger between Exelon Corporation and
38 Pepco Holdings, Inc. shall be expended only as specifically authorized in the State budget
39 bill as enacted and not subject to transfer by budget amendment.

1 SECTION 21. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, notwithstanding any other
2 provision of law, for fiscal year 2016 only, the State Health Services Cost Review
3 Commission may not assess hospital rate assessments under § 19-214 of the Health –
4 General Article for the operation and administration of the Maryland Health Insurance
5 Plan established under Title 14, Subtitle 5 of the Insurance Article.

6 SECTION 22. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, notwithstanding any other
7 provision of law, for fiscal year 2016, the State’s share of any operating deficits for:

8 (1) the Baltimore Convention Center under § 10-641 of the Economic
9 Development Article may not exceed \$6,060,375; and

10 (2) the Ocean City Convention facility under § 10-643 of the Economic
11 Development Article may not exceed \$1,482,444.

12 SECTION 23. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, notwithstanding any other
13 provision of law, for fiscal year 2016 only, the Transportation Trust Fund may be used as
14 the source of funding for the appropriation required under § 8-613.3 of the Transportation
15 Article to comply with the Watershed Implementation Plan.

16 SECTION ~~15~~ 24. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, if any provision of this
17 Act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid for any reason
18 in a court of competent jurisdiction, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or any
19 other application of this Act that can be given effect without the invalid provision or
20 application, and for this purpose the provisions of this Act are declared severable.

21 SECTION ~~16~~ 25. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That § 10-704 of the Tax –
22 General Article, as enacted by Section 1 of this Act, shall be applicable to all taxable years
23 beginning after December 31, 2014.

24 SECTION 26. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 2 of this Act shall
25 take effect July 1, 2016.

26 SECTION 27. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 3 of this Act shall
27 take effect July 1, 2015.

28 SECTION ~~17~~ 28. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, except as provided in
29 Sections 26 and 27 of this Act, this Act shall take effect June 1, 2015.