

BY: Budget and Taxation Committee

**REPORT ON SB 125 - THE BUDGET BILL
AND SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET NOS. 1 - 3**

The House of Delegates has adopted 169 amendments to SB 125 and Supplemental Budget Nos. 1 through 3. The Budget and Taxation Committee recommends that the Senate not concur in the House amendments.

In addition, the Committee has reviewed Supplemental Budget No. 3 which was attached to the budget while it was being considered by the House. The Committee has adopted the following amendments to Supplemental Budget No. 3:

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 7 of Supplemental Budget No. 3, in item 4, under the heading BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS - CAPITAL APPROPRIATION, in program DE02.01 Capital Appropriation, in project 11 Oakland Railroad Station Restoration (Garrett County), strike "226,000" and substitute "113,000"; and after "visitor center." insert "An equal match is required.".

Explanation: Requires an equal match from the Town of Oakland for replacement of the slate roof on the 1884 downtown railroad station.

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 7 of Supplemental Budget No. 3, in item 4, under the heading BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS - CAPITAL APPROPRIATION, in program DE02.01 Capital Appropriation, in project 13 Gaithersburg Town Center (Montgomery County), after " and Montgomery County." insert "Provided, however, that the total commitment of State funds to this project shall not exceed \$6 million.".

Explanation: This limits the total commitment of State funds to the Gaithersburg Town Center project to \$6 million. The budget provides \$2 million.

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SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 8 of Supplemental Budget No. 3, in item 4, under the heading BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS - CAPITAL APPROPRIATION, in program DE02.01 Capital Appropriation, in project 19 Morgan State University - Pentridge Apartments (Baltimore City), strike "1,165,000" and substitute "1,000,000".

Explanation: This amendment would require Morgan State University to use \$165,000 of its own auxiliary revenues in addition to a \$1 million State appropriation to purchase land for student housing.

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 10 of Supplemental Budget No. 3, in item 4, under the heading BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS - CAPITAL APPROPRIATION, in program DE02.01 Capital Appropriation, in project 35 Wicomico Drill Academy for Youth (Wicomico County), after "June 1, 1998." insert "Further provided that there is no State commitment to contribute toward support for the operation of this facility in Fiscal Year 1999 or in subsequent years.".

Explanation: Funding capital costs for the Wicomico Drill Academy for Youth does not imply a State commitment for operating support.

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 10 of Supplemental Budget No. 3, in item 4, under the heading BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS - CAPITAL APPROPRIATION, in program DE02.01 Capital Appropriation, strike "25,169,000", "16,605,000", and "41,774,000", respectively, and substitute "25,056,000", "16,440,000", and "41,496,000", respectively.

Explanation: Technical amendment conforming amounts to other committee actions.

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 11 of Supplemental Budget No. 3, in item 6, under the heading MARYLAND VETERANS COMMISSION, in program DP00.04 Capital Appropriation, strike "preliminary planning of" and substitute "a feasibility study and market analysis to determine whether the need exists for".

Explanation: Requires a feasibility study and market analysis of a proposed second State run veterans home.

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 12 of Supplemental Budget No. 3, in item 8, under the heading DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION SERVICE, in program KA05.10 Outdoor Recreation Land Loan, in project 1, Chapman's Landing (Charles County), after "portion of Chapman's Landing." insert:

"Provided however that no funds may be expended until:

(1) the budget committees have received a report indicating the scope of the project, its total cost, and sources of funding, including a listing of any State open space projects to be deferred or withdrawn; and

(2) the committees have reviewed and commented on the report or 30 days have passed from the date the report was received."

Explanation: Requires a report on the scope and funding of the Chapman's Landing project prior to expenditure of funds.