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AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL NO. 150, AS AMENDED

(First Reading File Bill - Committee Reprint)

On page 254, after line 13 insert:

“SECTION 50. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That \$22,000,000 in general funds appropriated to program RT00.01, Support for State Operated Institutions of Higher Education, for the University System of Maryland may not be expended for that purpose and may not be transferred to any other program or purpose except that funds may be transferred to the Mental Hygiene Administration.

Further provided that \$44,000,000 of the current unrestricted fund appropriation allocated to the University System of Maryland institutions may not be expended. The University System of Maryland Board of Regents shall determine how to distribute the amounts which may not be expended among the University System of Maryland institutions. Authorization is hereby granted to transfer the general funds which may not be expended in RT00.01 to program ML01.02, Community Services, to support efforts to move people from State psychiatric hospitals to home- and community-based placements. General funds that are not transferred to the Mental Hygiene Administration may not be expended and shall revert to the general fund at the close of the fiscal year.

Further provided that in the Capital Grants and Loan Administration of the Department of Natural Resources, \$22,000,000 in general funds appropriated to program KA05.10, Outdoor Recreation Land Loan, for the GreenPrint program, may not be expended for that purpose and may not be transferred to any other program or purpose except that funds may be transferred to the Department of Human Resources and the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to support home- and community-based services. Authorization is hereby granted to transfer:

(1) \$5,000,000 to program ML01.02, Community Services, to support efforts to move people from State psychiatric hospitals to home- and community-based placements;

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(2) \$6,500,000 to program MQ01.03, Medical Care Provider Reimbursements, to increase reimbursement rates for personal care;

(3) \$8,000,000 to program NC01.07, Adult Services, for the attendant care waiver to help move people from nursing homes to home- and community-based placements;

(4) \$1,500,000 to program NC01.07, Adult Services, for gap-filling and case management services; and

(5) \$1,000,000 to program MM01.02, Community Services, to fully fund institutional downsizing.

Funds that are not transferred to the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and the Department of Human Resources may not be expended and shall revert to the general fund at the close of the fiscal year.”.

On page 254, in Committee Amendment No. 276, in line 14 strike “50.” and substitute “51.”; and in line 21 strike “51.” and substitute “52.”.

On page 59, in Committee Amendment No. 106 under:

Heading: CAPITAL GRANTS AND LOAN ADMINISTRATION

Program: KA05.10

Entitled: Outdoor Recreation Land Loan

In line 15, strike “\$35,000,000” and substitute “\$13,000,000”; and in line 30 strike “\$35,000,000” and substitute “\$13,000,000”.

Explanation: The language prohibits the expenditure of \$22 million in general funds for GreenPrint and \$22 million in general funds for higher education. The language authorizes the Governor to transfer the higher education funds to the Mental Hygiene Administration to fund the transfer of people from State psychiatric institutions to the community. The Governor is also authorized to transfer the \$22 million from GreenPrint to the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and the Department of Human Resources to fund the transfer of people from State psychiatric institutions to

the community (\$5 million), increase rates for personal care providers (\$6.5 million), expand the attendant care waiver program in the Department of Human Resources (\$8 million), fully fund institutional downsizing in the Developmental Disabilities Administration (\$1 million), and support gap-filling and case management services provided by the Department of Human Resources. The language also reduces current unrestricted funds for higher education to reflect the \$22 million general fund reduction and a \$22 million reduction in auxiliary revenues. These funds can be restored to the budget by budget amendment if necessary. The \$22 million reduction to auxiliary revenues ensures the amendment does not adversely impact Spending Affordability. Many of the expenditures are one-time costs associated with transitioning individuals from institutional settings to the community. In the long term, this shift will reduce State expenditures as the costs of community placements are significantly lower than institutional placements.