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CHAPTER\_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

## 2 State Government - Expenditure Control Program - Use of Unspent 3 Appropriations

4 FOR the purpose of establishing an expenditure control program in State government

5 under which, with the approval of the Department of Budget and Management,

6 up to a certain percentage <u>maximum amount</u> of the unspent or unencumbered

7 balance of appropriations authorized for a fiscal year for use by a unit of State

8 government may not revert to the General Fund but remain available for

9 expenditure within the unit in the succeeding fiscal year; requiring certain

10 reports on the amount of funds carried over under the program and how those

11 funds were expended; requiring certification by the Department of Budget and

12 Management that the proposed use of certain balances will be consistent with

13 certain goals; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to

14 expenditures by units of State government.

15 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

- 16 Article State Finance and Procurement
- 17 Section 7-302
- 18 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 19 (1995 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

20 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF

21 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

2	HOUSE BILL 904
1	<b>Article - State Finance and Procurement</b>
2	7-302.
3 4	(A) IN THIS SECTION, "UNIT" MEANS AN OFFICER, UNIT, OR INSTITUTION OF STATE GOVERNMENT.
7 8	(B) Except as otherwise provided by law AND AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, at the end of a fiscal [year] YEAR, the unspent balance of each appropriation that was made for that fiscal year to [an officer or unit of the State government or to an institution reverts] A UNIT SHALL REVERT to the General Fund of the State.
12 13 14 15 16	(C) (1) (I) WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT, UP TO 50% <u>A MAXIMUM OF \$1 MILLION IN EACH FISCAL YEAR</u> OF THE UNSPENT OR UNENCUMBERED BALANCE OF THE <u>APPROPRIATION TOTAL</u> <u>APPROPRIATION FOR ALL UNITS OF STATE GOVERNMENT</u> AUTHORIZED FOR A FISCAL YEAR FOR USE BY A UNIT MAY NOT REVERT TO THE GENERAL FUND, BUT SHALL REMAIN AVAILABLE FOR EXPENDITURE WITHIN THE UNIT <u>A UNIT FOR THE</u> <u>PURPOSES APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT</u> IN THE SUCCEEDING FISCAL YEAR.
	(II) THE DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT SHALL CERTIFY THAT THE PROPOSED USE OF THE UNSPENT OR UNENCUMBERED BALANCE IS CONSISTENT WITH THE MANAGING-FOR-RESULTS GOALS OF THE UNIT.
23 24	(2) THE DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT SHALL REPORT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES, THE SENATE BUDGET AND TAXATION COMMITTEE, AND THE HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE BY OCTOBER 1 OF THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR ON THE AMOUNT OF FUNDS APPROVED TO BE CARRIED OVER BY UNITS UNDER THIS SUBSECTION.
28 29	(2) (3) THE UNIT SHALL REPORT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, SHALL REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY BEFORE THE END OF THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR AS PART OF THE GOVERNOR'S STATE BUDGET SUBMISSION ON THE AMOUNT OF FUNDS CARRIED OVER BY THE EACH UNIT UNDER

31 THIS SUBSECTION AND HOW THOSE FUNDS WERE EXPENDED.

32 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect

33 July 1, 2001. It shall remain effective for a period of 3 years and, at the end of June

34 30, 2004, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be

35 abrogated and of no further force and effect.