

BY: Appropriations Committee

SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL NO. 150

(First Reading File Bill - Committee Reprint)

SUBSTITUTE COMMITTEE AMENDMENT NO. 211

On page 152, under:

Heading: FUNDING FOR EDUCATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Program: R00A03.02

Entitled: Blind Industries and Services of Maryland

In line 15, strike "557,999" and substitute "502,199".

On page 152, under:

Heading: FUNDING FOR EDUCATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Program: R00A03.03

Entitled: Other Institutions

In line 17, strike "5,432,000" and substitute "4,732,000".

Explanation: Due to a technical drafting error, Committee Amendment 211 inadvertently reduced the Maryland School for the Blind by \$755,800. Substitute Committee Amendment No. 211 reflects the Committee's actions by reducing:

1. The Blind Industries and Services of Maryland by \$55,800 (a 10% cut in the grant) to encourage self sufficiency;
2. The Maryland Science Center by \$500,000, which leaves a 16% increase over fiscal 2005; and
3. Imagination Stage by \$200,000 to limit new grants due to the State's structural imbalance.