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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Budget - Modifications - Reporting**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the State budget books to include a separate section  
4 listing, for certain fiscal years, certain changes in policy or administration that  
5 will reduce the level of funding, level of services, or scope of services provided in  
6 any program or program area; requiring the section to include, for a certain  
7 fiscal year, a summary of certain changes reducing funding or services below  
8 certain levels; requiring the section to include, for a certain fiscal year, a  
9 summary of certain proposed actions that will reduce funding or services below  
10 certain levels; requiring the section to quantify certain reductions in funding or  
11 services; and generally relating to modifications to the State budget.

12 BY adding to

13 Article - State Finance and Procurement

14 Section 7-123

15 Annotated Code of Maryland

16 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

17 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
18 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

19 **Article - State Finance and Procurement**

20 7-123.

21 (A) THIS SECTION APPLIES ONLY TO PROGRAMS AND SERVICES PROVIDED BY:

22 (1) THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT;

23 (2) THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION;

24 (3) THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE;

25 (4) THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT;

1 (5) THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES; AND

2 (6) THE DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE SERVICES.

3 (B) THE BUDGET BOOKS SHALL INCLUDE A SECTION THAT PROVIDES A  
4 SEPARATE LISTING, FOR THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR AND THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR,  
5 OF ALL CHANGES IN POLICY OR ADMINISTRATION THAT WILL REDUCE THE LEVEL OF  
6 FUNDING, LEVEL OF SERVICES, OR SCOPE OF SERVICES PROVIDED IN ANY PROGRAM  
7 OR PROGRAM AREA.

8 (C) THE SECTION REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION  
9 SHALL:

10 (1) INCLUDE, FOR THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR, A SUMMARY OF ALL  
11 CHANGES REDUCING FUNDING OR SERVICES BELOW THE LEVELS AUTHORIZED IN  
12 THE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR, AS ORIGINALLY ENACTED BY THE GENERAL  
13 ASSEMBLY;

14 (2) INCLUDE, FOR THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR, A SUMMARY OF ALL  
15 PROPOSED ACTIONS THAT WILL REDUCE FUNDING OR SERVICES BELOW THE LEVELS  
16 AUTHORIZED IN THE BUDGET FOR THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR, AS ORIGINALLY  
17 ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY; AND

18 (3) QUANTIFY EACH REDUCTION IN FUNDING OR SERVICES REQUIRED  
19 TO BE LISTED UNDER THIS SECTION.

20 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
21 July 1, 2006.