

# HOUSE BILL 109

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By: **Delegates Jones and Barkley**

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Assigned to: Appropriations

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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, by a certain amount, the level of funding or level of services in any  
6 program or program area; requiring the section to include, for a certain fiscal  
7 year, a summary of certain changes reducing funding or services below certain  
8 levels; defining a certain term; and generally relating to a requirement that the  
9 budget books contain a section relating to certain reductions.

10 BY adding to

11 Article – State Finance and Procurement

12 Section 7–123

13 Annotated Code of Maryland

14 (2006 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)

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

17 **Article – State Finance and Procurement**

18 **7–123.**

19 (A) IN THIS SECTION, “QUALIFIED REDUCTION” MEANS A CHANGE IN A  
20 POLICY, PRACTICE, OR PROCEDURE WHICH REPRESENTS AT LEAST A \$50,000  
21 OR A 5% REDUCTION IN UNITS OF SERVICE OF ANY PROGRAM OR PROGRAM  
22 AREA FROM THE PRECEDING FISCAL YEAR THAT:

23 (1) IS ADOPTED OR INTENDED TO BE ADOPTED TO IMPLEMENT  
24 THE EXPENDITURE LEVELS SHOWN IN THE BUDGET BOOKS; AND

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           **(2) IS APPLICABLE TO THE CURRENT OR NEXT FISCAL YEAR.**

2           **(B) THIS SECTION APPLIES ONLY TO PROGRAMS AND SERVICES**  
3 **PROVIDED BY:**

4           **(1) THE DEPARTMENT OF AGING;**

5           **(2) THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE;**

6           **(3) THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC**  
7 **DEVELOPMENT;**

8           **(4) THE DEPARTMENT OF DISABILITIES;**

9           **(5) THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION;**

10          **(6) THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE;**

11          **(7) THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY**  
12 **DEVELOPMENT;**

13          **(8) THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES;**

14          **(9) THE MARYLAND INSURANCE ADMINISTRATION;**

15          **(10) THE DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE SERVICES; AND**

16          **(11) THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES.**

17          **(C) THE BUDGET BOOKS SHALL INCLUDE A SECTION THAT PROVIDES:**

18               **(1) AN ITEMIZED LIST OF THE AMOUNT OF ANY QUALIFIED**  
19 **REDUCTION; AND**

20               **(2) THE DOLLAR AMOUNT OF ANY QUALIFIED REDUCTION**  
21 **COMPARED WITH THE ORIGINAL LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATION FOR THE**  
22 **CURRENT YEAR.**

23          SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
24 July 1, 2008.