

Chapter 27

(House Bill 891)

AN ACT concerning

Department of Transportation and Spending Affordability Committee – Reports

FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Transportation, on submission of the budget bill to the General Assembly, to provide certain committees of the General Assembly a certain report; altering the date by which the Spending Affordability Committee must submit a certain report; requiring the Spending Affordability Committee to include certain information in a certain report; requiring the Consolidated Transportation Program to include certain tables; and generally relating to the reports related to the annual budget bill and Consolidated Transportation Program.

BY adding to

Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 7–110(c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – State Government
Section 2–1005(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume)

BY adding to

Article – Transportation
Section 2–103.1(c)(10)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

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

Article – State Finance and Procurement

7–110.

(C) ON SUBMISSION OF THE BUDGET BILL TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SHALL REPORT TO THE SENATE BUDGET AND TAXATION COMMITTEE, THE HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE, AND THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2–1257 OF THE

STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, ON THE ESTIMATED COSTS FOR PLANNING, ENGINEERING, RIGHT-OF-WAY ACQUISITION, AND CONSTRUCTION FOR ALL PROJECTS FOR WHICH PLANNING FUNDS WERE ADDED TO THE BUDGET BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY DURING THE PREVIOUS THREE LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS.

Article – State Government

2–1005.

(a) On or before December **[1] 20** of each year, the Committee shall submit, subject to § 2–1257 of this title, to the Legislative Policy Committee and the Governor a report with recommendations on fiscal goals for the State budget to be considered at the next regular session of the General Assembly, including:

- (1) a recommended level of State spending;
- (2) a recommended level of new debt authorization;
- (3) a recommended level of State personnel;
- (4) a recommended use of any anticipated surplus; **[and]**
- (5) A RECOMMENDED END-OF-THE-YEAR GENERAL FUND BALANCE;**
- (6) A RECOMMENDED END-OF-THE-YEAR BALANCE IN THE REVENUE STABILIZATION ACCOUNT ESTABLISHED UNDER § 7–311 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE;**
- (7) A RECOMMENDED STRUCTURAL BALANCE GOAL;**
- (8) A RECOMMENDED FUND BALANCE FOR THE TRANSPORTATION TRUST FUND ESTABLISHED UNDER § 3–216 OF THE TRANSPORTATION ARTICLE;**
- (9) A RECOMMENDED MINIMUM EXPENDITURE LEVEL FOR SYSTEM PRESERVATION BY THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION; AND**
- [(5)] (10) other findings or recommendations that the Committee considers appropriate.**

Article – Transportation

2–103.1.

- (c) **(10) (I) IN ADDITION TO THE ITEMS LISTED IN PARAGRAPH (1) OF**

THIS SUBSECTION, THE CONSOLIDATED TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM SHALL INCLUDE:

1. A TABLE THAT IDENTIFIES EACH PROJECT RECEIVING CONSTRUCTION FUNDS:

**A. FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THE BUDGET REQUEST YEAR;
AND**

**B. FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THE CURRENT YEAR IF THE CONSTRUCTION FUNDS WERE NOT IDENTIFIED IN THE BUDGET YEAR IN THE CONSOLIDATED TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM RELEASED THE PREVIOUS JANUARY;
AND**

2. A TABLE THAT IDENTIFIES EACH PROJECT RECEIVING PLANNING FUNDS:

**A. FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THE BUDGET REQUEST YEAR;
AND**

B. FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THE CURRENT YEAR IF THE PLANNING FUNDS WERE NOT SHOWN IN THE BUDGET REQUEST YEAR IN THE CONSOLIDATED TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM RELEASED THE PREVIOUS JANUARY.

(II) FOR EACH PROJECT INCLUDED IN A TABLE REQUIRED UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, THE TABLE SHALL IDENTIFY:

1. WHERE THE PROJECT IS LISTED IN THE CONSOLIDATED TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM; AND

2. BY FUND, THE AMOUNT INCLUDED IN THE CURRENT YEAR BUDGET AND THE BUDGET REQUEST YEAR BUDGET FOR THE PROJECT.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2022.

Enacted under Article II, § 17(b) of the Maryland Constitution, April 9, 2022.