

HOUSE BILL 964

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By: **Delegate Solomon**

Introduced and read first time: February 10, 2022

Assigned to: Appropriations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Operating Budget – Step Increases for State Employees – Reporting**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Governor to report to the General Assembly on a certain
4 date the reasons why an appropriation sufficient to provide certain step increases for
5 State employees was not included in the annual budget bill under certain
6 circumstances; and generally relating to step increases for State employees.

7 BY adding to

8 Article – State Finance and Procurement

9 Section 7–114.4

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2021 Replacement Volume)

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

14 **Article – State Finance and Procurement**

15 **7–114.4.**

16 **(A) IF THE GOVERNOR DOES NOT INCLUDE IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET BILL**
17 **AN APPROPRIATION SUFFICIENT TO PROVIDE STEP INCREASES FOR STATE**
18 **EMPLOYEES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE APPLICABLE PAY PLAN, THE GOVERNOR**
19 **SHALL REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2–1257 OF**
20 **THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE REASONS WHY AN APPROPRIATION FOR**
21 **THE STEP INCREASES WAS NOT INCLUDED IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET BILL.**

22 **(B) THE GOVERNOR SHALL SUBMIT THE REPORT REQUIRED UNDER**
23 **SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION ON THE DATE ON WHICH THE ANNUAL BUDGET**
24 **BILL IS SUBMITTED TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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