A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

State Operating Budget – Step Increases for State Employees – Reporting

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

BY adding to

Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 7–114.4
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume)

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

Article – State Finance and Procurement

7–114.4.

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

(B) THE GOVERNOR SHALL SUBMIT THE REPORT REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION ON THE DATE ON WHICH THE ANNUAL BUDGET BILL IS SUBMITTED TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.
SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
1, 2022.