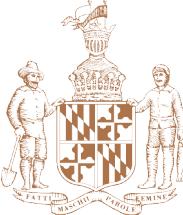


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April 21, 2023

The Honorable Wes Moore
Governor of Maryland
State House
100 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
Delivered via email

RE: House Bill 200, “Budget Bill (Fiscal Year 2024)”

Dear Governor Moore:

We have reviewed and hereby approve for constitutionality and legal sufficiency House Bill 200, “Budget Bill (Fiscal Year 2024).”

Per Art. II, § 17 of the Maryland Constitution, the Governor may only veto items in the budget bill relating to the Executive Department that have been increased or added by the General Assembly. All other provisions of the budget bill become law immediately upon the bill’s passage, without further action by the Governor. Md. Const., Art. II, § 17(f) and Art. III, § 52(6a) and (6b); *see also* Letter to David C. Romans from Asst. Att’y Gen. David W. Stamper, August 18, 2022. Accordingly, our review of the budget bill is limited to those provisions in the bill that are subject to veto.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "AGB/Brown".

Anthony G. Brown

AGB/DWS/kd

cc: The Honorable Susan C. Lee
Eric G. Luedtke
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