

Chapter 717

(Senate Bill 362)

AN ACT concerning

Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act of 2024

FOR the purpose of altering or repealing certain required appropriations; authorizing the use of certain funds for certain purposes; altering the date by which the Accountability and Implementation Board has to conduct and submit a certain independent evaluation; altering the prekindergarten per pupil amount for certain fiscal years; altering the definition of a “Tier II child” and the school years during which Tier II children may enroll in a full-day prekindergarten program; ~~authorizing prohibiting~~ the State Department of Education to make certain alterations to enrollment from increasing copayment levels in the Child Care Scholarship Program in effect as of a certain date; altering the Senator John A. Cade Funding Formula for community colleges; altering the program of State aid to private nonprofit institutions of higher education known as the Joseph A. Sellinger Program; ~~authorizing the Developmental Disabilities Administration to establish certain limits on certain goods and services provided to certain recipients;~~ clarifying a certain calculation for State aid to certain institutions of higher education; authorizing or altering the distribution of certain revenue; specifying that a certain provision regarding interest earnings for certain special funds does not apply for certain fiscal years; ~~repealing the requirement for the Governor to provide hard copies of the budget books;~~ reducing certain commissions and fees for licensed lottery sales agents; repealing certain provisions that authorized certain offsets for administrative and operational expenses for the Board of Trustees for the State Retirement and Pension System and the State Retirement Agency; ~~requiring a certain percentage of the Maryland Transit Administration’s bus fleet purchases to be~~ altering the date after which the Maryland Transit Administration is prohibited from entering into certain contracts to purchase buses that are not zero-emission buses; altering certain provisions of law related to the Maryland Trauma Physician Services Fund, including provisions related to the contents and sources of the funding, transfer of money from the Fund, and the methodology used to determine eligibility for disbursements from the Fund; imposing a transportation network company impact fee on passenger trips that originate in the State; requiring a transportation network company to collect the transportation network company impact fee from a passenger on behalf of a transportation network operator or pay the fee on behalf of a passenger; pledging certain revenues from a transportation network company impact fee to paying the principal of and interest on consolidated transportation bonds issued by the Department of Transportation; establishing a Transportation Network Company Impact Fee Account in the Transportation Trust Fund; requiring the Department to allocate the Transportation Network Company Impact Fee Account for certain transportation purposes; altering the sales and use tax rate on certain electronic smoking devices; altering the tobacco tax rate for certain tobacco products; altering the annual registration fees and surcharges for certain motor vehicles;

requiring the owners of certain motor vehicles to pay a certain annual surcharge in addition to the annual registration fee; increasing a certain car dealer processing fee; increasing the fines for certain violations of the Maryland Vehicle Law related to driving while impaired; ~~repealing the requirement for the Motor Vehicle Administration to issue, and for vehicle owners to display, a validation tab on a license plate to evidence payment of a vehicle's annual registration fee; repealing certain required appropriations to the Maryland Public Broadcasting Commission; extending the fiscal year for which per pupil funding increases may be limited under a certain circumstance; repealing the School Construction Revolving Loan Fund; repealing a certain small business relief tax credit; repealing the Maryland Commission on Transportation Revenue and Infrastructure Needs established under Chapter 455 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2023; establishing a modified Maryland Commission on Transportation Revenue and Infrastructure Needs; requiring interest earnings for certain special funds to accrue to the General Fund of the State during certain fiscal years; authorizing the transfer of certain funds; requiring that all cigarettes and other tobacco products used, possessed, or held in the State on or after a certain date are subject to the tax enacted by this Act; and generally relating to the financing of State and local government.~~

~~BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 Article – Agriculture
 Section 10–407(d)
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (2016 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)~~

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
 Article – Commercial Law
 Section 14–4101(a) and (c)
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (2013 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 Article – Commercial Law
 Section 14–4104(a)
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (2013 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
 Article – Education
 Section ~~5–315(a), 5–229(a)(1) and (8) through (10), 5–410(a) and (b), 7–1A–01(a), 7–447.1(a)(1) and (3) through (6), 7–447.1(a)(1) and (3) through (6), 9.5–111(a)(1) and (3), 16–305(a), and 17–101~~
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Education

Section ~~5-315(d)~~, *5-229(a)(5) and (6), (c), and (e), 5-410(c) and (d)(1), 7-1A-01(j), 7-1A-06, 7-447.1(p), ~~7-447.1(p)~~*, 9.5-111(d)(2) and (3), 16-305(b) through (d), 16-512, and 17-104

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2022 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Education

Section 9.5-111(d)(4)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2022 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Health – General

Section ~~7-101(a), (b), and (c)~~ 15-1004(a) and 19-101

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2023 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Health – General

Section ~~7-409(e)~~ 15-1004(f) and 19-130

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2023 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Housing and Community Development

Section 6-1101(a) and (b)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2019 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Housing and Community Development

Section 6-1102(e)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2019 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Natural Resources

Section 4-209(k), 5-307(f), and 8-2A-02(f)(4)(i)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2023 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Natural Resources

Section 5-307(a) and 8-2A-02(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland
(2023 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

~~BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Public Safety
Section 4-1011(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2022 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)~~

~~BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Public Safety
Section 4-1011(b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2022 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)~~

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Public Safety
Section 3-206.1(a) and 8-102(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2022 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Public Safety
Section 3-206.1(g)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2022 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Public Safety
Section 8-102(g)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2022 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Public Utilities
Section 10-408
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 6-104(e), ~~6-226(a)(2)(i)~~, ~~7-115(b)~~, and ~~7-311(j)~~ and 6-226(a)(2)(i)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

~~BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,~~

~~Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 7–115(a) and 7–311(a)(1) and (2)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)~~

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – State Government
Section 9–101(a), (b), (d), and (g)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Government
Section 9–117(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Personnel and Pensions
Section 21–308(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

BY repealing
Article – State Personnel and Pensions
Section 21–316(e)(6)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Tax – General
Section 2–606(e)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2022 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Tax – General
Section 2–606(h), 2–1302.1, 2–1303, 2–1603, 11–101(l)(3)(ii) and (iii), 11–104(j), and
12–105(a) and (b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2022 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Tax – General
Section 2–1302.3 and 11–101(l)(3)(iv)
Annotated Code of Maryland

(2022 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Transportation

Section ~~3-216(a)~~, 7-101(a) and (b), ~~11-101, 11-125.1, 11-145.1, 13-815(a)(1) and (4), 13-919(a), 13-920(a) through (c), 13-936(a) through (c), 13-937.1(a) and (b), 13-955, and 15-311.1(a)~~, 11-101 through 11-103, and 13-413(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2020 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

~~BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,~~

~~Article – Transportation~~

~~Section 7-205(e)(1)~~

~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~

~~(2020 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)~~

~~(As enacted by Chapters 11 and 20 of the Acts of the General Assembly of the 2021 Special Session)~~

~~BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,~~

~~Article – Transportation~~

~~Section 7-205(e)(2)~~

~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~

~~(2020 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)~~

~~(As enacted by Chapters 11 and 20 of the Acts of the General Assembly of the 2021 Special Session)~~

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Transportation

Section ~~3-215, 3-216(c)(2)(i)~~, 7-406(c)(1) and (2), ~~8-403(b), 13-410(c), 13-411(d) and (e), 13-412(a), (b)(1), and (c), 13-413(b), and 13-415(a) through (e), (g), and (h) and 8-403(b)~~, 13-901, 13-912, 13-913, 13-914, 13-915, 13-916, 13-917, 13-919(f), 13-920(d), 13-923, 13-927(d), 13-932, 13-933, 13-934, 13-936(d), 13-937, 13-937.1(c), 13-939, 13-954, 15-311.1(b), and 21-902(a) through (d)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2020 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Transportation

Section 3-216(d)(5) and 13-956

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2020 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

~~BY repealing~~

~~Article – Education~~

~~Section 24-204(d)~~

~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~

~~(2022 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)~~

BY repealing

Article – Education

Section 5-315

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2022 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

BY repealing

Article – Tax – General

Section 10-748

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2022 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Chapter 36 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2021

Section 16(d) through (f)

BY repealing

Chapter 455 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2023

Section 2

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

~~**Article – Agriculture**~~

~~10-407.~~

~~(d) For fiscal year 2025 and each fiscal year thereafter, the Governor [shall] MAY include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of \$150,000 for the University of Maryland Extension to hire one extension agent as a Native Plant Specialist and \$100,000 for the Department to hire staff to administer the Program.~~

Article – Commercial Law

14-4101.

(a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

(c) “Office” means the Office of the Attorney General.

14-4104.

(a) (1) ~~(1) For [fiscal year 2020 and each fiscal year thereafter] FISCAL YEARS 2020 THROUGH 2024, AND FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR~~

~~THEREAFTER~~, the Governor shall include ~~IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET BILL~~ an appropriation of at least \$700,000 in general funds [in the State budget] for the Office for the purposes of enforcement of:

~~[(i)] 1. Consumer protection laws under this title;~~

~~[(ii)] 2. Consumer protection laws under Title 13 of this article;~~

and

~~[(iii)] 3. Financial consumer protection laws.~~

~~(H) (I)~~ **FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER ONLY, THE GOVERNOR MAY INCLUDE IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET BILL AN APPROPRIATION OF AT LEAST \$700,000 IN SPECIAL FUNDS FOR THE OFFICE FOR THE PURPOSES OF ENFORCEMENT OF:**

1. CONSUMER PROTECTION LAWS UNDER THIS TITLE;

2. CONSUMER PROTECTION LAWS UNDER TITLE 13 OF THIS ARTICLE; AND

3. FINANCIAL CONSUMER PROTECTION LAWS.

(II) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER, THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET BILL AN APPROPRIATION OF AT LEAST \$350,000 IN GENERAL FUNDS FOR THE OFFICE FOR THE PURPOSES OF ENFORCEMENT OF:

1. CONSUMER PROTECTION LAWS UNDER THIS TITLE;

2. CONSUMER PROTECTION LAWS UNDER TITLE 13 OF THIS ARTICLE; AND

3. FINANCIAL CONSUMER PROTECTION LAWS.

(2) The Office shall use the funds under paragraph (1) of this subsection for:

(i) Staffing costs associated with hiring new employees; and

(ii) Investigations of alleged violations of consumer protection laws in the State.

Article – Education

~~5-315.~~

~~(a) In this section, "Fund" means the School Construction Revolving Loan Fund.~~

~~(1) In fiscal year 2023, the Governor shall include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of at least \$40,000,000 to the Fund.~~

~~(2) In fiscal year 2024, the Governor shall include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of at least \$20,000,000 to the Fund.~~

~~(3) In each of fiscal years [2025 and] 2026 AND 2027, the Governor [shall] MAY include in the annual budget bill OR THE CAPITAL BUDGET BILL an appropriation of at least \$10,000,000 to the Fund.~~

5-229.

(a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

(5) "Per pupil amount" means:

(i) In fiscal year 2023, \$10,094;

(ii) In fiscal year 2024, \$11,594;

(iii) In fiscal year 2025, \$13,003;

(iv) In fiscal year 2026, \$14,473;

(v) In fiscal year 2027, [~~\$15,598~~] \$19,950;

(vi) In fiscal year 2028, [~~\$16,811~~] \$19,950; AND

(vii) In fiscal year 2029 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER, [~~\$18,118~~;

(viii) In fiscal year 2030, \$19,526; and

(ix) In subsequent fiscal years,] the per pupil amount for the prior fiscal year increased by the inflation adjustment rounded to the nearest whole dollar.

(6) "Prekindergarten enrollment" means:

(i) Beginning in fiscal year 2023, the number of Tier I children enrolled with an eligible prekindergarten provider; and

(ii) Beginning in fiscal year [2025] 2026, the number of Tier I and Tier II children enrolled with an eligible prekindergarten provider.

(8) “Tier I child” has the meaning stated in § 7-1A-01 of this article.

(9) “Tier II child” has the meaning stated in § 7-1A-01 of this article.

(10) “Tier III child” has the meaning stated in § 7-1A-01 of this article.

(c) (1) (i) As calculated under subsection (d) of this section, there is a State share and local share of the per pupil amount for Tier I children.

(ii) There is no family share for Tier I children.

(2) As calculated under subsection (e) of this section and beginning in fiscal year [2025] 2026, there is a State share, local share, and family share of the per pupil amount for Tier II children.

(3) Tier III children are not eligible for funding under this section.

(e) (1) On or before July 1, 2022, the Department shall establish a sliding scale to calculate the family share required for Tier II children.

(2) The sliding scale developed by the Department shall be increased on a linear basis with:

(i) A lower limit of \$0 per pupil for a family with an income that is 300% of the federal poverty level; and

(ii) An upper limit of the per pupil amount for a family with an income that is more than 300% but less than 600% of the federal poverty level.

(3) (i) Beginning in fiscal year [2025] 2026, the family shall pay the family share to the publicly funded prekindergarten provider.

(ii) A county board may provide up to 100% of the family share on behalf of the family.

5-410.

(a) In addition to its own assessments and tracking of progress, required under § 5-406 of this subtitle, the Board shall contract with a public or private entity to conduct an independent evaluation of the State’s progress in implementing the Blueprint for Maryland’s Future and achieving the expected outcomes during the implementation period.

(b) The independent evaluation shall include an assessment of:

(1) The use of additional funding to meet the goals of the Blueprint for Maryland's Future;

(2) Progress toward the goals of the Blueprint for Maryland's Future and whether the goals have been achieved; and

(3) Any recommendations to alter the goals or strategies employed to reach the goals, including new uses for existing funds or additional funding.

(c) (1) An entity with which the Board contracts for an independent evaluation shall report its results to the Board on or before:

(i) [October 1, 2024] **DECEMBER 1, 2026**; and

(ii) October 1, 2030.

(2) The Board shall contract for each independent evaluation as soon as practicable.

(d) (1) (i) On or before [December 1, 2024] **JANUARY 15, 2027**, the Board shall, using the first independent evaluation and its own judgment, report to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly on whether the Blueprint for Maryland's Future is being implemented as intended and achieving the expected outcomes.

(ii) The Board's report shall include an assessment of the State's progress towards:

1. Increasing the number of teachers achieving National Board Certification;

2. Providing full-day prekindergarten programs for 3- and 4-year-olds in accordance with Title 7, Subtitle 1A of this article;

3. Improving behavioral health services in accordance with § 7-447 of this article; and

4. Ensuring that students enrolled in public schools meet college and career standards in accordance with § 7-205.1 of this article.

(iii) The Board's report shall include any legislative or structural corrections necessary to fully implement the Blueprint.

7-1A-01.

(a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

(i) “Tier II child” means a child:

(1) Who is 4 years old;

(2) (I) [Whose] IN FISCAL YEAR 2026, WHOSE family income is more than 300% but not more than [600%] 360% of the federal poverty level; and

(II) IN FISCAL YEAR 2027 AND IN EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER, WHOSE FAMILY INCOME IS MORE THAN 300% BUT NOT MORE THAN 600% OF THE FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL; AND

(3) Whose family chooses to enroll the child in full-day prekindergarten.

7-1A-06.

(a) (1) Beginning in the 2022–2023 school year, Tier I children who are 3 or 4 years old may be enrolled in a full-day prekindergarten program under this subtitle.

(2) (I) [Beginning in] FOR the 2023–2024 THROUGH 2025–2026 school [year] YEARS, children who are 3 or 4 years old may enroll in a full-day prekindergarten program under this subtitle if the children are:

[(i)] 1. [Tier II children] CHILDREN WHOSE FAMILY INCOME IS MORE THAN 300% BUT NOT MORE THAN 600% OF THE FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL; and

[(ii)] 2. [1.] A. Children with disabilities; or

[2.] B. Children from homes in which English is not the primary spoken language.

[(3)] (II) [In] FOR the 2023–2024 THROUGH 2025–2026 school [year] YEARS only, children described under [paragraph (2) of this subsection] SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH shall be counted as Tier I children for purposes of funding allocated under § 5–229 of this article.

[(4)] Beginning in the 2024–2025 school year, children described under paragraph (2) of this subsection shall be counted as Tier II children for purposes of funding allocated under § 5–229 of this article.]

(b) (1) The proportion of enrolled Tier I children who are 3 years old shall increase annually until all Tier I children who are 3 years old are enrolled in a full-day prekindergarten program.

(2) The proportion of enrolled Tier I children who are 4 years old shall increase annually so that all Tier I children who are 4 years old shall be enrolled in a full-day prekindergarten program.

(c) Beginning in the [2024-2025] 2025-2026 school year, Tier II children NOT DESCRIBED UNDER SUBSECTION (A)(2)(I) OF THIS SECTION may be enrolled in a full-day prekindergarten program if space is available to encourage socioeconomic diversity in prekindergarten classrooms.

(d) Priority in expanding prekindergarten slots shall be provided to 3- and 4-year olds who are:

(1) Tier I children;

(2) Children with disabilities, regardless of income; or

(3) Children from homes in which English is not the primary spoken language.

(e) The ability of a family to choose the prekindergarten provider in which to enroll their child does not supersede local authority to set school attendance boundaries.

~~7-447.1.~~

~~(a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.~~

~~(3) "Commission" means the Maryland Community Health Resources Commission.~~

~~(4) "Consortium" means the Maryland Consortium on Coordinated Community Supports established under subsection (b) of this section.~~

~~(5) "Coordinated community supports" means a holistic, nonstigmatized, and coordinated approach, including among the following persons, to meeting students' behavioral health needs, addressing related challenges, and providing community services and supports to the students:~~

~~(i) Teachers, school leadership, and student instructional support personnel;~~

~~(ii) Local school systems;~~

~~(iii) Local community schools;~~

~~(iv) Behavioral health coordinators appointed under § 7-447 of this subtitle;~~

- ~~(v) Local health departments;~~
- ~~(vi) Nonprofit hospitals;~~
- ~~(vii) Other youth-serving governmental entities;~~
- ~~(viii) Other local youth-serving community entities;~~
- ~~(ix) Community behavioral health providers;~~
- ~~(x) Telemedicine providers;~~
- ~~(xi) Federally qualified health centers; and~~
- ~~(xii) Students, parents, and guardians.~~

~~(6) “Coordinated community supports partnership” means an entity formed to deliver coordinated community supports.~~

~~(p) (1) In this subsection, “Fund” means the Coordinated Community Supports Partnership Fund.~~

~~(2) There is a Coordinated Community Supports Partnership Fund.~~

~~(3) The purpose of the Fund is to support the delivery of services and supports provided to students to meet their holistic behavioral health needs and address other related challenges.~~

~~(4) The Commission shall administer the Fund and the provision of grants AND REIMBURSEMENTS under the Fund.~~

~~(5) (i) The Fund is a special, nonlapsing fund that is not subject to § 7-302 of the State Finance and Procurement Article.~~

~~(ii) The State Treasurer shall hold the Fund separately, and the Comptroller shall account for the Fund.~~

~~(6) The Fund consists of:~~

~~(i) Money appropriated in the State budget to the Fund;~~

~~(ii) Interest earnings; and~~

~~(iii) Any other money from any other source accepted for the benefit of the Fund.~~

~~(7) The Fund may be used [only] by the Commission for:~~

~~(i) Providing reimbursement, under a memorandum of understanding, to the National Center for School Mental Health and other technical assistance providers to support the work of the Consortium;~~

~~(ii) Providing grants to coordinated community supports partnerships to deliver services and supports to meet students' holistic behavioral health needs and to address other related challenges; [and]~~

~~(iii) PROVIDING SCHOOL-BASED BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES; AND~~

~~[(iii)] (iv) Paying any associated administrative costs.~~

~~(8) THE FUND MAY BE USED TO REIMBURSE THE MEDICAL CARE PROGRAMS ADMINISTRATION FOR SCHOOL-BASED BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES PROVIDED ON A FEE-FOR-SERVICE BASIS THROUGH A MEDICAID WAIVER.~~

~~[(8)] (9) The Governor shall include in the annual budget bill the following appropriations for the Fund:~~

~~(i) \$25,000,000 in fiscal year 2022;~~

~~(ii) \$50,000,000 in fiscal year 2023;~~

~~(iii) \$85,000,000 in fiscal year 2024;~~

~~(iv) \$110,000,000 in fiscal year 2025; and~~

~~(v) \$130,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 and each fiscal year thereafter.~~

~~[(9)] (10) (i) The State Treasurer shall invest the money of the Fund in the same manner as other State money may be invested.~~

~~(ii) Any interest earnings of the Fund shall be credited to the Fund.~~

~~[(10)] (11) Expenditures from the Fund may be made only in accordance with the State budget.~~

7-447.1.

(a) (1) *In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.*

(3) “Commission” means the Maryland Community Health Resources Commission.

(4) “Consortium” means the Maryland Consortium on Coordinated Community Supports established under subsection (b) of this section.

(5) “Coordinated community supports” means a holistic, nonstigmatized, and coordinated approach, including among the following persons, to meeting students’ behavioral health needs, addressing related challenges, and providing community services and supports to the students:

(i) Teachers, school leadership, and student instructional support personnel;

(ii) Local school systems;

(iii) Local community schools;

(iv) Behavioral health coordinators appointed under § 7-447 of this subtitle;

(v) Local health departments;

(vi) Nonprofit hospitals;

(vii) Other youth-serving governmental entities;

(viii) Other local youth-serving community entities;

(ix) Community behavioral health providers;

(x) Telemedicine providers;

(xi) Federally qualified health centers; and

(xii) Students, parents, and guardians.

(6) “Coordinated community supports partnership” means an entity formed to deliver coordinated community supports.

(p) (1) In this subsection, “Fund” means the Coordinated Community Supports Partnership Fund.

(2) There is a Coordinated Community Supports Partnership Fund.

(3) The purpose of the Fund is to support the delivery of services and supports provided to students to meet their holistic behavioral health needs and address other related challenges.

(4) The Commission shall administer the Fund and the provision of grants AND REIMBURSEMENTS under the Fund.

(5) (i) The Fund is a special, nonlapsing fund that is not subject to § 7-302 of the State Finance and Procurement Article.

(ii) The State Treasurer shall hold the Fund separately, and the Comptroller shall account for the Fund.

(6) The Fund consists of:

(i) Money appropriated in the State budget to the Fund;

(ii) Interest earnings; and

(iii) Any other money from any other source accepted for the benefit of the Fund.

(7) [The] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (8) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE Fund may be used [only] by the Commission ONLY for:

(i) Providing reimbursement, under a memorandum of understanding, to the National Center for School Mental Health and other technical assistance providers to support the work of the Consortium;

(ii) Providing grants to coordinated community supports partnerships to deliver services and supports to meet students' holistic behavioral health needs and to address other related challenges; and

(iii) Paying any associated administrative costs.

(8) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025 ONLY, THE FUND MAY BE USED TO:

(I) PROVIDE SCHOOL-BASED BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES;

AND

(II) REIMBURSE THE MEDICAL CARE PROGRAMS ADMINISTRATION FOR SCHOOL-BASED BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES PROVIDED ON A FEE-FOR-SERVICE BASIS THROUGH A MEDICAID WAIVER.

[(8)] (9) The Governor shall include in the annual budget bill the following appropriations for the Fund:

- (i) \$25,000,000 in fiscal year 2022;
- (ii) \$50,000,000 in fiscal year 2023;
- (iii) \$85,000,000 in fiscal year 2024;
- (iv) \$110,000,000 in fiscal year 2025; and
- (v) \$130,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 and each fiscal year thereafter.

~~[(9)] (10)~~ (i) The State Treasurer shall invest the money of the Fund in the same manner as other State money may be invested.

- (ii) Any interest earnings of the Fund shall be credited to the Fund.

~~[(10)] (11)~~ Expenditures from the Fund may be made only in accordance with the State budget.

9.5–111.

(a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

(3) “Program” means the Child Care Scholarship Program.

(d) (2) Except as provided in ~~paragraph (3)~~ ~~PARAGRAPHS (3) AND (4)~~ paragraph (3) of this subsection, the Department may not make the following alterations to the Program in effect as of January 1, 2023:

- ~~(i) Increase the copayment levels;~~
- ~~(ii) (I)~~ Reduce the reimbursement rates; ~~OR~~
- ~~(iii) (II)~~ Reduce the income eligibility requirements; ~~or~~
- ~~(iv) (III)~~ Implement a freeze in Program enrollment; ~~or~~

(3) (i) The Department may alter the Program in effect as of January 1, 2023, by ~~increasing the copayment levels,~~ reducing the reimbursement rates, ~~OR~~ reducing the income eligibility requirements, ~~for~~ implementing a freeze in Program enrollment, ~~if~~ if:

1. The Department submits a notification to the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee, the Senate Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment, the House Appropriations Committee, and the House Ways and Means

Committee, in accordance with § 2–1257 of the State Government Article, on the intended Program alterations, including the reason for, and expected duration of, the proposed actions; and

2. The Program alterations identified in the notification are not implemented until the completion of the regular legislative session immediately following the submission of the notification.

(ii) If the Board of Public Works approves budget reductions for the Program under § 7–213 of the State Finance and Procurement Article for a certain fiscal year, the Department may ~~increase the copayment levels,~~ reduce the reimbursement rates, ~~OR~~ reduce the income eligibility requirements~~},~~ or implement a freeze in Program enrollment~~},~~ at any time during the fiscal year.

(4) THE DEPARTMENT MAY ALTER THE PROGRAM IN EFFECT AS OF JANUARY 1, 2023, BY IMPLEMENTING A FREEZE IN PROGRAM ENROLLMENT IF THE DEPARTMENT SUBMITS A NOTIFICATION TO THE SENATE BUDGET AND TAXATION COMMITTEE, THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, ENERGY, AND THE ENVIRONMENT, THE HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE, AND THE HOUSE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1257 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, AT LEAST 60 DAYS BEFORE IMPLEMENTING A FREEZE IN PROGRAM ENROLLMENT AND INCLUDING THE REASON FOR, AND EXPECTED DURATION OF, THE ENROLLMENT FREEZE NOT INCREASE THE COPAYMENT LEVELS OF THE PROGRAM IN EFFECT AS OF JANUARY 1, 2024.

16–305.

(a) The formula used for the distribution of funds to the community colleges in the State shall be known as the Senator John A. Cade Funding Formula.

(b) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

(2) “Assessed valuation of real property” means assessed valuation of real property as determined for purposes of the State aid calculated under § 5–202 of this article.

(3) “Board” means:

(i) In a county that has one or more community colleges, the board of community college trustees for the county; or

(ii) Where two or more counties establish a region to support a regional community college, the board of regional community college trustees.

(4) “Community college” means a community college established under this title but does not include Baltimore City Community College.

(5) “County share” means the total amount of money for operating funds to be provided each fiscal year to a board by the county that supports the community college or colleges or, in the case of a regional community college, the total amount of money for operating funds to be provided each fiscal year to the board by all counties that support the regional community college.

(6) “Direct grants” means the sum of the following components of the State share:

- (i) [Fixed costs;
- (ii) Marginal] **BASE** costs; and
- [(iii)] **(II)** Size factor.

(7) “Full-time equivalent student” **FOR EACH COMMUNITY COLLEGE** is [the quotient of the number of student credit hours produced in the fiscal year 2 years prior to the fiscal year for which the State share is calculated divided by 30, as certified by the Maryland Higher Education Commission] **THE GREATER OF:**

(I) THE QUOTIENT OF THE NUMBER OF STUDENT CREDIT HOURS PRODUCED IN THE FISCAL YEAR 2 YEARS PRIOR TO THE FISCAL YEAR FOR WHICH THE STATE SHARE IS CALCULATED DIVIDED BY 30, AS CERTIFIED BY THE MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION; OR

(II) THE 3-YEAR MOVING AVERAGE QUOTIENT OF THE NUMBER OF STUDENT CREDIT HOURS PRODUCED IN THE FISCAL YEARS 2 YEARS PRIOR, 3 YEARS PRIOR, AND 4 YEARS PRIOR TO THE FISCAL YEAR FOR WHICH THE STATE SHARE IS CALCULATED DIVIDED BY 30, AS CERTIFIED BY THE MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION.

(8) “Population” means population as determined for purposes of calculating the State share of the library program using the definition in § 23-501 of this article.

(9) “Region” means the counties supporting a regional community college established under Subtitle 2 of this title.

(10) “Small community college” means:

- (i) Allegany College of Maryland;
- (ii) Garrett College;

- (iii) Hagerstown Community College;
- (iv) Carroll Community College;
- (v) Cecil Community College;
- (vi) Chesapeake College; or
- (vii) Wor–Wic Community College.

(11) “State share” means the amount of money for community college operating funds to be provided each fiscal year to a board by the State.

(12) “~~STATE’S GENERAL FUND~~ STATE FUNDS PER FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT STUDENT APPROPRIATION TO THE 4-YEAR PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 17-104(A)(1) OF THIS ARTICLE.

~~(12)~~ **(13)** “Student credit hours” means student credit hours, including those earned by a P–TECH student as provided in § 7–1804(c) of this article, or contact hours, which are eligible, under the regulations issued by the Maryland Higher Education Commission, for inclusion in State funding calculations.

~~(13)~~ **(14)** “Total State operating fund” means the sum of community college State appropriations for direct grants.

(c) (1) (i) Except as provided in subparagraphs (iii), (iv), and (v) of this paragraph, the total State operating fund per full–time equivalent student to the community colleges for each fiscal year as requested by the Governor shall be:

1. In fiscal year 2009, not less than an amount equal to 26.25% of the State’s General Fund appropriation per full–time equivalent student to the 4–year public institutions of higher education in the State as designated by the Commission for the purpose of administering the Joseph A. Sellinger Program under Title 17 of this article in the previous fiscal year;

2. In fiscal year 2010, not less than an amount equal to 23.6% of the State’s General Fund appropriation per full–time equivalent student to the 4–year public institutions of higher education in the State as designated by the Commission for the purpose of administering the Joseph A. Sellinger Program under Title 17 of this article in the same fiscal year;

3. In fiscal year 2011, not less than an amount equal to 21.8% of the State’s General Fund appropriation per full–time equivalent student to the 4–year public institutions of higher education in the State as designated by the Commission for

the purpose of administering the Joseph A. Sellinger Program under Title 17 of this article in the same fiscal year;

4. In fiscal year 2012, not less than an amount equal to 20% of the State's General Fund appropriation per full-time equivalent student to the 4-year public institutions of higher education in the State as designated by the Commission for the purpose of administering the Joseph A. Sellinger Program under Title 17 of this article in the same fiscal year;

5. In fiscal year 2014, an amount that is the greater of 19.7% of the State's General Fund appropriation per full-time equivalent student to the 4-year public institutions of higher education in the State as designated by the Commission for the purpose of administering the Joseph A. Sellinger Program under Title 17 of this article in the same fiscal year or \$1,839.47 per full-time equivalent student;

6. In fiscal year 2015, an amount that is the greater of 19.7% of the State's General Fund appropriation per full-time equivalent student to the 4-year public institutions of higher education in the State as designated by the Commission for the purpose of administering the Joseph A. Sellinger Program under Title 17 of this article in the same fiscal year or \$1,839.47 per full-time equivalent student;

7. In fiscal year 2017, not less than an amount equal to 20.5% of the State's General Fund appropriation per full-time equivalent student to the 4-year public institutions of higher education in the State as designated by the Commission for the purpose of administering the Joseph A. Sellinger Program under Title 17 of this article in the same fiscal year;

8. In fiscal year 2018, not less than an amount equal to 21.0% of the State's General Fund appropriation per full-time equivalent student to the 4-year public institutions of higher education in the State as designated by the Commission for the purpose of administering the Joseph A. Sellinger Program under Title 17 of this article in the same fiscal year;

9. In fiscal year 2019, not less than an amount equal to 22.0% of the State's General Fund appropriation per full-time equivalent student to the 4-year public institutions of higher education in the State as designated by the Commission for the purpose of administering the Joseph A. Sellinger Program under Title 17 of this article in the same fiscal year;

10. In fiscal year 2020, not less than an amount equal to 23% of the State's General Fund appropriation per full-time equivalent student to the 4-year public institutions of higher education in the State as designated by the Commission for the purpose of administering the Joseph A. Sellinger Program under Title 17 of this article in the same fiscal year;

11. In fiscal year 2021, not less than an amount equal to 25% of the State's General Fund appropriation per full-time equivalent student to the 4-year public institutions of higher education in the State as designated by the Commission for the purpose of administering the Joseph A. Sellinger Program under Title 17 of this article in the same fiscal year;

12. In fiscal year 2022, not less than an amount equal to 27% of the State's General Fund appropriation per full-time equivalent student to the 4-year public institutions of higher education in the State as designated by the Commission for the purpose of administering the Joseph A. Sellinger Program under Title 17 of this article in the same fiscal year; [and]

13. In fiscal year 2023 [and each fiscal year thereafter] **AND FISCAL YEAR 2024**, not less than an amount equal to 29% of the State's General Fund appropriation per full-time equivalent student to the 4-year public institutions of higher education in the State as designated by the Commission for the purpose of administering the Joseph A. Sellinger Program under Title 17 of this article in the same fiscal year; **AND**

14. IN FISCAL YEAR 2025 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER, NOT LESS THAN AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO ~~26.5%~~ 27.2% OF THE STATE'S GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATION STATE FUNDS PER FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT STUDENT APPROPRIATION TO THE 4-YEAR PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE STATE AS DESIGNATED BY THE COMMISSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADMINISTERING THE JOSEPH A. SELLINGER PROGRAM UNDER TITLE 17 OF THIS ARTICLE IN THE SAME FISCAL YEAR.

(ii) For purposes of this subsection, the State's General Fund appropriation per full-time equivalent student to the 4-year public institutions of higher education in the State for a fiscal year shall include:

1. Noncapital appropriations from the Higher Education Investment Fund; and

2. Appropriations, regardless of where they are budgeted, designated for the general operation of 4-year public institutions of higher education in the State, including personnel-related appropriations.

(iii) Notwithstanding the provisions of subparagraph (i) of this paragraph, the total State operating funds to be distributed under this subsection to the community colleges for each of fiscal years 2011 and 2012 shall be \$194,407,432.

(iv) In fiscal year 2013, the total State operating funds for community colleges shall be \$199,176,114, to be distributed as follows:

1. Allegany College \$4,773,622;

2. Anne Arundel Community College \$27,235,329;
3. Community College of Baltimore County \$34,398,366;
4. Carroll Community College \$6,851,515;
5. Cecil Community College \$4,645,751;
6. College of Southern Maryland \$10,902,580;
7. Chesapeake College \$5,675,815;
8. Frederick Community College \$8,145,648;
9. Garrett College \$2,246,709;
10. Hagerstown Community College \$6,965,064;
11. Harford Community College \$9,990,806;
12. Howard Community College \$12,584,485;
13. Montgomery College \$35,998,553;
14. Prince George's Community College \$22,013,074; and
15. Wor–Wic Community College \$6,748,796.

(v) In fiscal year 2016, the total State operating funds for community colleges shall be \$222,744,620, to be distributed as follows:

1. Allegany College \$4,850,443;
2. Anne Arundel Community College \$28,715,483;
3. Community College of Baltimore County \$38,637,668;
4. Carroll Community College \$7,345,653;
5. Cecil Community College \$5,108,064;
6. College of Southern Maryland \$13,017,885;
7. Chesapeake College \$6,142,473;
8. Frederick Community College \$8,975,284;

9. Garrett College \$2,561,002;
10. Hagerstown Community College \$7,620,412;
11. Harford Community College \$10,865,634;
12. Howard Community College \$15,723,055;
13. Montgomery College \$40,000,786;
14. Prince George's Community College \$26,072,537; and
15. Wor–Wic Community College \$7,108,241.

(2) The State share shall be distributed to each board and shall be limited by the provisions of subsection (d) of this section.

(3) Subject to subsection (d) of this section, the total State share for each board shall be the sum of:

- (i) The [fixed costs component];
- (ii) The marginal] **BASE** costs component; **AND**
- [(iii)] **(II)** The size factor component[; and
- (iv) A hold harmless component].

[(4) (i) The funds available for the fixed costs component shall be a set percentage of the year's total State operating fund as follows:

1. For fiscal year 1998, 36% of total funding;
2. For fiscal year 1999, 37% of total funding; and
3. For fiscal year 2000 and each fiscal year thereafter, 38% of total funding.

(ii) The funds available for the fixed costs component shall be divided and distributed to the community colleges in the same proportion in which the direct grants were distributed in the prior fiscal year.]

[(5)] **(4)** [(i)] For each board, the [marginal] **BASE** costs component shall be [the product of] the [dollar amount] **TOTAL STATE OPERATING FUND** per

full-time equivalent student [multiplied by the number of full-time equivalent students at the board's community college or colleges.

(ii) The dollar amount per full-time equivalent student shall be calculated by dividing 60% of the total State operating fund for the fiscal year by the total number of full-time equivalent students at community colleges statewide.

(iii) In determining the marginal costs component for a board, the number of full-time equivalent students at all campuses and colleges operated by the board shall be added together] **TO THE COMMUNITY COLLEGES.**

[(6) (5) (i) The size factor component shall be **[2% of]** the year's total State operating fund **MULTIPLIED BY 2%**.

(ii) Except as provided in subparagraph (iii) of this paragraph, the funds available for the size factor component shall be divided and distributed equally to each board that operates a community college or colleges at which the total number of full-time equivalent students is less than or equal to 80% of the statewide median.

(iii) 1. Beginning with the first fiscal year that a board no longer meets the eligibility requirements under subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph, the board shall continue to receive a percentage of the size factor component that the board received in the last fiscal year for which the board was eligible, as follows:

- A. 80% for the first fiscal year;
- B. 60% for the second fiscal year;
- C. 40% for the third fiscal year;
- D. 20% for the fourth fiscal year; and
- E. 0% for the fifth and each subsequent fiscal year.

2. The distributions required under subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph shall be made from the remaining funds available for the size factor component after any distributions required under this subparagraph.

(iv) In determining the eligibility of a board for a size factor component, the number of full-time equivalent students at all campuses and colleges operated by the board shall be added together.

[(7) (i) A board shall be eligible for a hold harmless component beginning in fiscal year 1998 if the sum of the board's fixed costs, marginal costs, and size factor components for the fiscal year is less than the board's total State share in the prior fiscal year.

(ii) The hold harmless component amount shall be determined by subtracting the sum of an eligible board's fixed costs, marginal costs, and size factor components for the fiscal year from the board's total State share for the prior fiscal year.]

[(8)] (6) Any employer Social Security contributions required by federal law for any employee of a board of community college trustees shall remain the obligation of the employer.

[(9)] (7) The State contribution to retirement and fringe benefit costs is not included in the calculations of amounts under this subsection.

(d) In each fiscal year, in order for a board to receive an increase in the State share of support [or a hold harmless component amount], the county share, in the aggregate, that supports the community college or colleges shall equal or exceed the aggregate amount of operating fund appropriations made to the board by the county or all of the counties supporting the college in the previous fiscal year.

16-512.

(A) IN THIS SECTION, "~~STATE'S GENERAL FUND~~ STATE FUNDS PER FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT STUDENT APPROPRIATION TO THE 4-YEAR PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 17-104(A)(1) OF THIS ARTICLE.

[(a)] (B) (1) The total State operating fund per full-time equivalent student appropriated to Baltimore City Community College for each fiscal year other than fiscal year 2013, as requested by the Governor shall be:

(i) In fiscal year 2009, not less than an amount equal to 67.25% of the State's General Fund appropriation per full-time equivalent student to the 4-year public institutions of higher education in the State as designated by the Commission for the purpose of administering the Joseph A. Sellinger Program under Title 17 of this article in the previous fiscal year;

(ii) In fiscal year 2010, not less than an amount equal to 65.1% of the State's General Fund appropriation per full-time equivalent student to the 4-year public institutions of higher education in the State as designated by the Commission for the purpose of administering the Joseph A. Sellinger Program under Title 17 of this article in the same fiscal year;

(iii) In fiscal year 2011, not less than an amount equal to 65.5% of the State's General Fund appropriation per full-time equivalent student to the 4-year public institutions of higher education in the State as designated by the Commission for the purpose of administering the Joseph A. Sellinger Program under Title 17 of this article in the same fiscal year;

(iv) In fiscal year 2012, not less than an amount equal to 63% of the State's General Fund appropriation per full-time equivalent student to the 4-year public institutions of higher education in the State as designated by the Commission for the purpose of administering the Joseph A. Sellinger Program under Title 17 of this article in the same fiscal year;

(v) In fiscal year 2014, an amount that is the greater of 61% of the State's General Fund appropriation per full-time equivalent student to the 4-year public institutions of higher education in the State as designated by the Commission for the purpose of administering the Joseph A. Sellinger Program under Title 17 of this article in the same fiscal year or \$5,695.63 per full-time equivalent student;

(vi) In fiscal year 2015, an amount that is the greater of 61% of the State's General Fund appropriation per full-time equivalent student to the 4-year public institutions of higher education in the State as designated by the Commission for the purpose of administering the Joseph A. Sellinger Program under Title 17 of this article in the same fiscal year or \$5,695.63 per full-time equivalent student;

(vii) In fiscal year 2016, an amount that is the greater of 58% of the State's General Fund appropriation per full-time equivalent student to the 4-year public institutions of higher education in the State as designated by the Commission for the purpose of administering the Joseph A. Sellinger Program under Title 17 of this article in the same fiscal year or \$5,695.63 per full-time equivalent student;

(viii) In fiscal year 2017, an amount that is the greater of 58% of the State's General Fund appropriation per full-time equivalent student to the 4-year public institutions of higher education in the State as designated by the Commission for the purpose of administering the Joseph A. Sellinger Program under Title 17 of this article in the same fiscal year or \$5,695.63 per full-time equivalent student;

(ix) In fiscal year 2018, not less than an amount equal to 60% of the State's General Fund appropriation per full-time equivalent student to the 4-year public institutions of higher education in the State as designated by the Commission for the purpose of administering the Joseph A. Sellinger Program under Title 17 of this article in the same fiscal year;

(x) In fiscal year 2019, not less than an amount equal to 61% of the State's General Fund appropriation per full-time equivalent student to the 4-year public institutions of higher education in the State as designated by the Commission for the purpose of administering the Joseph A. Sellinger Program under Title 17 of this article in the same fiscal year;

(xi) In fiscal year 2020, not less than an amount equal to 62.5% of the State's General Fund appropriation per full-time equivalent student to the 4-year public institutions of higher education in the State as designated by the Commission for the

purpose of administering the Joseph A. Sellinger Program under Title 17 of this article in the same fiscal year;

(xii) In fiscal year 2021, not less than an amount equal to 64.5% of the State's General Fund appropriation per full-time equivalent student to the 4-year public institutions of higher education in the State as designated by the Commission for the purpose of administering the Joseph A. Sellinger Program under Title 17 of this article in the same fiscal year;

(xiii) In fiscal year 2022, not less than an amount equal to 66.5% of the State's General Fund appropriation per full-time equivalent student to the 4-year public institutions of higher education in the State as designated by the Commission for the purpose of administering the Joseph A. Sellinger Program under Title 17 of this article in the same fiscal year; and

(xiv) In fiscal year 2023 and each fiscal year thereafter, not less than an amount equal to 68.5% of the ~~State's General Fund appropriation~~ **STATE FUNDS** per full-time equivalent student **APPROPRIATION** to the 4-year public institutions of higher education in the State as designated by the Commission for the purpose of administering the Joseph A. Sellinger Program under Title 17 of this article [in the same fiscal year].

(2) For purposes of this subsection, the ~~State's General Fund appropriation~~ **STATE FUNDS** per full-time equivalent student **APPROPRIATION** to the 4-year public institutions of higher education in the State for a fiscal year shall include:

(i) Noncapital appropriations from the Higher Education Investment Fund; and

(ii) Appropriations, regardless of where they are budgeted, designated for the general operation of 4-year public institutions of higher education in the State, including personnel-related appropriations.

(3) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (1) of this subsection, the total State operating fund appropriated to Baltimore City Community College under this section for each of fiscal years 2011 and 2012 shall be \$40,187,695.

(4) In fiscal year 2013, the total State operating funds appropriated to Baltimore City Community College under this section shall be \$39,863,729.

[(b)] (C) Notwithstanding subsection [(a)] (B) of this section, the State appropriation to Baltimore City Community College requested by the Governor may not be less than the State appropriation to the College in the previous fiscal year.

[(c)] (D) The State shall distribute the State appropriation under this subsection to the Board of Trustees of Baltimore City Community College on a quarterly basis.

[(d)] (E) (1) (i) Through June 30, 1999, the City of Baltimore shall be responsible for providing at least \$600,000 in each fiscal year to support education at the College.

(ii) Of this amount, in each fiscal year, at least \$300,000 shall be expended and administered by the College for tuition reimbursement or scholarships to attend classes at the College, and the remaining balance shall be expended in a manner consistent with the educational mission of the College.

(iii) The source of the \$600,000 is not limited to tax or fee revenues generated by the City of Baltimore.

(2) (i) Beginning on July 1, 1999, the City of Baltimore shall be responsible for providing at least \$800,000 in each fiscal year to support education at the College.

(ii) Of this amount, in each fiscal year, at least \$500,000 shall be expended and administered by the College for tuition reimbursement or scholarships to attend classes at the College, and the remaining balance shall be expended in a manner consistent with the educational mission of the College.

(iii) The source of the \$800,000 is not limited to tax or fee revenues generated by the City of Baltimore.

(3) (i) Beginning on July 1, 2006, the City of Baltimore shall be responsible for providing at least \$1,000,000 in each fiscal year to support education at the College.

(ii) Of this amount, in each fiscal year, at least \$400,000 shall be expended and administered by the College for tuition reimbursement or scholarships to attend classes at the College, and the remaining balance shall be expended in a manner consistent with the educational mission of the College.

(iii) The source of the \$1,000,000 is not limited to tax or fee revenues generated by the City of Baltimore.

(iv) The Board of Trustees shall submit an annual report on or before December 31 to the Director of Finance for the City of Baltimore regarding the expenditures made under this paragraph.

17-101.

There is a program of State aid to private nonprofit institutions of higher education known as the Joseph A. Sellinger Program.

17-104.

(a) [(1) Except as provided in paragraphs (2), (3), (4), and (5) of this subsection, the Maryland Higher Education Commission shall compute the amount of the annual apportionment for each institution that qualifies under this subtitle by multiplying the number of full-time equivalent students enrolled at the institution during the fall semester of the fiscal year preceding the fiscal year for which the aid apportionment is made, as determined by the Maryland Higher Education Commission by:

(i) In fiscal year 2009, an amount not less than 16% of the State's General Fund per full-time equivalent student appropriation to the 4-year public institutions of higher education in this State for the preceding fiscal year;

(ii) In fiscal year 2010, an amount not less than 12.85% of the State's General Fund per full-time equivalent student appropriation to the 4-year public institutions of higher education in the State for the same fiscal year;

(iii) In fiscal year 2011, an amount not less than 9.8% of the State's General Fund per full-time equivalent student appropriation to the 4-year public institutions of higher education in this State for the same fiscal year;

(iv) In fiscal year 2012, an amount not less than 9.2% of the State's General Fund per full-time equivalent student appropriation to the 4-year public institutions of higher education in this State for the same fiscal year;

(v) In fiscal year 2014, an amount that is the greater of 9.4% of the State's General Fund per full-time equivalent student appropriation to the 4-year public institutions of higher education in this State for the same fiscal year or \$875.53 per full-time equivalent student;

(vi) In fiscal year 2015, an amount that is the greater of 9.4% of the State's General Fund per full-time equivalent student appropriation to the 4-year public institutions of higher education in this State for the same fiscal year or \$875.53 per full-time equivalent student;

(vii) In fiscal year 2017, an amount not less than 10.1% of the State's General Fund per full-time equivalent student appropriation to the 4-year public institutions of higher education in this State for the same fiscal year;

(viii) In fiscal year 2018, an amount not less than 10.5% of the State's General Fund per full-time equivalent student appropriation to the 4-year public institutions of higher education in this State for the same fiscal year;

(ix) In fiscal year 2019, an amount not less than 10.8% of the State's General Fund per full-time equivalent student appropriation to the 4-year public institutions of higher education in this State for the same fiscal year;

(x) In fiscal year 2020, an amount not less than 11.1% of the State's General Fund per full-time equivalent student appropriation to the 4-year public institutions of higher education in this State for the same fiscal year; and

(xi) In fiscal year 2022 and each fiscal year thereafter, an amount not less than 15.5% of the State's General Fund per full-time equivalent student appropriation to the 4-year public institutions of higher education in this State for the same fiscal year.

(2) For each of fiscal years 2011 and 2012, the total amount of the aid provided under this subtitle shall be \$38,445,958, to be allocated among the institutions that qualify under this subtitle in proportion to the number of full-time equivalent students enrolled at each institution during the fall semester of the fiscal year preceding the fiscal year for which the aid apportionment is made, as determined by the Maryland Higher Education Commission.

(3) In fiscal year 2013, the total amount of aid due to all institutions shall be \$38,056,175.

(4) In fiscal year 2016, the total amount of the aid provided under this subtitle shall be \$42,822,240, to be allocated among the institutions that qualify under this subtitle in proportion to the number of full-time equivalent students enrolled at each institution during the fall semester of fiscal year 2015, as determined by the Maryland Higher Education Commission.

(5) In fiscal year 2021, the total amount of the aid provided under this subtitle shall be \$69,624,905, to be allocated among the institutions that qualify under this subtitle in proportion to the number of full-time equivalent students enrolled at each institution during the fall semester of fiscal year 2020, as determined by the Maryland Higher Education Commission.]

(1) (I) IN THIS SUBSECTION, “STATE’S GENERAL FUND STATE FUNDS PER FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT STUDENT APPROPRIATION TO THE 4-YEAR PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION” SHALL BE CALCULATED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS PARAGRAPH USING THE:

(I) GENERAL FUND AND HIGHER EDUCATION INVESTMENT FUND ACTUAL EXPENDITURES FOR THE SECOND PREVIOUS FISCAL YEAR; AND

(II) NUMBER OF STUDENT CREDIT HOURS PRODUCED IN THE FALL AND SPRING SEMESTERS IN THE SECOND PREVIOUS FISCAL YEAR DIVIDED BY 30.

(II) THE TOTAL NUMBER OF FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT STUDENTS IS BASED ON CREDIT HOUR PRODUCTION FOR THE SECOND PREVIOUS FISCAL YEAR.

(III) THE NUMBER OF UNDERGRADUATE FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT STUDENTS SHALL BE CALCULATED USING TOTAL UNDERGRADUATE CREDIT HOUR PRODUCTION DIVIDED BY 30.

(IV) 1. EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSUBPARAGRAPH 2 OF THIS SUBPARAGRAPH, THE NUMBER OF GRADUATE FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT STUDENTS SHALL BE CALCULATED BASED ON A METHODOLOGY AGREED TO BY THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF MARYLAND OFFICE, MORGAN STATE UNIVERSITY, AND ST. MARY'S COLLEGE OF MARYLAND, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE COMMISSION.

2. IF A METHODOLOGY IS NOT AGREED TO ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 16, 2024, THE COMMISSION SHALL DETERMINE THE METHODOLOGY USED TO CALCULATE THE NUMBER OF GRADUATE FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT STUDENTS.

(V) THE COMMISSION SHALL CERTIFY THE NUMBER OF FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT STUDENTS FOR EACH INSTITUTION ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 1 EACH YEAR.

(2) IN FISCAL YEAR 2025 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER, THE MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION SHALL COMPUTE THE AMOUNT OF THE ANNUAL APPORTIONMENT FOR EACH INSTITUTION THAT QUALIFIES UNDER THIS SUBTITLE BY MULTIPLYING THE NUMBER OF FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ENROLLED AT THE INSTITUTION DURING THE FALL SEMESTER OF THE FISCAL YEAR PRECEDING THE FISCAL YEAR FOR WHICH THE AID APPORTIONMENT IS MADE, AS DETERMINED BY THE MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION, BY AN AMOUNT NOT LESS THAN ~~15.5%~~ ~~16.6%~~ 16.1% OF THE ~~STATE'S GENERAL FUND~~ *STATE FUNDS* PER FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT STUDENT APPROPRIATION TO THE 4-YEAR PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THIS STATE ~~FOR THE SAME FISCAL YEAR.~~

(b) (1) Full-time equivalent students enrolled in seminarian or theological programs shall be excluded from the computation required by subsection (a) of this section.

(2) Full-time equivalent students enrolled in programs that are part of an agreement or contract with for-profit educational services entities shall be excluded from the computation required by subsection (a) of this section.

(c) Payments of State general funds under Subtitle 3 of this title shall be excluded from the computation required by subsection (a) of this section.

(d) For purposes of this section, the State's General Fund appropriation per full-time equivalent student to the 4-year public institutions of higher education in the State for a fiscal year shall include:

(1) Noncapital appropriations from the Higher Education Investment Fund; and

(2) Appropriations, regardless of where they are budgeted, designated for the general operation of 4-year public institutions of higher education in the State, including personnel-related appropriations.

Article – Health – General

~~7-101.~~

~~(a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.~~

~~(b) “Administration” means the Developmental Disabilities Administration.~~

~~(1) (1) “Individual directed and family directed goods and services” means services, equipment, activities, or supplies for individuals who self-direct services that:~~

~~(i) Relate to a need or goal identified in the person-centered plan of service;~~

~~(ii) Maintain or increase independence;~~

~~(iii) Promote opportunities for community living and inclusion; and~~

~~(iv) Are not available under another waiver service or services provided under the State plan established in Subtitle 3 of this title.~~

~~(2) “Individual directed and family directed goods and services” includes all goods or services authorized by regulations adopted or guidance issued by the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services under § 1915(e) of the Social Security Act.~~

~~7-400.~~

~~(e) (1) Subject to paragraph (2) of this subsection, the Administration may not establish a limit on:~~

~~(i) The dollar amount of individual directed and family directed goods and services provided to a recipient; or~~

~~(ii) The] THE number of hours of personal support services provided to a recipient who receives self-directed services that:~~

~~[1.] (1) Are necessary for the health and safety of the recipient; and~~

~~[(2)](H) Are authorized by regulations adopted or guidance issued by the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services under § 1915(e) of the Social Security Act.~~

~~(2) A recipient may not receive services or supports in excess of the recipient's annual approved budget.~~

15-1004.

(a) There is a Senior Prescription Drug Assistance Program Fund.

(f) (1) Except as provided in ~~paragraph (2)~~ **PARAGRAPHS (2) AND (3)** of this subsection, the Fund may be used only for the administration, operation, and activities of the Program.

(2) For fiscal year [2018 only] **2025 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER**, excess funds not required for the administration, operation, and activities of the Program may be used only to subsidize:

(i) The Kidney Disease Program under Title 13, Subtitle 3 of this article; or

(ii) The provision of mental health services to the uninsured under Title 10, Subtitle 2 of this article.

(3) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025 ONLY, EXCESS FUNDS NOT REQUIRED FOR THE ADMINISTRATION, OPERATION, AND ACTIVITIES OF THE PROGRAM MAY BE USED FOR HEALTH REIMBURSEMENT ACCOUNTS ESTABLISHED IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 105(H) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE UNDER § 2-509.1 OF THE STATE PERSONNEL AND PENSIONS ARTICLE.

Article – Housing and Community Development

6-1101.

(a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

(b) “Program” means the Business Facade Improvement Program.

6-1102.

(e) For fiscal year 2025 and each fiscal year thereafter, the Governor shall include in the annual budget bill **OR THE CAPITAL BUDGET BILL** an appropriation of \$5,000,000 to the Program.

Article – Natural Resources

4–209.

(k) **(1) FOR FISCAL YEARS 2023 AND 2024, THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET BILL A GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATION TO THE FISHERIES RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT FUND OF NOT LESS THAN \$1,794,000.**

(2) Beginning in fiscal year [2023] **2026** and each fiscal year thereafter, the Governor shall include in the annual budget bill a General Fund appropriation to the Fisheries Research and Development Fund of not less than \$1,794,000.

5–307.

(a) In this section, “Fund” means the Mel Noland Woodland Incentives and Fellowship Fund.

(f) **(1)** The Fund consists of:

(i) As provided in § 13–306 of the Tax – Property Article, up to \$200,000 annually of the proceeds of the tax imposed by § 13–302 of the Tax – Property Article that are attributable to the taxation of instruments of writing that transfer title to parcels of land that are entirely woodland;

(ii) Revenues collected by the Department from the payment of charges imposed for Department assistance in implementation of an approved practice;

(iii) Money distributed from the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays 2010 Trust Fund under § 8–2A–04 of this article;

(iv) Subject to approval by the Secretary and the Board of Public Works, a portion of the revenues derived from the forestry practices on designated lands owned and managed by the Department, that are conducted in accordance with applicable State law and regulation; and

(v) Money appropriated to the Fund under paragraph (2) of this subsection.

(2) (I) For fiscal year 2024 [and each fiscal year thereafter], the Governor shall include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of \$1,000,000 to the Fund.

(II) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER, THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET BILL AN APPROPRIATION OF \$500,000 TO THE FUND.

8-2A-02.

(a) There is a Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays 2010 Trust Fund.

~~(f) (4) (i) 1. IN FISCAL YEAR 2024, THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET BILL AN APPROPRIATION OF \$2,500,000 TO THE FUND, TO BE USED, SUBJECT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, FOR TREE PLANTINGS ON PUBLIC AND PRIVATE LAND.~~

~~2.~~ In each fiscal year from ~~[2024]~~ **2025** through 2031, inclusive, [the Governor shall include in the annual State budget an appropriation of \$2,500,000 to the Fund, to] **\$2,500,000 FROM THE FUND SHALL** be used, subject to the requirements of subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph, for tree plantings on public and private land.

~~Article – Public Safety~~

~~4-1011.~~

~~(a) In this section, “local law enforcement agency” means:~~

~~(1) a police department of a county or municipal corporation in the State;~~

~~or~~

~~(2) the office of the sheriff that provides a law enforcement function in a county or municipal corporation in the State.~~

~~(b) (1) For fiscal [years] YEAR 2024 [through 2026, each year], the Governor shall include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of \$2,000,000 for local law enforcement agencies to be used as grants for warrant apprehension efforts.~~

~~(2) FOR FISCAL YEARS 2025 AND 2026, THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET BILL AN APPROPRIATION OF \$1,000,000 FOR LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES TO BE USED AS GRANTS FOR WARRANT APPREHENSION EFFORTS.~~

~~Article – Public Safety~~

~~3-206.1.~~

~~(a) In this section, “Fund” means the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission Fund.~~

(g) (1) [The] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE Fund may be used only to provide funding to the Commission.

(2) FOR FISCAL YEARS 2024 AND 2025 ONLY, THE FUND MAY BE USED TO SUPPORT POLICE AND CORRECTIONAL TRAINING ACTIVITIES OF THE COMMISSION.

Article – State Finance and Procurement

6–104.

(e) (1) Beginning with the revenue estimate for fiscal year 2020, the Bureau shall calculate the share of General Fund revenues represented by nonwithholding income tax revenues in accordance with this subsection.

(2) (i) For each fiscal year, the Bureau shall calculate the 10–year average share of General Fund revenues represented by nonwithholding income tax revenues.

(ii) 1. For each fiscal year, the 10–year average shall use the 10 most recently completed fiscal years for which data are available when the estimate is prepared in the September before the beginning of the fiscal year.

2. The same 10–year average shall be used in all subsequent revisions to the revenue estimate for that fiscal year.

(3) (i) Subject to subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph, for each fiscal year, if the Bureau’s estimate of the share of General Fund revenues from nonwithholding income tax revenues is above the 10–year average share, the Bureau shall adjust the revenue estimate by reducing General Fund revenues from nonwithholding income tax revenues by an amount sufficient to align the estimated share of General Fund revenues from nonwithholding income tax revenues with the 10–year average share of General Fund revenues from nonwithholding income taxes.

(ii) The adjustment made under subparagraph (i) of this paragraph may not exceed the following percentage of total General Fund revenues or dollar value in a specified fiscal year:

1. 0.225% for fiscal year 2020;
2. \$0 for fiscal year 2021;
3. \$80,000,000 for fiscal year 2022;
4. \$100,000,000 for fiscal year 2023;

5. ~~\$120,000,000~~ \$0 for fiscal year 2024;

6. [~~\$140,000,000~~] ~~\$100,000,000~~ \$0 for fiscal ~~[year]~~ ~~YEARS~~ ~~2025 AND 2026;~~ and 2025; AND

7. 2% for fiscal year ~~[2026]~~ 2027 and each fiscal year thereafter.

(iii) The capped estimate calculated under this paragraph shall be incorporated in the revenue estimate the Bureau shall report to the Board in the report required under subsection (b)(2) of this section.

6-226.

(a) (2) (i) **1. THIS SUBPARAGRAPH DOES NOT APPLY IN FISCAL YEARS 2024 THROUGH 2028.**

2. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, and unless inconsistent with a federal law, grant agreement, or other federal requirement or with the terms of a gift or settlement agreement, net interest on all State money allocated by the State Treasurer under this section to special funds or accounts, and otherwise entitled to receive interest earnings, as accounted for by the Comptroller, shall accrue to the General Fund of the State.

~~7-115.~~

~~(a) On submission of the budget bill to the presiding officers of the General Assembly, the Governor shall provide the supporting material specified in this section.~~

~~(b) The Governor shall [provide] PUBLISH ONLINE budget books that include the information required in this section.~~

~~7-311.~~

~~(a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.~~

~~(2) "Account" means the Revenue Stabilization Account.~~

~~(i) (1) Except as provided in [paragraph] PARAGRAPHS (2) AND (3) of this subsection, for fiscal year 2007 and for each subsequent fiscal year, the Governor shall include in the budget bill an appropriation:~~

~~(i) for fiscal year 2017, to the accumulation funds of the State Retirement and Pension System an amount, up to a maximum of \$50,000,000, that is equal to one half of the amount by which the unappropriated General Fund surplus as of June 30 of the second preceding fiscal year exceeds \$10,000,000;~~

~~(ii) for fiscal year 2020:~~

~~1. to the accumulation funds of the State Retirement and Pension System an amount, up to a maximum of \$50,000,000, that is equal to one half of the amount by which the unappropriated General Fund surplus as of June 30 of the second preceding fiscal year exceeds \$10,000,000; and~~

~~2. to the Account equal to the amount by which the unappropriated General Fund surplus as of June 30 of the second preceding fiscal year exceeds \$10,000,000, less the amount of the appropriation under item 1 of this item;~~

~~(iii) for fiscal year 2021, to the Account in the amount of \$291,439,149;~~

~~(iv) except as provided in item (v) of this paragraph, for fiscal year 2022 and each fiscal year thereafter:~~

~~1. to the accumulation funds of the State Retirement and Pension System an amount, up to a maximum of \$25,000,000, that is equal to one quarter of the amount by which the unappropriated General Fund surplus as of June 30 of the second preceding fiscal year exceeds \$10,000,000;~~

~~2. to the Postretirement Health Benefits Trust Fund established under § 34-101 of the State Personnel and Pensions Article an amount, up to a maximum of \$25,000,000, that is equal to one quarter of the amount by which the unappropriated General Fund surplus as of June 30 of the second preceding fiscal year exceeds \$10,000,000; and~~

~~3. to the Account equal to the amount by which the unappropriated General Fund surplus as of June 30 of the second preceding fiscal year exceeds \$10,000,000, less the amount of the appropriations under items 1 and 2 of this item; and~~

~~(v) for fiscal year 2024:~~

~~1. to the Maryland Equity Investment Fund established under § 10-487 of the Economic Development Article an amount, up to \$10,000,000, that is equal to 10% of the amount by which the unappropriated General Fund surplus as of June 30 of the second preceding fiscal year exceeds \$10,000,000;~~

~~2. to the accumulation funds of the State Retirement and Pension System an amount, up to a maximum of \$15,000,000, that is equal to 15% of the amount by which the unappropriated General Fund surplus as of June 30 of the second preceding fiscal year exceeds \$10,000,000; and~~

~~3. to the Postretirement Health Benefits Trust Fund established under § 34-101 of the State Personnel and Pensions Article an amount, up to a maximum of \$25,000,000, that is equal to 25% of the amount by which the unappropriated General Fund surplus as of June 30 of the second preceding fiscal year exceeds \$10,000,000.~~

~~(2) The appropriation required under this subsection for any fiscal year may be reduced by the amount of any appropriation to the Account required to be included for that fiscal year under subsection (c) of this section.~~

~~(3) THE REQUIREMENT FOR AN APPROPRIATION UNDER THIS SUBSECTION DOES NOT APPLY IN FISCAL YEAR 2025.~~

Article – State Government

9–101.

- (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.
- (b) “Agency” means the State Lottery and Gaming Control Agency.
- (d) “Director” means the Director of the Agency.
- (g) “Licensed agent” means a person or governmental unit licensed by the Director to act as a State lottery sales agent.

9–117.

- (a) (1) A licensed agent shall receive regular commissions of [6%] ~~5.5%~~ 5.75% of the licensed agent’s gross receipts from ticket sales.
- (2) A licensed agent may further receive a cashing fee not to exceed [3%] 2% of valid prizes paid for services rendered in cashing winning tickets.

Article – State Personnel and Pensions

21–308.

- (a) (1) On or before December 1 of each year, the Board of Trustees shall:
 - (i) certify to the Governor and the Secretary of Budget and Management the rates to be used to determine the amounts to be paid by the State to the accumulation fund of each of the several systems during the next fiscal year, including a separate certification of the normal contribution rate for the Teachers’ Retirement System and the Teachers’ Pension System; and

(ii) provide to the Secretary of Budget and Management a statement of the total amount to be paid by the State as determined under § 21–304 of this subtitle to the Teachers’ Retirement System and the Teachers’ Pension System expressed as a percentage of the payroll of all members of those State systems.

(2) The Governor shall include in the budget bill:

(i) the total amount of the State’s contribution to each State system as ascertained based on the rates certified by the Board of Trustees under paragraph (1) of this subsection;

(ii) the additional amounts as ascertained under subsection (d) of this section for the State’s payment to the professional and clerical employees of the Department of Public Libraries of Montgomery County who are members of the Employees’ Retirement System of Montgomery County and are excluded from membership in the Teachers’ Retirement System or the Teachers’ Pension System; and

(iii) any additional amount required to be in the budget bill under § 3–501(c)(2)(ii) of this article.

(3) [The amounts that the Governor is required to include in the budget bill under paragraph (2) of this subsection shall be reduced by the amount of administrative and operational expenses for the Board of Trustees and the State Retirement Agency that are to be paid by local employers under § 21–316 of this subtitle other than participating governmental units or employers who are required to make contributions under § 21–307 of this subtitle.

(4) (i) For EACH OF fiscal [year] YEARS 2016 THROUGH 2024, in addition to the annual required contribution required under paragraph (2) of this subsection, the Governor shall include in the budget bill a supplemental contribution of \$75,000,000.

(ii) For fiscal year [2017] 2025 and each fiscal year thereafter, in addition to the annual required contribution required under paragraph (2) of this subsection, the Governor shall include in the budget bill a supplemental contribution of [\$75,000,000] \$50,000,000 until the total actuarial value of assets for the several systems divided by the total actuarial accrued liability for the several systems equals a funding ratio of 85%.

21–316.

(e) [(6) A participating governmental unit or employer required to make employer contributions under § 21–307 of this subtitle may deduct the payments required under this section from payments for employer contributions required under §§ 21–305 through 21–307 of this subtitle.]

Article – Tax – General

2-606.

(e) On or before June 30, 2010, the Comptroller shall distribute \$350,000,000 from the Local Reserve Account established to comply with this section to the Education Trust Fund established under § 9-1A-30 of the State Government Article.

(h) [For fiscal year 2017 and each fiscal year thereafter,] IN EACH OF FISCAL YEARS 2026 THROUGH 2060, in addition to the amounts distributed under subsection (b) of this section, the Comptroller shall distribute \$10,000,000 of the remaining income tax revenue from individuals to the Local Reserve Account established to comply with this section TO REPAY THE \$350,000,000 TRANSFER TO THE EDUCATION TRUST FUND REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (E) OF THIS SECTION.

Article – Transportation

7-101.

- (a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.
- (b) “Administration” means the Maryland Transit Administration.

7-205.

~~(e) (1) For each of fiscal years 2020 through 2022, the Governor shall include in the State budget an appropriation for the capital needs of the Administration of at least \$29,100,000 from the revenues available for the State capital program in the Transportation Trust Fund.~~

~~(2) Subject to paragraph (3) of this subsection, the Governor shall include in the State budget an appropriation for the state of good repair needs of the Administration in the following amounts from the revenues available for the State capital program in the Transportation Trust Fund:~~

- ~~(i) For fiscal year 2023, at least \$402,037,183;~~
- ~~(ii) For fiscal year 2024, at least \$502,081,501;~~
- ~~(iii) For fiscal year 2025, at least [\$450,000,000] \$439,013,282;~~
- ~~(iv) For fiscal year 2026, at least \$450,000,000;~~
- ~~(v) For fiscal year 2027, at least \$450,000,000;~~
- ~~(vi) For fiscal year 2028, at least \$450,000,000; and~~

~~(vii) For fiscal year 2020, at least \$318,558,000.~~

7-406.

(c) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, beginning in fiscal year ~~2023~~ **2027**, the Administration may not enter into a contract to purchase buses for ~~2025, AT LEAST 25% OF~~ the Administration's State transit bus fleet ~~that are not~~ **PURCHASES SHALL BE** zero-emission buses.

(2) If the Administration determines that ~~no available zero-emission bus meets the performance requirements for a particular use~~ **A SUFFICIENT NUMBER OF ZERO-EMISSION BUSES OR NECESSARY ELECTRIC VEHICLE SUPPLY EQUIPMENT THAT MEET THE ADMINISTRATION'S PERFORMANCE AND CONTRACTUAL REQUIREMENTS ARE NOT COMMERCIALY AVAILABLE IN A PARTICULAR YEAR**, the Administration may purchase ~~an alternative-fuel bus for that use~~ **CLEAN DIESEL BUSES, INCLUDING HYBRID BUSES, TO ENSURE THAT AN APPROPRIATE NUMBER OF BUSES ARE PURCHASED EACH YEAR TO MAINTAIN THE STATE TRANSIT BUS FLEET.**

~~§ 403.~~

~~(b) Subject to subsection (c) of this section, capital grants shall be appropriated from the Transportation Trust Fund as provided in § 3-216 of this article based on the following calculations:~~

~~(1) For fiscal year 2024:~~

~~(i) An amount equal to 9.5% of funds credited to the Gasoline and Motor Vehicle Revenue Account shall be appropriated to Baltimore City;~~

~~(ii) An amount equal to 3.7% of funds credited to the Gasoline and Motor Vehicle Revenue Account shall be appropriated to the counties to be distributed as provided in § 8-404 of this subtitle; and~~

~~(iii) An amount equal to 2.4% of funds credited to the Gasoline and Motor Vehicle Revenue Account shall be appropriated to the municipalities to be distributed as provided in § 8-405 of this subtitle;~~

~~(2) For fiscal year 2025:~~

~~(i) An amount equal to 11% of funds credited to the Gasoline and Motor Vehicle Revenue Account shall be appropriated to Baltimore City;~~

~~(ii) An amount equal to 4.3% of funds credited to the Gasoline and Motor Vehicle Revenue Account shall be appropriated to the counties to be distributed as provided in § 8-404 of this subtitle; and~~

~~(iii) An amount equal to 2.7% of funds credited to the Gasoline and Motor Vehicle Revenue Account shall be appropriated to the municipalities to be distributed as provided in § 8-405 of this subtitle; AND~~

~~(3) [For fiscal year 2026:~~

~~(i) An amount equal to 12.2% of funds credited to the Gasoline and Motor Vehicle Revenue Account shall be appropriated to Baltimore City;~~

~~(ii) An amount equal to 4.8% of funds credited to the Gasoline and Motor Vehicle Revenue Account shall be appropriated to the counties to be distributed as provided in § 8-404 of this subtitle; and~~

~~(iii) An amount equal to 3.0% of funds credited to the Gasoline and Motor Vehicle Revenue Account shall be appropriated to the municipalities to be distributed as provided in § 8-405 of this subtitle;~~

~~(4) For fiscal year 2027:~~

~~(i) An amount equal to 12.2% of funds credited to the Gasoline and Motor Vehicle Revenue Account shall be appropriated to Baltimore City;~~

~~(ii) An amount equal to 4.8% of funds credited to the Gasoline and Motor Vehicle Revenue Account shall be appropriated to the counties to be distributed as provided in § 8-404 of this subtitle; and~~

~~(iii) An amount equal to 3.0% of funds credited to the Gasoline and Motor Vehicle Revenue Account shall be appropriated to the municipalities to be distributed as provided in § 8-405 of this subtitle; and~~

~~(5) For fiscal year [2028] 2026 and each fiscal year thereafter:~~

~~(i) An amount equal to 9.5% of funds credited to the Gasoline and Motor Vehicle Revenue Account shall be appropriated to Baltimore City;~~

~~(ii) An amount equal to 3.7% of funds credited to the Gasoline and Motor Vehicle Revenue Account shall be appropriated to the counties to be distributed as provided in § 8-404 of this subtitle; and~~

~~(iii) An amount equal to 2.4% of funds credited to the Gasoline and Motor Vehicle Revenue Account shall be appropriated to the municipalities to be distributed as provided in § 8-405 of this subtitle.~~

~~11-101.~~

~~In the Maryland Vehicle Law, the following words have the meanings indicated, unless the context requires otherwise.~~

~~11-102.~~

~~“Administration” means the Motor Vehicle Administration.~~

~~11-103.~~

~~“Administrator” means the Motor Vehicle Administrator.~~

~~13-410.~~

~~(c) (1) During subsequent registration years, the Administrator may order the continued use of registration plates that are valid during any current registration year[, and, after so doing, the Administrator shall issue, at the time a vehicle’s registration is renewed, a validation tab to evidence payment of the vehicle’s annual registration fee].~~

~~(2) [The tab shall be displayed on the plates of the vehicle in the manner that the Administrator requires.~~

~~(3)] The Administrator from time to time shall evaluate the condition of registration plates issued under this title and may provide for the manufacture and issuance of new registration plates. These new registration plates shall be issued [and subsequently validated] in the manner required by this subtitle.~~

~~13-411.~~

~~(d) Except as otherwise expressly permitted by the Maryland Vehicle Law, as to any vehicle required to be registered under this title, a person may not drive the vehicle on any highway in this State, unless there is attached to the vehicle and displayed on it, as required in this title[:~~

~~(1) A], A registration plate or plates issued for the vehicle by the Administration for the current registration period[; and~~

~~(2) Any validation tab issued for the vehicle under this subtitle].~~

~~(e) Except as otherwise expressly permitted by the Maryland Vehicle Law, as to any vehicle required to be registered under this title, the owner of the vehicle may not permit the vehicle to be driven on any highway in this State, unless there is attached to and displayed on the vehicle, as required in this title[:~~

~~(1) A], A registration plate or plates issued by the Administration for the current registration period]; and~~

~~(2) Any validation tab issued for the vehicle under this subtitle].~~

~~13-412.~~

~~(a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, [unless current validation tabs have been issued by the Administration and are displayed on the plates as provided in this subtitle,] the registration and the registration plates issued under this title [for them] expire at midnight on the dates indicated on the registration card issued by the Administration.~~

~~(b) (1) The Administration may issue a temporary authorization certificate permitting a vehicle to be driven [pending the issuance of current validation tabs].~~

~~(c) The Administration shall adopt rules and regulations to govern the issuance, display, and expiration of registrations, registration cards, registration plates, AND temporary authorization certificates[, and validation tabs].~~

~~13-413.~~

~~(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this subtitle, the Administration may adopt a system of multiyear registration.~~

~~(b) Vehicle registration plates [or validation tabs] shall be issued and displayed in accordance with a schedule established by the Administrator.~~

~~13-415.~~

~~(a) If a current registration card [or current validation tabs that never have been affixed to registration plates are] IS lost, the owner of the vehicle for which the card [or tabs were] WAS issued or the legal representative of the owner named in the certificate of title of the vehicle, as shown by the records of the Administration, immediately shall apply for and, after furnishing information satisfactory to the Administration and payment of the required fee, is entitled to obtain a duplicate registration card [or replacement validation tabs].~~

~~(b) If a current registration card [or current validation tabs that never have been affixed to registration plates are] IS stolen, the owner of the vehicle for which the card [or tabs were] WAS issued or the legal representative of the owner named in the certificate of title, as shown by the records of the Administration, immediately shall apply for and, after furnishing information satisfactory to the Administration and payment of the required fee, is entitled to obtain a duplicate registration card [or replacement validation tabs].~~

~~(e) If a current registration card [or current validation tabs that never have been affixed to registration plates are] IS damaged to the extent that the registration card [or validation tabs are] IS illegible, the owner of the vehicle for which the card [or tabs were] WAS issued or the legal representative of the owner named in the certificate of title, as shown by the records of the Administration, immediately shall apply for and, after furnishing information satisfactory to the Administration and payment of the required fee, is entitled to obtain a duplicate registration card [or replacement validation tabs].~~

~~(g) Within 48 hours after the loss, theft, or damage to the extent of illegibility of any current registration plate [or any current validation tab that has been affixed to a registration plate], the owner of the vehicle for which the plate [or tab] was issued or the legal representative of the owner named in the certificate of title of the vehicle, as shown by the records of the Administration, shall notify the Administration and apply for replacement registration plates[,] AND a replacement registration card[, and replacement validation tabs]. The Administration shall supply the replacements on receiving information satisfactory to it and payment of the required fee.~~

~~(h) On receipt of the replacements, the original registration card and all of the original registration plates [and validation tabs] issued for that vehicle shall be surrendered to the Administration.~~

~~SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section (a) 24 – 204(d) of Article – Education of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed.~~

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Health – General

19-101.

In this subtitle, “Commission” means the Maryland Health Care Commission.

19-130.

(a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

(2) “Fund” means the Maryland Trauma Physician Services Fund.

(3) “Maryland Trauma Specialty Referral Centers” means:

(i) The Johns Hopkins Health System Burn Program;

(ii) The Eye Trauma Center at the Wilmer Eye Institute at The Johns Hopkins Hospital; and

(iii) The Curtis National Hand Center at Union Memorial Hospital.

(4) “REASONABLE COMPENSATION EQUIVALENT” MEANS THE LIMITATION ON THE COST ESTABLISHED BY THE CENTERS FOR MEDICARE AND MEDICAID SERVICES THAT A PROVIDER MAY CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION OF SERVICES.

~~[(4)] (5)~~ “Rehabilitation hospital” means a facility classified as a special rehabilitation hospital as described in § 19–307 of this title that is affiliated with a trauma center by common ownership.

~~[(5)] (6)~~ (i) “Trauma center” means a facility designated by the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems as:

1. The State primary adult resource center;
2. A Level I trauma center;
3. A Level II trauma center;
4. A Level III trauma center;
5. A pediatric trauma center; or
6. The Maryland Trauma Specialty Referral Centers.

(ii) “Trauma center” includes an out-of-state pediatric trauma center that has entered into an agreement with the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems.

(7) “TRAUMA HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER” MEANS A HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER LICENSED UNDER THE HEALTH OCCUPATIONS ARTICLE WHO PROVIDES CARE IN A TRAUMA CENTER OR IN A REHABILITATION HOSPITAL TO TRAUMA PATIENTS ON THE STATE TRAUMA REGISTRY AS DEFINED BY THE MARYLAND INSTITUTE FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES SYSTEMS.

~~[(6)] (8)~~ “Trauma physician” means a physician who provides care in a trauma center or in a rehabilitation hospital to trauma patients on the State trauma registry as defined by the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems.

[(7)] (9) “Uncompensated care” means care provided by a trauma physician OR A TRAUMA HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER to a trauma patient on the State trauma registry who:

(i) Has no health insurance, including Medicare Part B coverage;

(ii) Is not eligible for medical assistance coverage; and

(iii) Has not paid the trauma physician OR TRAUMA HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER for care provided by the trauma physician OR TRAUMA HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER, after documented attempts by the trauma physician OR TRAUMA HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER to collect payment.

(b) (1) There is a Maryland Trauma Physician Services Fund.

(2) The purpose of the Fund is to subsidize the documented costs:

(i) Of uncompensated care incurred by a trauma physician OR A TRAUMA HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER in providing trauma care to a trauma patient on the State trauma registry;

(ii) Of undercompensated care incurred by a trauma physician OR A TRAUMA HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER in providing trauma care to an enrollee of the Maryland Medical Assistance Program who is a trauma patient on the State trauma registry;

(iii) Incurred by a trauma center to maintain trauma physicians on-call as required by the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems;

(iv) Incurred by the State primary adult resource center to maintain trauma surgeons, orthopedic surgeons, neurosurgeons, and anesthesiologists on-call and on standby as required by the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems; and

(v) Incurred by the Commission and the Health Services Cost Review Commission to administer the Fund and audit reimbursement requests to assure appropriate payments are made from the Fund.

(3) The Commission and the Health Services Cost Review Commission shall administer the Fund.

(4) The Fund is a special, nonlapsing fund that is not subject to § 7-302 of the State Finance and Procurement Article.

(5) Interest on and other income from the Fund shall be separately accounted for and credited to the Fund, and are not subject to § 6–226(a) of the State Finance and Procurement Article.

(c) The Fund consists of [motor]:

(1) MOTOR vehicle registration surcharges paid into the Fund in accordance with § 13–954(b)(2) of the Transportation Article;

(2) AT LEAST 20% OF THE FINES COLLECTED UNDER § 21–902(A)(1), (B)(2), (C)(2), AND (D)(1) OF THE TRANSPORTATION ARTICLE; AND

(3) ANY OTHER MONEY TRANSFERRED FROM THE GENERAL FUND OF THE STATE.

(d) (1) Disbursements from the Fund shall be made in accordance with a methodology established jointly by the Commission and the Health Services Cost Review Commission to calculate costs incurred by trauma physicians and trauma centers that are eligible to receive reimbursement under subsection (b) of this section.

(2) The Fund shall transfer to the Maryland Department of Health an amount sufficient to fully cover the State’s share of expenditures for the costs of undercompensated care incurred by a trauma physician in providing trauma care to an enrollee of the Maryland Medical Assistance Program who is a trauma patient on the State trauma registry.

(3) The methodology developed under paragraph (1) of this subsection shall:

(i) Take into account:

1. The amount of uncompensated care provided by trauma physicians;

2. The amount of undercompensated care attributable to the treatment of Medicaid enrollees in trauma centers;

3. The cost of maintaining trauma physicians on-call;

4. The number of patients served by trauma physicians in trauma centers;

5. The number of Maryland residents served by trauma physicians in trauma centers; and

6. The extent to which trauma-related costs are otherwise subsidized by hospitals, the federal government, and other sources; and

(ii) Include an incentive to encourage hospitals to continue to subsidize trauma-related costs not otherwise included in hospital rates.

(4) The methodology developed under paragraph (1) of this subsection shall use the following parameters to determine the amount of reimbursement made to trauma physicians and trauma centers from the Fund:

(i) 1. The cost incurred by a Level II trauma center to maintain trauma surgeons, orthopedic surgeons, and neurosurgeons on-call shall be reimbursed:

A. At a rate of up to [30%] 60% of the reasonable [cost equivalents] COMPENSATION EQUIVALENT hourly rate for the specialty, inflated to the current year by the physician compensation component of the Medicare economic index as designated by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services; and

B. For the minimum number of trauma physicians required to be on-call, as specified by the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems in its criteria for Level II trauma centers;

2. The cost incurred by a Level III trauma center to maintain trauma surgeons, orthopedic surgeons, neurosurgeons, and anesthesiologists on-call shall be reimbursed:

A. At a rate of up to [35%] 60% of the reasonable [cost equivalents] COMPENSATION EQUIVALENT hourly rate for the specialty, inflated to the current year by the physician compensation component of the Medicare economic index as designated by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services; and

B. For the minimum number of trauma physicians required to be on-call, as specified by the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems in its criteria for Level III trauma centers;

3. The cost incurred by a Level I trauma center or pediatric trauma center to maintain trauma surgeons, orthopedic surgeons, and neurosurgeons on-call when a post-graduate resident is attending in the trauma center shall be reimbursed:

A. At a rate of up to [30%] 60% of the reasonable [cost equivalents] COMPENSATION EQUIVALENT hourly rate for the specialty, inflated to the current year by the physician compensation component of the Medicare economic index as designated by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services; and

B. When a post-graduate resident is [permitted] AUTHORIZED to be in the trauma center, as specified by the Maryland Institute for

Emergency Medical Services Systems in its criteria for Level I trauma centers or pediatric trauma centers;

4. The cost incurred by a Maryland Trauma Specialty Referral Center to maintain trauma surgeons on-call in the specialty of the Center when a post-graduate resident is attending in the Center shall be reimbursed:

A. At a rate of up to [30%] **60%** of the reasonable [cost equivalents] **COMPENSATION EQUIVALENT** hourly rate for the specialty, inflated to the current year by the physician compensation component of the Medicare economic index as designated by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services; and

B. When a post-graduate resident is [permitted] **AUTHORIZED** to be in the Center, as specified by the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems in its criteria for a Maryland Trauma Specialty Referral Center; and

5. A. A Level II trauma center is eligible for a maximum of [24,500] **26,280** hours of trauma on-call per year;

B. A Level III trauma center is eligible for a maximum of 35,040 hours of trauma on-call per year;

C. A Level I trauma center shall be eligible for a maximum of 4,380 hours of trauma on-call per year;

D. A pediatric trauma center shall be eligible for a maximum of 4,380 hours of trauma on-call per year; and

E. A Maryland Trauma Specialty Referral Center shall be eligible for a maximum of 2,190 hours of trauma on-call per year;

(ii) The cost of undercompensated care incurred by a trauma physician in providing trauma care to enrollees of the Maryland Medical Assistance Program who are trauma patients on the State trauma registry shall be reimbursed at a rate of up to 100% of the Medicare payment for the service, minus any amount paid by the Maryland Medical Assistance Program;

(iii) The cost of uncompensated care incurred by a trauma physician in providing trauma care to trauma patients on the State trauma registry shall be reimbursed at a rate of 100% of the Medicare payment for the service, minus any recoveries made by the trauma physician for the care;

(iv) The Commission, in consultation with the Health Services Cost Review Commission, may establish a payment rate for uncompensated care incurred by a

trauma physician in providing trauma care to trauma patients on the State trauma registry that is above 100% of the Medicare payment for the service if:

1. The Commission determines that increasing the payment rate above 100% of the Medicare payment for the service will address an unmet need in the State trauma system; and

2. The Commission reports on its intention to increase the payment rate to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government Article, at least 60 days before any adjustment to the rate;

(v) The Commission shall develop guidelines for the reimbursement of the documented costs of the State primary adult resource center under subsection (b)(2)(iv) of this section; [and]

(VI) THE COMMISSION, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE HEALTH SERVICES COST REVIEW COMMISSION, MAY CHANGE THE PERCENTAGE OF THE REASONABLE COMPENSATION EQUIVALENT PAID TO TRAUMA HOSPITALS IF:

1. THE COMMISSION DETERMINES THAT THE PROJECTED REVENUE TO BE COLLECTED IN THE FUND IS ADEQUATE TO SUPPORT THE PROPOSED INCREASE IN THE PERCENTAGE OF REASONABLE COMPENSATION EQUIVALENT INFLATED TO THE CURRENT YEAR BY THE PHYSICIAN COMPENSATION COMPONENT OF THE MEDICARE ECONOMIC INDEX; AND

2. THE COMMISSION REPORTS ON ITS INTENTION TO CHANGE THE PERCENTAGE OF REASONABLE COMPENSATION EQUIVALENT TO BE PAID FOR ON-CALL COSTS TO THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE AND THE HOUSE HEALTH AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1257 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, AT LEAST 60 DAYS BEFORE ANY ADJUSTMENT TO THE ALLOWABLE HOURS;

(VII) THE COMMISSION, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE HEALTH SERVICES COST REVIEW COMMISSION, MAY CHANGE THE NUMBER OF ALLOWABLE HOURS OF TRAUMA ON-CALL EACH YEAR IF THE COMMISSION REPORTS ON ITS INTENTION TO CHANGE THE NUMBER OF ALLOWABLE HOURS TO THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE AND THE HOUSE HEALTH AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1257 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, AT LEAST 60 DAYS BEFORE ANY ADJUSTMENT TO THE ALLOWABLE HOURS;

(VIII) THE COMMISSION MAY MODIFY THE PERCENTAGE PAID OF THE REASONABLE COMPENSATION EQUIVALENT FOR ON-CALL HOURS NOT MORE THAN ONCE EACH YEAR; AND

[(vi)] (IX) The total reimbursement to emergency physicians from the Fund may not exceed \$300,000 annually.

(5) In order to receive reimbursement, a trauma physician **OR A TRAUMA HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER** in the case of costs of uncompensated care under subsection (b)(2)(i) of this section, or a trauma center in the case of on-call costs under subsection (b)(2)(iii) of this section, shall apply to the Fund on a form and in a manner approved by the Commission and the Health Services Cost Review Commission.

(6) (i) The Commission and the Health Services Cost Review Commission shall adopt regulations that specify the information that trauma physicians, **TRAUMA HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONERS**, and trauma centers must submit to receive money from the Fund.

(ii) The information required shall include:

1. The name and federal tax identification number of the trauma physician rendering the service;

2. The date of the service;

3. Appropriate codes describing the service;

4. Any amount recovered for the service rendered;

5. The name of the trauma patient;

6. The patient's trauma registry number; and

7. Any other information the Commission and the Health Services Cost Review Commission consider necessary to disburse money from the Fund.

(iii) It is the intent of the General Assembly that trauma physicians and trauma centers shall cooperate with the Commission and the Health Services Cost Review Commission by providing information required under this paragraph in a timely and complete manner.

(e) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection and notwithstanding any other provision of law, expenditures from the Fund for costs incurred in any fiscal year may not exceed revenues of the Fund.

(2) (i) The Commission, in consultation with the Health Services Cost Review Commission and the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems, shall develop a process for the award of grants to **LEVEL I, Level II, and Level III** trauma centers [in the State to be used for equipment primarily used] in the delivery of trauma care.

(ii) 1. The Commission shall issue grants under this paragraph from any balance carried over to the Fund from prior fiscal years.

2. [The total amount of grants awarded under this paragraph in a fiscal year may not exceed 10% of the balance remaining in the Fund at the end of the fiscal year immediately prior to the fiscal year in which grants are awarded.] **THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF GRANTS AWARDED UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH IN A FISCAL YEAR MAY NOT REDUCE THE BALANCE REMAINING IN THE FUND AT THE END OF THE FISCAL YEAR TO LESS THAN 15% OF THE REVENUE COLLECTED IN THAT FISCAL YEAR.**

(iii) The process developed by the Commission for the award of grants under this paragraph shall include:

1. Grant applications and review and selection criteria for the award of grants;

2. Review by the Commission, if necessary, for any project that exceeds certificate of need thresholds; and

3. Any other procedure determined necessary by the Commission.

(iv) Before awarding grants under this subsection in a fiscal year, the Commission shall report to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government Article, on the process that the Commission has developed for awarding grants in that fiscal year.

(f) On or before November 1 of each year, the Commission and the Health Services Cost Review Commission shall report to the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government Article, on:

(1) The amount of money in the Fund on the last day of the previous fiscal year;

(2) The amount of money applied for by trauma physicians, **TRAUMA HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONERS**, and trauma centers during the previous fiscal year;

(3) The amount of money distributed in the form of trauma physician, **TRAUMA HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER**, and trauma center reimbursements during the previous fiscal year;

(4) Any recommendations for altering the manner in which trauma physicians, TRAUMA HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONERS, and trauma centers are reimbursed from the Fund;

(5) The costs incurred in administering the Fund during the previous fiscal year; [and]

(6) The amount that each hospital that participates in the Maryland trauma system and that has a trauma center contributes toward the subsidization of trauma-related costs for its trauma center;

(7) THE COSTS THAT HOSPITALS REPORTED TO THE HEALTH SERVICES COST REVIEW COMMISSION AND ARE ACCOUNTED FOR IN GLOBAL BUDGETS FOR EACH OF THE FOLLOWING:

(I) TRAUMA STANDBY;

(II) ALLOWABLE TRAUMA CENTER COSTS FOR REIMBURSING THE TRAUMA DIRECTOR AND TRAUMA STAFF;

(III) MAINTAINING MARYLAND INSTITUTE FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES SYSTEMS TRAUMA PROTOCOLS;

(IV) MAINTAINING SPECIALIZED TRAUMA STAFF;

(V) PROCURING SPECIALIZED TRAUMA EQUIPMENT; AND

(VI) PROVIDING TRAUMA EDUCATION AND TRAINING; AND

(8) ANY OTHER IMPROVEMENTS MADE BY TRAUMA CENTERS AS A RESULT OF THE INCREASED FUNDING.

(G) THE COMMISSION SHALL AWARD AN ANNUAL GRANT FROM THE FUND IN THE AMOUNT UP TO \$1,800,000 TO LEVEL I PEDIATRIC TRAUMA CENTERS AS FOLLOWS:

(1) UP TO \$900,000 TO JOHNS HOPKINS CHILDREN'S CENTER; AND

(2) UP TO \$900,000 TO CHILDREN'S NATIONAL MEDICAL CENTER.

Article – Public Safety

8-102.

(a) There is a Senator William H. Amoss Fire, Rescue, and Ambulance Fund.

(G) BEGINNING IN FISCAL YEAR 2026, THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE AN ANNUAL APPROPRIATION TO THE FUND OF AT LEAST \$16,500,000.

Article – Public Utilities

10-408.

(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(2) “SHARED PASSENGER TRIP” MEANS A PREARRANGED RIDE FOR WHICH THE PASSENGER AGREES, AT THE TIME THE PASSENGER REQUESTS THE RIDE THROUGH A TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANY’S DIGITAL NETWORK APPLICATION, TO BE TRANSPORTED WITH ANOTHER PASSENGER WHO HAS SEPARATELY REQUESTED A PREARRANGED RIDE REGARDLESS OF WHETHER ANOTHER PASSENGER IS TRANSPORTED.

(3) “TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANY IMPACT FEE” MEANS THE FEE IMPOSED BY THE STATE UNDER THIS SECTION ON EACH TRANSPORTATION NETWORK SERVICE THAT INCLUDES A PASSENGER TRIP DURING TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COVERAGE PERIOD THREE AS DESCRIBED IN § 10-101(N)(1)(III) OF THIS TITLE.

(B) (1) THERE IS A TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANY IMPACT FEE ON PASSENGER TRIPS THAT ORIGINATE IN THE STATE.

(2) A TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANY SHALL COLLECT THE TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANY IMPACT FEE.

(3) (I) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (4) OF THIS SUBSECTION AND EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBPARAGRAPHS (II) AND (III) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, THE TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANY IMPACT FEE IS 75 CENTS FOR EACH PASSENGER TRIP.

(II) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (4) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANY IMPACT FEE FOR A PASSENGER TRIP PROVIDED USING A FUEL CELL ELECTRIC VEHICLE OR A PLUG-IN ELECTRIC DRIVE VEHICLE, AS THOSE TERMS ARE DEFINED IN TITLE 11, SUBTITLE 1 OF THE TRANSPORTATION ARTICLE, IS 50 CENTS FOR EACH PASSENGER TRIP.

(III) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (4) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANY IMPACT FEE IS 50 CENTS FOR EACH SHARED PASSENGER TRIP.

(4) (I) 1. IN THIS SUBPARAGRAPH, "CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR ALL URBAN CONSUMERS" MEANS THE INDEX PUBLISHED MONTHLY BY THE BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR THAT IS THE U.S. CITY AVERAGE OF ALL ITEMS IN A BASKET OF CONSUMER GOODS AND SERVICES.

2. THE PERCENTAGE GROWTH IN THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR ALL URBAN CONSUMERS SHALL BE DETERMINED BY COMPARING THE AVERAGE OF THE INDEX FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDING ON THE PRECEDING APRIL 30 TO THE AVERAGE OF THE INDEX FOR THE PRIOR 12 MONTHS.

(II) THE TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANY IMPACT FEE SHALL BE INCREASED ON JULY 1, 2028, AND ON JULY 1 EACH SUBSEQUENT YEAR IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS PARAGRAPH.

(III) ON OR BEFORE JUNE 1 EACH YEAR, THE COMPTROLLER SHALL DETERMINE AND ANNOUNCE:

1. THE GROWTH IN THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR ALL URBAN CONSUMERS AS DETERMINED BY THE COMPTROLLER UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH; AND

2. THE TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANY IMPACT FEE EFFECTIVE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING ON THE FOLLOWING JULY 1 AS DETERMINED BY THE COMPTROLLER UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (IV) OF THIS PARAGRAPH.

(IV) SUBJECT TO SUBPARAGRAPH (V) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, ON JULY 1 EACH YEAR, THE TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANY IMPACT FEE SHALL BE INCREASED BY THE AMOUNT, ROUNDED TO THE NEAREST ONE-TENTH OF A CENT, THAT EQUALS THE PRODUCT OF MULTIPLYING:

1. THE TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANY IMPACT FEE IN EFFECT ON THE DATE OF THE COMPTROLLER'S ANNOUNCEMENT UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (III) OF THIS PARAGRAPH; AND

2. THE PERCENTAGE GROWTH IN THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR ALL URBAN CONSUMERS.

(v) 1. IF THERE IS A DECLINE OR NO GROWTH IN THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR ALL URBAN CONSUMERS, THE TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANY IMPACT FEE SHALL REMAIN UNCHANGED.

2. ANY INCREASE IN THE TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANY IMPACT FEE UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (IV) OF THIS PARAGRAPH MAY NOT BE GREATER THAN 8% OF THE TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANY IMPACT FEE EFFECTIVE IN THE PREVIOUS YEAR.

(c) (1) A TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANY SHALL EITHER:

(i) COLLECT THE TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANY IMPACT FEE FROM A PASSENGER ON BEHALF OF A TRANSPORTATION NETWORK OPERATOR; OR

(ii) PAY THE TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANY IMPACT FEE ON BEHALF OF A PASSENGER.

(2) IF A TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANY COLLECTS THE TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANY IMPACT FEE FROM THE PASSENGER:

(i) THE TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANY IMPACT FEE SHALL BE CHARGED IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER TAX OR FEE; AND

(ii) THE TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANY SHALL SHOW THE IMPACT FEE AS A SEPARATE LINE ITEM ON THE PASSENGER'S RECEIPT, INVOICE, OR OTHER BILL OF SALE, DISTINCT FROM THE TRANSACTION PRICE AND ANY OTHER TAX OR FEE IMPOSED.

(3) THE RECEIPT, INVOICE, OR OTHER BILL OF SALE SHALL LIST THE IMPACT FEE AS "TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANY IMPACT FEE".

(4) A TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANY THAT PAYS THE TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANY IMPACT FEE ON BEHALF OF A PASSENGER SHALL REMIT THE FEE TO THE COMPTROLLER AS IF THE FEE HAD BEEN COLLECTED FROM THE PASSENGER ON THE DATE OF THE PASSENGER TRIP.

(d) (1) A TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANY SHALL:

(i) REPORT THE TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANY IMPACT FEE ON A FORM PRESCRIBED BY THE COMPTROLLER; AND

(II) REMIT THE TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANY IMPACT FEE TO THE COMPTROLLER NOT LATER THAN 30 DAYS AFTER THE END OF A CALENDAR QUARTER, OR AS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED BY THE COMPTROLLER IN REGULATIONS.

(2) FOR THE EXPENSE OF REPORTING AND REMITTING THE TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANY IMPACT FEE THE TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANY MAY RETAIN THE LESSER OF 0.9% OF THE AMOUNT THE TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANY REMITS UNDER PARAGRAPH (1)(II) OF THIS SUBSECTION OR \$250.

(E) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION, THE AUDIT, ASSESSMENT, LIABILITY FOR PAYMENT, REFUND, PENALTY, INTEREST, ENFORCEMENT, COLLECTION REMEDIES, APPEAL, AND ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS THAT ARE APPLICABLE TO AN ASSESSMENT IMPOSED UNDER § 10-406 OF THIS SUBTITLE APPLY TO THE TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANY IMPACT FEE.

(F) (1) FROM THE TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANY IMPACT FEE REVENUE, THE COMPTROLLER SHALL DISTRIBUTE THE AMOUNT NECESSARY TO PAY REFUNDS RELATING TO THE TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANY IMPACT FEE TO A REFUND ACCOUNT.

(2) AFTER MAKING THE DISTRIBUTION REQUIRED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE COMPTROLLER SHALL DISTRIBUTE THE AMOUNT NECESSARY TO ADMINISTER THE TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANY IMPACT FEE TO AN ADMINISTRATIVE COST ACCOUNT.

(3) AFTER MAKING THE DISTRIBUTIONS REQUIRED UNDER PARAGRAPHS (1) AND (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE COMPTROLLER SHALL DEPOSIT THE BALANCE OF THE REVENUE FROM THE TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANY IMPACT FEE IN THE TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANY IMPACT FEE ACCOUNT IN THE TRANSPORTATION TRUST FUND.

(G) THE COMPTROLLER MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS OR OTHER REQUIREMENTS OR PROCEDURES TO CARRY OUT THIS SECTION, INCLUDING REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES REGARDING THE ADMINISTRATION, COLLECTION, AND ENFORCEMENT OF THE TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANY IMPACT FEE.

(H) THIS SECTION MAY NOT BE CONSTRUED TO HAVE ANY EFFECT ON AN ASSESSMENT IMPOSED UNDER § 10-406 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

2-1302.1.

After making the distributions required under §§ 2-1301 and 2-1302 of this subtitle[,]:

(1) of the sales and use tax collected under § 11-104(c) and (c-1) of this article on short-term vehicle rentals and peer-to-peer car sharing, the Comptroller shall distribute:

[(1)] (I) 45% to the Transportation Trust Fund established under § 3-216 of the Transportation Article; and

[(2)] (II) the remainder to the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays 2010 Trust Fund; AND

(2) THE COMPTROLLER SHALL DISTRIBUTE TO THE TRANSPORTATION TRUST FUND ESTABLISHED UNDER § 3-216 OF THE TRANSPORTATION ARTICLE THE SALES AND USE TAX COLLECTED THAT IS ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE SALE OF ELECTRICITY:

(I) AT AN ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATION; OR

(II) USED TO CHARGE AN ELECTRIC VEHICLE AND IS NOT SOLD UNDER A RESIDENTIAL OR DOMESTIC RATE SCHEDULE ON FILE WITH THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION.

2-1302.3.

AFTER MAKING THE DISTRIBUTIONS REQUIRED UNDER §§ 2-1301 THROUGH 2-1302.2 OF THIS SUBTITLE, OF THE SALES AND USE TAX COLLECTED FROM THE SALE OF ELECTRONIC SMOKING DEVICES, AS DEFINED IN § 11-104(J) OF THIS ARTICLE, THE COMPTROLLER SHALL DISTRIBUTE THE REVENUE ATTRIBUTABLE TO A TAX RATE OF 8% TO THE BLUEPRINT FOR MARYLAND'S FUTURE FUND ESTABLISHED UNDER § 5-206 OF THE EDUCATION ARTICLE.

2-1303.

After making the distributions required under §§ 2-1301 through [2-1302.2] 2-1302.3 of this subtitle, the Comptroller shall pay:

(1) revenues from the hotel surcharge into the Dorchester County Economic Development Fund established under § 10-130 of the Economic Development Article;

(2) to the Blueprint for Maryland's Future Fund established under § 5-206 of the Education Article, the following percentage of the remaining sales and use tax revenues:

- (i) for fiscal year 2023, 9.2%;
- (ii) for fiscal year 2024, 11.0%;
- (iii) for fiscal year 2025, 11.3%;
- (iv) for fiscal year 2026, 11.7%; and
- (v) for fiscal year 2027 and each fiscal year thereafter, 12.1%; and

(3) the remaining sales and use tax revenue into the General Fund of the State.

2-1603.

After making the distributions required under §§ 2-1601 and 2-1602 of this subtitle, the Comptroller shall distribute:

(1) TO THE BLUEPRINT FOR MARYLAND'S FUTURE FUND ESTABLISHED UNDER § 5-206 OF THE EDUCATION ARTICLE, THE FOLLOWING AMOUNT OR PERCENTAGE OF THE REMAINING TOBACCO TAX REVENUE:

(I) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025, \$88,300,000;

(II) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026, 32.6%;

(III) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027, 33.2%; AND

(IV) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2028 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER, 16.2%; AND

(2) the remaining tobacco tax revenue to the General Fund of the State.

11-101.

(l) (3) "Taxable price" does not include:

(ii) the value of a used component or part (core value) received from a purchaser of the following remanufactured truck parts:

1. an air brake system;

- 2. an engine;
- 3. a rear axle carrier; or
- 4. a transmission; [or]

(iii) a charge for a nontaxable service that is made in connection with a sale of a taxable communication service, even if the nontaxable charges are aggregated with and not separately stated from the taxable charges for communications services, if the vendor can reasonably identify charges not subject to tax from its books and records that are kept in the regular course of business; OR

(IV) A TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANY IMPACT FEE IMPOSED UNDER § 10-408 OF THE PUBLIC UTILITIES ARTICLE.

11-104.

(i) (1) (i) In this subsection, the following words have the meanings indicated.

(ii) “Electronic smoking device” has the meaning stated in § 16.7-101 of the Business Regulation Article.

(iii) “Tobacco pipe” means a pipe made primarily of meerschaum, wood, or porcelain, with a bowl designed to be used without a screen or filter.

(iv) “Vaping liquid” has the meaning stated in § 16.7-101 of the Business Regulation Article.

(2) Except as provided in paragraph (3) of this subsection, the sales and use tax rate is [12%] 20% of the taxable price for[:

(i)] electronic smoking devices[; and

(ii) tobacco pipes].

(3) The sales and use tax for vaping liquid sold in a container that contains 5 milliliters or less of vaping liquid is 60% of the taxable price.

(4) THE SALES AND USE TAX FOR TOBACCO PIPES IS 12% OF THE TAXABLE PRICE.

12-105.

(a) The tobacco tax rate for cigarettes is:

(1) ~~[\$3.75]~~ \$5.00 for each package of 20 cigarettes; and

(2) ~~[17.5]~~ 25 cents for each cigarette in a package of more than 20 cigarettes.

(b) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, the tobacco tax rate for other tobacco products is ~~[53%]~~ 60% of the wholesale price of the tobacco products.

(2) (i) In this paragraph, “pipe tobacco” and “premium cigars” have the meanings stated in § 16.5–101 of the Business Regulation Article.

(ii) 1. Except as provided in subparagraph 2 of this subparagraph, the tobacco tax rate for cigars is 70% of the wholesale price of the cigars.

2. The tobacco tax rate for premium cigars is 15% of:

A. the wholesale price of the premium cigars; or

B. for premium cigars sold by an out-of-state seller, the price determined under subsection (c) of this section.

(iii) The tobacco tax rate for pipe tobacco is 30% of:

1. the wholesale price of the pipe tobacco; or

2. for pipe tobacco sold by an out-of-state seller, the price determined under subsection (c) of this section.

Article – Transportation

3–215.

(a) (1) For the purpose of paying the principal of and interest on consolidated transportation bonds as they become due and payable, there is hereby levied and imposed an annual tax that consists of the taxes specified in this section and, to the extent necessary and except as otherwise provided in this subsection, that shall be used and applied exclusively for that purpose.

(2) The required use and application of the tax under paragraph (1) of this subsection is subject only to the prior use and application of one or all or any combination of the taxes specified in this section to meet the debt service on all of the following bonds while they are outstanding and unpaid and to the payment of which any part of those taxes has been pledged:

(i) Bonds of prior issues; and

(ii) Bonds of any series of county transportation bonds issued under Subtitle 3 of this title.

(b) The tax levied and imposed by this section consists of that part of the following taxes that are retained to the credit of the Department after distributions to the political subdivisions:

(1) The motor fuel tax revenue distributed under §§ 2-1103(2), 2-1103(3), and 2-1104(a)(3) of the Tax – General Article;

(2) The motor fuel tax revenue attributable to the sales and use tax equivalent rate imposed under § 9-306 of the Tax – General Article and distributed under § 2-1103(4) of the Tax – General Article;

(3) The income tax revenue distributed under § 2-614 of the Tax – General Article;

(4) The excise tax imposed on vehicles by Part II of Title 13, Subtitle 8 of this article; [and]

(5) The sales and use tax revenues distributed under § 2-1302.1 of the Tax – General Article; AND

(6) THE TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANY IMPACT FEE REVENUES ALLOCATED UNDER § 3-216(D)(5)(I)1 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(c) As long as any consolidated transportation bonds are outstanding and unpaid, and except as provided in § 3-104 of this title, there shall be deposited and maintained in a sinking fund to be maintained by the State Treasurer to secure the payment of the principal of and interest on the bonds, annually or more often, as received, so much of the proceeds of the tax levied and imposed under this section, together with all other funds received by the Department and credited to the Transportation Trust Fund, as are necessary to maintain in the sinking fund a sum equal to the amount required to pay the principal of and interest on the outstanding and unpaid bonds that will become due and payable in the current calendar year and the next succeeding calendar year.

(d) The tax levied and imposed by this section is irrevocably pledged to the payment of the principal of and interest on consolidated transportation bonds as they become due and payable, and no part of the tax or other funds applicable to debt service on the bonds may be repealed, diminished, or applied to any other purpose until:

(1) The bonds and the interest on them have become due and fully paid; or

(2) Adequate and complete provision for payment of the principal and interest has been made.

(e) (1) In this subsection “government obligations” means direct obligations of, or obligations the principal of and interest on which are unconditionally guaranteed by the United States of America.

(2) Adequate and complete provision for payment of the principal and interest of any issue or series of consolidated transportation bonds may be made by the Secretary and the State Treasurer by making a transfer of government obligations from the Transportation Trust Fund to the State Treasurer or to a bank or trust company as escrow fund agent in an amount which, together with the income due thereon, will be sufficient to pay in full when due the maturing principal of and interest on the consolidated transportation bonds.

(3) To the extent that adequate and complete provision has been made for the payment of consolidated transportation bonds under this title those bonds shall no longer be deemed to be outstanding and unpaid under this title.

3-216.

(a) There is a Transportation Trust Fund for the Department.

(c) (2) (i) The Gasoline and Motor Vehicle Revenue Account, the Driver Education Account, [and] the Motorcycle Safety Program Account, AND THE TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANY IMPACT FEE ACCOUNT shall be maintained in the Transportation Trust Fund.

(d) (5) (I) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ALLOCATE THE FUNDS IN THE TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANY IMPACT FEE ACCOUNT FOR THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES, IN THE MANNER THE DEPARTMENT DETERMINES IS APPROPRIATE:

1. CAPITAL NEEDS IDENTIFIED IN THE ASSESSMENT CONDUCTED UNDER § 7-309 OF THIS ARTICLE; AND

2. DISTRIBUTION TO COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES FOR THE PURPOSES SPECIFIED IN § 8-408 OF THIS ARTICLE.

(II) IF ANY FUNDS REMAIN IN THE TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANY IMPACT FEE ACCOUNT AFTER THE ALLOCATIONS UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ALLOCATE THE REMAINING FUND BALANCE TO THE LOCALLY OPERATED TRANSIT SYSTEM GRANT PROGRAM UNDER § 4-322 OF THIS ARTICLE.

11-101.

In the Maryland Vehicle Law, the following words have the meanings indicated, unless the context requires otherwise.

11-125.1.

“Fuel cell electric vehicle” means a motor vehicle that:

- (1) Is made by a manufacturer;
- (2) Is manufactured primarily for use on public streets, roads, and highways;
- (3) Is rated at not more than 8,500 pounds unloaded gross weight;
- (4) Has a maximum speed capability of at least 55 miles per hour;
- (5) Is powered entirely by electricity, produced by combining hydrogen and oxygen, that runs the motor;
- (6) Has an operating range of at least 100 miles; and
- (7) Produces only water vapor and heat as by-products.

11-145.1.

(a) “Plug-in electric drive vehicle” means a motor vehicle that:

- (1) Is made by a manufacturer;
- (2) Is manufactured primarily for use on public streets, roads, and highways;
- (3) Is rated at not more than 8,500 pounds unloaded gross vehicle weight;
- (4) Has a maximum speed capability of at least 55 miles per hour; and
- (5) Is propelled to a significant extent by an electric motor that draws electricity from a battery that:
 - (i) Has a capacity of not less than 4 kilowatt-hours for 4-wheeled motor vehicles and not less than 2.5 kilowatt-hours for 2-wheeled or 3-wheeled motor vehicles; and
 - (ii) Is capable of being recharged from an external source of electricity.

(b) “Plug-in electric drive vehicle” includes a qualifying vehicle that has been modified from original manufacturer specifications.

13-815.

(a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

(4) “Zero-emission plug-in electric drive vehicle” means a motor vehicle that:

(i) Is made by a manufacturer;

(ii) Has a maximum speed capability of at least 55 miles per hour;
and

(iii) Is propelled by an electric motor that draws electricity from a battery that:

1. Has a capacity of not less than 4 kilowatt-hours; and

2. Is capable of being recharged from an external source of electricity.

13-901.

(A) [The] SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, THE fees specified in this subtitle for the registration of a classified vehicle or for any interchangeable registration shall be paid to the Administration:

(1) Before issuance of the registration and any registration plates and registration cards; and

(2) Except as otherwise expressly provided, during each registration year before the issuance or renewal of the registration.

(B) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL ALLOW FOR PAYMENT OF REGISTRATION FEES, AS SPECIFIED IN THIS SUBTITLE, IN INSTALLMENTS THROUGHOUT THE REGISTRATION PERIOD, AS DETERMINED BY THE ADMINISTRATION.

13-912.

(a) When registered with the Administration, every passenger car and station wagon, except as otherwise provided in this part, is a Class A (passenger) vehicle.

(b) For each Class A (passenger) vehicle, the annual registration fee is:

(1) For a vehicle with a manufacturer's shipping weight of [3,700] 3,500 pounds or less:

(I) ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2024, BUT BEFORE JULY 1, 2025, [\$50.50; and] \$70.50; AND

(II) ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2025, \$80.50;

(2) For a vehicle with a manufacturer's shipping weight of more than 3,500 POUNDS BUT NOT MORE THAN 3,700 pounds:

(I) ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2024, BUT BEFORE JULY 1, 2025, [\$76.50] \$80.50; AND

(II) ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2025, \$85.50; AND

(3) FOR A VEHICLE WITH A MANUFACTURER'S SHIPPING WEIGHT OF MORE THAN 3,700 POUNDS:

(I) ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2024, BUT BEFORE JULY 1, 2025, \$121.50;

(II) ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2025, BUT BEFORE JULY 1, 2026, \$126.50; AND

(III) ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2026, \$151.50.

13-913.

(a) (1) When registered with the Administration, every passenger motor vehicle operated for the transportation of persons for hire, except a vehicle described in paragraph (2) of this subsection, is a Class B (for hire) vehicle.

(2) The following vehicles are not subject to the classification specified in this section:

(i) Any vehicle operated on a regular schedule and between fixed termini; and

(ii) Any vehicle for which a different classification is specified in this part.

(b) For each Class B (for hire) vehicle, the annual registration fee is [\$150.00]:

(1) ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2024, BUT BEFORE JULY 1, 2025, \$170.00;

AND

(2) ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2025, \$180.00.

13-914.

(a) When registered with the Administration, every motor vehicle operated as an ambulance, a mortician flower coach or service wagon, or a funeral limousine or coach is a Class C (funeral and ambulance) vehicle.

(b) For each Class C (funeral and ambulance) vehicle, the annual registration fee is ~~[\$100.00]:~~

(1) ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2024, BUT BEFORE JULY 1, 2025, \$120.00;

AND

(2) ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2025, \$130.00.

13-915.

(a) When registered with the Administration, every motorcycle is a Class D (motorcycle) vehicle.

(b) For each Class D (motorcycle) vehicle, the annual registration fee is ~~[\$35.00]:~~

(1) ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2024, BUT BEFORE JULY 1, 2025, \$55.00;

AND

(2) ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2025, \$65.00.

13-916.

(a) When registered with the Administration, every single unit truck with two or more axles is a Class E (truck) vehicle.

(b) (1) For each Class E (truck) vehicle, the annual registration fee is based on the maximum gross weight of the vehicle or combination of vehicles, as follows:

<u>Maximum Gross Weight Limit (in Pounds)</u>	<u>Fee (per 1,000 Pounds or Fraction Thereof)</u>
<u>10,000 (minimum) – 18,000</u>	<u>\$ 9.00</u>
<u>18,001 – 26,000</u>	<u>11.75</u>
<u>26,001 – 40,000</u>	<u>12.75</u>
<u>40,001 – 60,000</u>	<u>14.75</u>

60,001 – 80,000 (maximum)16.00

(2) (I) ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2024, BUT BEFORE JULY 1, 2025, THE ANNUAL REGISTRATION FEE UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION IS INCREASED BY AN ADDITIONAL \$45.00.

(II) ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2025, BUT BEFORE JULY 1, 2026, THE ANNUAL REGISTRATION FEE UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION IS INCREASED BY AN ADDITIONAL \$50.00.

(III) ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2026, THE ANNUAL REGISTRATION FEE UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION IS INCREASED BY AN ADDITIONAL \$75.00.

13-917.

Notwithstanding § 13-916(b) of this subtitle, for any Class E (truck) vehicle WITH A MANUFACTURER'S RATED CAPACITY OF 3/4 TON OR LESS AND A MAXIMUM GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT OF 7,000 POUNDS OR LESS, the annual registration fee is [\$63.75 if]:

(1) [The manufacturer's rated capacity is 3/4 ton or less; and

(2) The] FOR A VEHICLE WITH A maximum gross vehicle weight [is 7,000] OF 3,500 pounds or less:

(I) ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2024, BUT BEFORE JULY 1, 2025, \$83.75; AND

(II) ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2025, \$93.75;

(2) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN ITEM (4) OF THIS SECTION, FOR A VEHICLE WITH A MAXIMUM GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT OF MORE THAN 3,500 POUNDS BUT NOT MORE THAN 5,000 POUNDS:

(I) ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2024, BUT BEFORE JULY 1, 2025, \$93.75; AND

(II) ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2025, \$98.75;

(3) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN ITEM (4) OF THIS SECTION, FOR A VEHICLE WITH A MAXIMUM GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT OF MORE THAN 5,000 POUNDS:

(I) ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2024, BUT BEFORE JULY 1, 2025, \$108.75;

(II) ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2025, BUT BEFORE JULY 1, 2026, \$113.75; AND

(III) ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2026, \$138.75; AND

(4) FOR A VEHICLE, REGARDLESS OF THE VEHICLE’S MAXIMUM GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT, FOR WHICH THE OWNER CERTIFIES ON THE REGISTRATION APPLICATION THAT THE VEHICLE FOR WHICH THE APPLICATION IS MADE WILL BE USED FOR CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES:

(I) ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2024, BUT BEFORE JULY 1, 2025, \$83.75; AND

(II) ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2025, \$93.75.

13-919.

(a) On application, the Administration shall issue a special Class E “dump service registration” to any applicant who certifies that the vehicle for which the application is made is a Class E (truck) vehicle that:

(1) Is designed to haul cargo and to self-unload by gravity or mechanical means; and

(2) Is to be used to haul feed or other loose materials in bulk.

(f) For each vehicle registered under this section, the annual registration fee is the greater of:

(1) ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2024, BUT BEFORE JULY 1, 2025:

(I) \$26.25 for each thousand pounds of gross weight of the vehicle PLUS AN ADDITIONAL \$20.00; or

~~(2)~~ **(II) [\$1,050.00] \$1,070.00; AND**

(2) ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2025:

(I) \$26.25 FOR EACH THOUSAND POUNDS OF GROSS WEIGHT OF THE VEHICLE PLUS AN ADDITIONAL \$30.00; OR

(II) \$1,080.00.13-920.

(a) (1) In this section, “tow truck” means a vehicle that:

(i) Is a Class E (truck) vehicle that is designed to lift, pull, or carry a vehicle by a hoist or mechanical apparatus;

(ii) Has a manufacturer’s gross vehicle weight rating of 10,000 pounds or more; and

(iii) Is equipped as a tow truck or designed as a rollback as defined in § 11-151.1 of this article.

(2) In this section, “tow truck” does not include a truck tractor as defined in § 11-172 of this article.

(b) When registered with the Administration every tow truck as defined in this section is a Class T vehicle.

(c) A tow truck registered under this section may be used to tow vehicles for repair, storage, or removal from the highway.

(d) (1) **(I) Subject to the provisions of SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH AND paragraph (2) of this subsection, for each vehicle registered under this section, the annual registration fee is based on the manufacturer’s gross vehicle weight rating as follows:**

<u>Manufacturer’s Gross Weight Rating in Pounds</u>	<u>Fee</u>
<u>10,000 (or less) to 26,000</u>	<u>\$185.00</u>
<u>More than 26,000</u>	<u>\$550.00</u>

(II) 1. ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2024, BUT BEFORE JULY 1, 2025, THE ANNUAL REGISTRATION FEE UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH IS INCREASED BY AN ADDITIONAL \$20.00.

2. ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2025, THE ANNUAL REGISTRATION FEE UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH IS INCREASED BY AN ADDITIONAL \$30.00.

(2) (i) The annual registration fee for a vehicle registered under this section that is used for any purpose other than that described in subsection (c) of this section

shall be determined under subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph if the maximum gross weight of the vehicle or combination of vehicles:

1. Exceeds 18,000 pounds and the vehicle has a manufacturer's gross weight rating of 26,000 pounds or less; or

2. Exceeds 35,000 pounds and the vehicle has a manufacturer's gross weight rating of more than 26,000 pounds.

(ii) The annual registration fee shall be the greater of:

1. The fees set forth in paragraph (1) of this subsection; or

2. The fees set forth in § 13-916(b) of this subtitle.

13-923.

(a) When registered with the Administration, every truck tractor or similar motor vehicle used for propelling, supporting, or drawing a trailer or semitrailer is a Class F (tractor) vehicle.

(b) (1) [For] SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, FOR each Class F (tractor) vehicle, the annual registration fee is based on the maximum gross weight of the vehicle in combination with a trailer or semitrailer, as follows:

<u>Maximum Gross Weight Limit (in Pounds)</u>	<u>Fee (per 1,000 Pounds or Fraction Thereof)</u>
<u>40,000 (minimum) – 60,000</u>	<u>\$21.00</u>
<u>60,001 – 80,000 or more</u>	<u>\$22.50</u>

(2) (I) ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2024, BUT BEFORE JULY 1, 2025, THE ANNUAL REGISTRATION FEE UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION IS INCREASED BY AN ADDITIONAL \$20.00.

(II) ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2025, THE ANNUAL REGISTRATION FEE UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION IS INCREASED BY AN ADDITIONAL \$30.00.

13-927.

(d) The annual registration fee for a Class G (trailer) vehicle is based on the maximum gross weight as follows:

(1) (I) Except as provided in [paragraph] ITEM (2) of this subsection AND SUBJECT TO ITEM (II) OF THIS ITEM, for a nonfreight trailer or semitrailer:

<u>Maximum Gross Weight Limit (in Pounds)</u>	<u>Fee</u>
<u>3,000 or less</u>	<u>\$25.50</u>
<u>3,001 to 5,000</u>	<u>51.00</u>
<u>5,001 to 10,000</u>	<u>80.00</u>
<u>10,001 to 20,000</u>	<u>124.00</u>

(II) 1. ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2024, BUT BEFORE JULY 1, 2025, THE ANNUAL REGISTRATION FEE UNDER ITEM (I) OF THIS ITEM IS INCREASED BY AN ADDITIONAL \$20.00;

2. ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2025, THE ANNUAL REGISTRATION FEE UNDER ITEM (I) OF THIS ITEM IS INCREASED BY AN ADDITIONAL \$30.00;

(2) For a nonfreight trailer or semitrailer with a maximum gross weight limit (in pounds) of 10,001 to 20,000 that is titled on or after October 1, 2005:

(i) The fee is ~~[\$124.00]~~:

1. ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2024, BUT BEFORE JULY 1, 2025, \$144.00; AND

2. ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2025, \$154.00; and

(ii) The vehicle shall be registered in one of the following weight ranges:

<u>Maximum Gross Weight Limit (in Pounds)</u>
<u>10,001 to 11,000</u>
<u>11,001 to 12,000</u>
<u>12,001 to 13,000</u>
<u>13,001 to 14,000</u>
<u>14,001 to 15,000</u>
<u>15,001 to 16,000</u>
<u>16,001 to 17,000</u>
<u>17,001 to 18,000</u>
<u>18,001 to 19,000</u>
<u>19,001 to 20,000</u>

(3) For a freight trailer or semitrailer the fee is ~~[\$38.25]~~:

(I) ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2024, BUT BEFORE JULY 1, 2025, \$58.25; AND

(II) ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2025, \$68.25.

13-932.

(a) When registered with the Administration, every school vehicle is a Class H (school) vehicle.

(b) For each Type I school vehicle, the annual registration fee is:

(1) If the vehicle is a school bus only operated for the transportation of children, students, or teachers for educational purposes or in connection with a school activity or, with approval from a board of education in any county, to provide transportation for persons 60 years of age or older to civic, educational, social, or recreational activities [- \$51.00]:

(I) ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2024, BUT BEFORE JULY 1, 2025, \$71.00; AND

(II) ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2025, \$81.00; and

(2) If the vehicle is a school bus charter operated for any purpose in addition to that specified in item (1) of this subsection [- \$150.00]:

(I) ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2024, BUT BEFORE JULY 1, 2025, \$170.00, less any amount paid under item (1) of this subsection; AND

(II) ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2025, \$180.00, LESS ANY AMOUNT PAID UNDER ITEM (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION.

(c) For each Type II school vehicle, the annual registration fee is [\$51.00]:

(1) ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2024, BUT BEFORE JULY 1, 2025, \$71.00;
AND

(2) ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2025, \$81.00.

13-933.

(a) When registered with the Administration, every bus operated under charter or for hire is a Class P (passenger bus) vehicle.

(b) (1) [For] SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, FOR each Class P (passenger bus) vehicle, the annual registration fee is based on the seating capacity of the bus, as follows:

<u>Seating Capacity</u>	<u>Fee</u>
<u>20 or less</u>	<u>\$ 275.00</u>
<u>21 to 35</u>	<u>525.00</u>
<u>36 or more</u>	<u>875.00</u>

(2) (I) ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2024, BUT BEFORE JULY 1, 2025, THE ANNUAL REGISTRATION FEE UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION IS INCREASED BY AN ADDITIONAL \$20.00.

(II) ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2025, THE ANNUAL REGISTRATION FEE UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION IS INCREASED BY AN ADDITIONAL \$30.00.

13-934.

(a) When registered with the Administration, every vehicle used as a vanpool vehicle is a Class J (vanpool) vehicle.

(b) For each Class J (vanpool) vehicle, the annual registration fee is [\$76.50]:

(1) ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2024, BUT BEFORE JULY 1, 2025, \$96.50;

AND

(2) ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2025, \$106.50.

13-936.

(a) In this section, “historic motor vehicle” means a motor vehicle, including a passenger vehicle, motorcycle, or truck that:

(1) Is at least 20 years old;

(2) Has not been substantially altered from the manufacturer’s original design; and

(3) Meets criteria contained in regulations adopted by the Administration.

(b) In this section, “historic motor vehicle” does not include a vehicle that has been remanufactured or reconstructed as a replica of an original vehicle.

(c) If registered with the Administration under this section, every historic motor vehicle is a Class L (historic) vehicle.

(d) Except as provided in subsection (i) of this section, for each Class L (historic) vehicle, the annual registration fee is [\$25.50]:

- (1) ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2024, BUT BEFORE JULY 1, 2025, \$45.50;
AND
(2) ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2025, \$55.50.

13-937.

(a) When registered with the Administration, every multipurpose passenger vehicle is a Class M (multipurpose) vehicle.

(b) For each Class M (multipurpose) vehicle, the annual registration fee is:

(1) For a vehicle with a manufacturer's shipping weight of [3,700] 3,500 pounds or less [- \$50.50; and]:

- (I) ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2024, BUT BEFORE JULY 1, 2025,
\$70.50; AND
(II) ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2025, \$80.50;

(2) For a vehicle with a manufacturer's shipping weight of more than 3,500 POUNDS BUT NOT MORE THAN 3,700 pounds [- \$76.50]:

- (I) ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2024, BUT BEFORE JULY 1, 2025,
\$80.50; AND
(II) ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2025, \$85.50; AND

(3) FOR A VEHICLE WITH A MANUFACTURER'S SHIPPING WEIGHT OF MORE THAN 3,700 POUNDS:

- (I) ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2024, BUT BEFORE JULY 1, 2025,
\$121.50;
(II) ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2025, BUT BEFORE JULY 1, 2026,
\$126.50; AND
(III) ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2026, \$151.50.

(c) The Administration may by rule and regulation provide for the registration under this section of all multipurpose passenger vehicles registered under another [category] CLASSIFICATION.

13-937.1.

(a) In this section, “street rod” means a motor vehicle that:

(1) Is 25 years old or older; and

(2) Has been substantially altered from the manufacturer’s original design.

(b) Except as provided in subsection (e) of this section, if registered with the Administration under this section, every street rod is a Class N (street rod) vehicle.

(c) For each Class N (street rod) vehicle, the annual registration fee is [\$25.00]:

(1) ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2024, BUT BEFORE JULY 1, 2025, \$45.00;

AND

(2) ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2025, \$55.00.

13-939.

(a) When registered with the Administration, every limousine operated for hire is a Class Q (limousine) vehicle.

(b) For each Class Q (limousine) vehicle, the annual registration fee is [\$185.00]:

(1) ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2024, BUT BEFORE JULY 1, 2025, \$205.00;

AND

(2) ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2025, \$215.00.

(c) On registration of a vehicle under this section, the Administration shall issue special limousine vehicle registration plates of the size and design that the Administration determines.

13-954.

(a) In this section, “motor vehicle” means a:

(1) Class A (passenger) vehicle;

- (2) Class B (for hire) vehicle;
- (3) Class C (funeral and ambulance) vehicle;
- (4) Class D (motorcycle) vehicle;
- (5) Class E (truck) vehicle;
- (6) Class F (tractor) vehicle;
- (7) Class H (school) vehicle;
- (8) Class J (vanpool) vehicle;
- (9) Class M (multipurpose) vehicle;
- (10) Class P (passenger bus) vehicle;
- (11) Class Q (limousine) vehicle;
- (12) Class R (low speed) vehicle; or
- (13) Vehicle within any other class designated by the Administrator.

(b) (1) In addition to the registration fee otherwise required by this title, the owner of any motor vehicle registered under this title shall pay a surcharge of [~~\$17.00~~] **\$40.00** per year for each motor vehicle registered.

(2) (I) [~~\$2.50~~] **\$6.50** of the surcharge collected under paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be paid into the Maryland Trauma Physician Services Fund established under § 19-130 of the Health – General Article.

(II) THE GOVERNOR ANNUALLY SHALL ALLOCATE AT LEAST \$9.00 OF THE SURCHARGE COLLECTED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION TO THE R ADAMS COWLEY SHOCK TRAUMA CENTER.

(III) THE BALANCE OF THE SURCHARGE COLLECTED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE PAID TO THE MARYLAND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SYSTEM OPERATIONS FUND ESTABLISHED UNDER § 13-955 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

13-955.

(a) In this section, “Fund” means the Maryland Emergency Medical System Operations Fund.

(b) (1) There is a Maryland Emergency Medical System Operations Fund.

(2) The Comptroller shall administer the Fund, including accounting for all transactions and performing year-end reconciliation.

(3) The Fund is a continuing, nonlapsing fund which is not subject to § 7-302 of the State Finance and Procurement Article.

(4) Interest and earnings on the Fund shall be separately accounted for and credited to the Fund, and are not subject to § 6-226(a) of the State Finance and Procurement Article.

(c) The Fund consists of:

(1) Registration surcharges collected under § 13-954 of this subtitle;

(2) All funds, including charges for accident scene transports and interhospital transfers of patients, generated by an entity specified in subsection (e) of this section that is a unit of State government; and

(3) Revenues distributed to the Fund from the surcharges collected under § 7-301(f) of the Courts Article.

(d) Expenditures from the Fund shall be made pursuant to an appropriation approved by the General Assembly in the annual State budget or by the budget amendment procedure provided under § 7-209 of the State Finance and Procurement Article, provided that any budget amendment shall be submitted to and approved by the Legislative Policy Committee prior to the expenditure or obligation of funds.

(e) The money in the Fund shall be used solely for:

(1) Medically oriented functions of the Department of State Police, Special Operations Bureau, Aviation Division;

(2) The Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems;

(3) The R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center at the University of Maryland Medical System;

(4) The Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute;

(5) The provision of grants under the Senator William H. Amoss Fire, Rescue, and Ambulance Fund in accordance with the provisions of Title 8, Subtitle 1 of the Public Safety Article; and

(6) The Volunteer Company Assistance Fund in accordance with the provisions of Title 8, Subtitle 2 of the Public Safety Article.

13-956.

(A) IN ADDITION TO THE REGISTRATION FEE OTHERWISE REQUIRED BY THIS TITLE, THE OWNER OF A MOTOR VEHICLE SHALL PAY AN ANNUAL SURCHARGE:

(1) ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2025, OF:

(I) \$125.00 FOR EACH ZERO-EMISSION VEHICLE, AS DEFINED IN § 23-206.4 OF THIS ARTICLE; AND

(II) \$100.00 FOR EACH PLUG-IN ELECTRIC DRIVE VEHICLE THAT IS NOT A ZERO-EMISSION VEHICLE; AND

(2) AFTER JUNE 30, 2025, AT A RATE BASED ON THE AMOUNTS ESTABLISHED UNDER ITEM (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION ADJUSTED FOR INFLATION AS DETERMINED ANNUALLY BY THE ADMINISTRATION.

(B) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL ALLOW FOR PAYMENT OF A SURCHARGE ASSESSED UNDER THIS SECTION:

(1) AT THE TIME THE ANNUAL REGISTRATION FEE IS PAID; OR

(2) IN INSTALLMENTS THROUGHOUT THE REGISTRATION PERIOD, AS DETERMINED BY THE ADMINISTRATION.

(C) THE PROCEEDS COLLECTED FROM THE SURCHARGE ASSESSED UNDER SUBSECTION (A)(1) OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE DEPOSITED INTO THE TRANSPORTATION TRUST FUND.

(D) IF A PERSON THAT OWNS A MOTOR VEHICLE THAT IS ASSESSED THE SURCHARGE FAILS TO PAY THE SURCHARGE OR INSTALLMENTS, THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL REFUSE TO REGISTER OR RENEW OR TRANSFER THE REGISTRATION OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE.

15-311.1.

(a) (1) In this section, “dealer processing charge” includes an amount charged by a dealer for:

(i) The preparation of written documentation of the transaction;

- (ii) Obtaining the title and license plates for the vehicle;
- (iii) Obtaining a release of lien;
- (iv) Filing title documents with the Administration;
- (v) Retaining documentation and records of the transaction;
- (vi) Complying with federal or State privacy laws; or
- (vii) Other administrative services concerning the sale of the vehicle.

(2) “Dealer processing charge” does not include a charge to purchase or install tangible personal property on or in the vehicle, or to perform mechanical service on the vehicle.

(b) (1) If a dealer charges a dealer processing charge, the charge:

(i) Shall be reasonable;

(ii) May not exceed:

1. \$200 for the period from July 1, 2011, through June 30, 2014;
2. \$300 for the period from July 1, 2014, through June 30, 2020; [and]
3. \$500 [on and after] **FOR THE PERIOD FROM July 1, 2020, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2024; AND**
4. **\$800 ON AND AFTER JULY 1, 2024; and**

(iii) Shall reflect dealer expenses generally incurred for the services identified in subsection (a)(1) of this section.

(2) A dealer shall provide a written disclosure of the services included in the dealer processing charge on request by the purchaser.

21-902.

(a) (1) (i) A person may not drive or attempt to drive any vehicle while under the influence of alcohol.

(ii) A person may not drive or attempt to drive any vehicle while the person is under the influence of alcohol per se.

(iii) A person convicted of a violation of this paragraph is subject to:

1. For a first offense, imprisonment not exceeding 1 year or a fine not exceeding ~~[\$1,000]~~ \$1,200 or both; and

2. For a second offense, imprisonment not exceeding 2 years or a fine not exceeding ~~[\$2,000]~~ \$2,400 or both.

(iv) For the purpose of determining subsequent offender penalties for a violation of this paragraph, a prior conviction under subsection (b), (c), or (d) of this section or § 8-738 of the Natural Resources Article, within 5 years before the conviction for a violation of this paragraph, shall be considered a prior conviction.

(2) (i) A person may not violate paragraph (1) of this subsection while transporting a minor.

(ii) A person convicted of a violation of this paragraph is subject to:

1. For a first offense, imprisonment not exceeding 2 years or a fine not exceeding \$2,000 or both; and

2. For a second offense, imprisonment not exceeding 3 years or a fine not exceeding \$3,000 or both.

(iii) For the purpose of determining subsequent offender penalties for a violation of this paragraph, a prior conviction under this paragraph or subsection (b)(2), (c)(2), or (d)(2) of this section shall be considered a prior conviction.

(b) (1) (i) A person may not drive or attempt to drive any vehicle while impaired by alcohol.

(ii) A person convicted of a violation of this paragraph is subject to:

1. For a first offense, imprisonment not exceeding 2 months or a fine not exceeding \$500 or both; and

2. For a second offense, imprisonment not exceeding 1 year or a fine not exceeding \$500 or both.

(iii) For the purpose of determining subsequent offender penalties for a violation of this paragraph, a prior conviction under this subsection or subsection (a), (c), or (d) of this section or § 8-738 of the Natural Resources Article shall be considered a prior conviction.

(2) (i) A person may not violate paragraph (1) of this subsection while transporting a minor.

(ii) A person convicted of a violation of this paragraph is subject to:

1. For a first offense, imprisonment not exceeding 1 year or a fine not exceeding ~~[\$1,000]~~ **\$1,200** or both; and

2. For a second offense, imprisonment not exceeding 2 years or a fine not exceeding ~~[\$2,000]~~ **\$2,400** or both.

(iii) For the purpose of determining subsequent offender penalties for a violation of this paragraph, a prior conviction under this paragraph or subsection (a)(2), (c)(2), or (d)(2) of this section shall be considered a prior conviction.

(c) (1) (i) A person may not drive or attempt to drive any vehicle while so far impaired by any drug, any combination of drugs, or a combination of one or more drugs and alcohol that the person cannot drive a vehicle safely.

(ii) A person convicted of a violation of this paragraph is subject to:

1. For a first offense, imprisonment not exceeding 2 months or a fine not exceeding \$500 or both; and

2. For a second offense, imprisonment not exceeding 1 year or a fine not exceeding \$500 or both.

(iii) For the purpose of determining subsequent offender penalties for a violation of this paragraph, a prior conviction under this subsection or subsection (a), (b), or (d) of this section or § 8-738 of the Natural Resources Article shall be considered a prior conviction.

(iv) It is not a defense to any charge of violating this subsection that the person charged is or was entitled under the laws of this State to use the drug, combination of drugs, or combination of one or more drugs and alcohol, unless the person was unaware that the drug or combination would make the person incapable of safely driving a vehicle.

(2) (i) A person may not violate paragraph (1) of this subsection while transporting a minor.

(ii) A person convicted of a violation of this paragraph is subject to:

1. For a first offense, imprisonment not exceeding 1 year or a fine not exceeding ~~[\$1,000]~~ **\$1,200** or both; and

2. For a second offense, imprisonment not exceeding 2 years or a fine not exceeding ~~[\$2,000]~~ \$2,400 or both.

(iii) For the purpose of determining subsequent offender penalties for a violation of this paragraph, a prior conviction under this paragraph or subsection (a)(2), (b)(2), or (d)(2) of this section shall be considered a prior conviction.

(d) (1) (i) A person may not drive or attempt to drive any vehicle while the person is impaired by any controlled dangerous substance, as that term is defined in § 5-101 of the Criminal Law Article, if the person is not entitled to use the controlled dangerous substance under the laws of this State.

(ii) A person convicted of a violation of this paragraph is subject to:

1. For a first offense, imprisonment not exceeding 1 year or a fine not exceeding ~~[\$1,000]~~ \$1,200 or both; and

2. For a second offense, imprisonment not exceeding 2 years or a fine not exceeding ~~[\$2,000]~~ \$2,400 or both.

(iii) For the purpose of determining subsequent offender penalties for a violation of this paragraph, a prior conviction under subsection (a), (b), or (c) of this section or § 8-738 of the Natural Resources Article, within 5 years before the conviction for a violation of this paragraph, shall be considered a prior conviction.

(2) (i) A person may not violate paragraph (1) of this subsection while transporting a minor.

(ii) A person convicted of a violation of this paragraph is subject to:

1. For a first offense, imprisonment not exceeding 2 years or a fine not exceeding \$2,000 or both; and

2. For a second offense, imprisonment not exceeding 3 years or a fine not exceeding \$3,000 or both.

(iii) For the purpose of determining subsequent offender penalties for a violation of this paragraph, a prior conviction under this paragraph or subsection (a)(2), (b)(2), or (c)(2) of this section shall be considered a prior conviction.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Chapter 36 of the Acts of 2021

SECTION 16. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(d) In the independent evaluation and report to be submitted to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before [December 1, 2024] JANUARY 15, 2027, as required under § 5-410(d)(1) of the Education Article as enacted by this Act, the Accountability and Implementation Board shall report whether the Blueprint for Maryland's Future is being implemented as intended and is achieving expected outcomes.

(e) (1) If the Accountability and Implementation Board does not report that the Blueprint for Maryland's Future is being implemented as intended and is achieving expected outcomes in accordance with subsection (d) of this section, then:

(i) notwithstanding any other provision of law, per pupil increases in major education aid required under this Act for fiscal year [2026] 2028 and each year thereafter shall be limited to the rate of inflation as defined in § 5-201(h) of the Education Article as enacted by this Act;

(ii) notwithstanding any other provision of law, any additional funding increases required under this Act shall be limited to the rate of inflation as defined in § 5-201(h) of the Education Article as enacted by this Act; and

(iii) subject to subsection (f) of this section and notwithstanding any other provision of law, local school systems are not required to meet the additional requirements of this Act that begin in fiscal year [2026] 2028 and each fiscal year thereafter.

(2) If the Accountability and Implementation Board reports that the Blueprint for Maryland's Future is not being implemented as intended and is not achieving expected outcomes, it is the intent of the General Assembly that the General Assembly shall take immediate action to adjust the formula and policies under this Act to achieve the goals of the Blueprint for Maryland's Future in order to fulfill the General Assembly's commitment to provide the resources, supports, and funding to fully implement the Blueprint for Maryland's Future.

(f) A local school system shall continue to fund the requirements of this Act in effect prior to fiscal year [2026] 2028.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section(s) 5-315 of Article – Education of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed.

SECTION ~~3~~ 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section(s) 10-748 of Article – Tax – General of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed.

SECTION 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 2 of Chapter 455 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2023 be repealed.

SECTION 7. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(a) There is a Maryland Commission on Transportation Revenue and Infrastructure Needs.

(b) The Commission consists of:

(1) (i) subject to item (iii) of this item, three members of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of the Senate;

(ii) subject to item (iii) of this item, three members of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of the House; and

(iii) of the six members appointed under items (i) and (ii) of this item:

1. one member shall represent the core service area of the Maryland Transit Administration, as defined in § 7-301.1 of the Transportation Article; and

2. one member shall represent the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority service area;

(2) the following members appointed by the Governor:

(i) the Secretary of Transportation;

(ii) a representative of the Washington Metropolitan Transit Authority; and

(iii) two modal administrators from the Department of Transportation, selected by the Secretary of Transportation;

(3) one member of the public, appointed by the President of the Senate; and

(4) one member of the public, appointed by the Speaker of the House.

(c) There is an Advisory Committee to the Commission that consists of the following members, appointed by the Governor:

(1) three representatives from the business community, including two representatives of statewide or regional organizations;

(2) two representatives of the transit community;

(3) two representatives of the environmental community;

(4) one representative of the American Automobile Association;

(5) one representative of the freight rail industry;

(6) one representative of the motor carrier industry;

(7) one representative of the Maryland Association of Counties;

(8) one representative of the transportation construction industry;

(9) one representative of the Maryland Municipal League;

(10) one representative of the cycling advocacy community;

(11) three representatives of labor unions including at least one representative of labor unions that represent mass transit workers employed in the State; and

(12) four individuals to ensure geographic representation from across the State including Western Maryland, Southern Maryland, Central Maryland, and the Eastern Shore.

(d) The Governor shall designate the Chair of the Commission and the Advisory Committee, after consultation with the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House.

(e) To the extent practicable, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House, and the Governor shall attempt to ensure regional, economic, ethnic, and gender diversity on the Commission.

(f) A member of the Commission:

(1) may not receive compensation as a member of the Commission; but

(2) is entitled to reimbursement of expenses under the Standard State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

(g) The Department of Legislative Services shall provide staff support to the Commission.

(h) The Department of Transportation shall provide staff support to the advisory committee.

(i) (1) The Commission shall review, evaluate, and make recommendations regarding:

(i) options for sustainable, long-term revenue sources for transportation to improve the Maryland Department of Transportation's ability and

capacity to deliver major capital projects, including methods that other states are employing to fund state transportation operating and capital programs;

(ii) options for regional or local approaches to transportation funding, including regional transportation authorities;

(iii) an analysis of major transportation needs of the State, including what significant projects the State should budget for over the next 10 years, including short- and long-term construction and maintenance funding needs for transit, highway, pedestrian, bicycle, heavy rail, shipping, and air travel;

(iv) options to better prioritize needs, including local and legislative priorities;

(v) options for better coordination between different modes of transportation; and

(vi) any additional items for the delivery and funding of transportation projects in the State.

(2) The Advisory Committee shall review, evaluate, and make recommendations regarding items requested by the Commission.

(i) On or before January 1, 2025, the Commission shall submit a final report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.

SECTION ~~4~~ ~~3~~ 8. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, notwithstanding any other provision of law, and unless inconsistent with a federal law, grant agreement, or other federal requirement, or with the terms of a gift or settlement agreement, for fiscal years 2024 through 2028, net interest on all State money allocated by the State Treasurer under § 6-226 of the State Finance and Procurement Article to special funds or accounts, and otherwise entitled to receive interest earnings, as accounted for by the Comptroller, shall accrue to the General Fund of the State, with the exception of the following funds:

- (1) Maryland Housing Loan Funds of 1976, 1978, 1979, and 1984;
- (2) Microsoft Cost Share Fund;
- (3) Subsequent Injury Fund;
- (4) Uninsured Employers' Fund;
- (5) Energy Overcharge Restitution Fund;
- (6) PEPCO/Connectiv Settlement Fund;

- (7) Baseball Capital Improvements Fund;
- (8) State Victims of Crime Fund;
- (9) Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grant Fund;
- (10) Victim and Witness Protection and Relocation Fund;
- (11) Unclaimed Restitution – Victims of Crime;
- (12) Justice Assistance Grant;
- (13) Byrne Justice Assistance Grant;
- (14) Scriven Estate Fund;
- (15) Volunteer Company Assistance Fund;
- (16) Radoff Memorial Fund;
- (17) Archives Endowment Account within the Archives Fund;
- (18) Ellefson Endowment Fund;
- (19) Albert C. Ritchie Memorial Fund;
- (20) Senior Prescription Drug Assistance Program Fund;
- (21) State Employees and Retirees Health and Welfare Benefits Fund;
- (22) State Retirement Agency Funds;
- (23) Postretirement Health Benefits Trust Fund;
- (24) Maryland Emergency Medical System Operations Fund;
- (25) Community Services Trust Fund;
- (26) Waiting List Equity Fund;
- (27) Health Care Coverage Fund;
- (28) Health Services Cost Review Commission Fund;
- (29) Hospital Uncompensated Care Fund;

- (30) funds in the accounts of Morgan State University;
- (31) funds in the accounts of St. Mary's College of Maryland;
- (32) funds in the accounts of the University System of Maryland;
- (33) Maryland Prepaid College Trust Fund;
- (34) Nurse Support Program Assistance Fund;
- (35) funds in the accounts of the Baltimore City Community College;
- (36) Education Trust Fund;
- (37) Section 8 construction and administration funds administered by the Department of Housing and Community Development;
- (38) MacArthur Grant Fund;
- (39) Maryland Water Quality Revolving Loan Fund;
- (40) Maryland Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund;
- (41) Bay Restoration Fund;
- (42) Strategic Energy Investment Fund;
- (43) Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund;
- (44) 50% of the interest from the 9-1-1 Trust Fund;
- (45) all accounts within the State Reserve Fund;
- (46) local revenue accounts collected by the Judiciary;
- (47) Assistive Technology Loan Fund;
- (48) Transportation Trust Fund;
- (49) Maryland Innovation Initiative Fund;
- (50) Family Security Trust Fund, subject to § 7-4A-03(d) of the Health Occupations Article;
- (51) the Baltimore City Public School Construction Facilities Fund;

- (52) the Baltimore City Public School Construction Financing Fund;
- (53) the Prekindergarten Expansion Fund;
- (54) the Innovation Investment Fund;
- (55) the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force Fund;
- (56) the Maryland Energy Innovation Fund;
- (57) the Blueprint for Maryland's Future Fund;
- (58) the School Construction Revolving Loan Fund;
- (59) the Supplemental Facilities Fund;
- (60) the Prince George's County Public–Private Partnership Fund;
- (61) the Zero–Emission Vehicle School Bus Transition Fund;
- (62) the Pedestrian Safety Fund;
- (63) the Racing and Community Development Financing Fund;
- (64) the Racing and Community Development Facilities Fund;
- (65) the Supplemental Public School Construction Facilities Fund;
- (66) the Supplemental Public School Construction Financing Fund;
- (67) the Nancy K. Kopp Public School Facilities Priority Fund;
- (68) the Historically Black Colleges and Universities Reserve Fund;
- (69) the Digital Connectivity Fund;
- (70) the Maternal and Child Health Population Health Improvement Fund;
- (71) the Hagerstown Multi–Use Sports and Events Facility Fund;
- (72) the Resilient Maryland Revolving Loan Fund;
- (73) the Health Equity Resource Community Reserve Fund;
- (74) the Climate Catalytic Capital Fund;

- (75) the Sports Entertainment Facilities Financing Fund;
- (76) the Prince George's County Blue Line Corridor Facility Fund;
- (77) the 9-8-8 Trust Fund;
- (78) the Maryland AIDS Drug Assistance Program Fund;
- (79) the Sustainable Maryland Program Fund;
- (80) the Child Care Capital Support Revolving Loan Fund;
- (81) the Family and Medical Leave Insurance Fund;
- (82) the Community Reinvestment and Repair Fund;
- (83) the Camden Yards Baseball Sports Facility Supplemental Financing Fund;
- (84) the Camden Yards Football Sports Facility Supplemental Financing Fund;
- (85) the Bus Rapid Transit Fund; and
- (86) the Transit-Oriented Development Capital Grant and Revolving Loan Fund.

SECTION ~~5~~ 4 9. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, notwithstanding any other provision of law, on or before June 30, 2025, the Governor may transfer to the General Fund ~~the following:~~

~~(1) \$40,000,000~~ \$60,000,000 from the reserve account established by the State to pay unemployment compensation benefits for State employees;

~~(2) \$5,750,000 from the Resilient Maryland Revolving Loan Fund established under § 14-110.4 of the Public Safety Article; and~~

~~(3) \$5,000,000 from the Maryland Pediatric Cancer Fund established under § 20-120 of the Health General Article.~~

SECTION ~~6~~ 5 10. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, notwithstanding any other provision of law, on or before June 30, 2025, the Governor may transfer to the Behavioral Health Administration the following:

(1) \$1,648,669 of the funds in the Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists Fund established under § 17–206 of the Health Occupations Article;

(2) ~~\$776,646~~ \$426,551 of the funds in the State Board of Occupational Therapy Practice Fund established under § 10–206 of the Health Occupations Article; and

(3) ~~\$588,771~~ \$480,954 of the funds in the State Board of Examiners for Psychologists Fund established under § 18–207 of the Health Occupations Article.

SECTION ~~7~~ ~~6~~ 11. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, notwithstanding any other provision of law, on or before June 30, 2025, the Governor may transfer \$216,845 from the Health Information Exchange Fund established under § 19–143 of the Health – General Article to the Medical Programs Administration to support information technology activities.

SECTION ~~8~~ ~~7~~ 12. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, notwithstanding any other provision of law, on or before June 30, 2025, the Governor may transfer to the General Fund ~~\$193,830,236~~ \$193,474,476 from the Dedicated Purpose Account established under § 7–310 of the State Finance and Procurement Article, including:

(1) \$149,500,476 for cybersecurity;

(2) \$28,884,000 in capital pay-as-you-go funds for renovations to 2100 Guilford Avenue and the adjacent parking structure;

(3) \$9,090,000 in capital pay-as-you-go funds for the Maryland Department of Emergency Management Headquarters Renovation and Expansion project at the Camp Fretterd Military Reservation in Reisterstown; and

(4) \$6,000,000 in capital pay-as-you-go funds for Conowingo Dam dredging; ~~and~~

~~(5) \$355,760 in other miscellaneous operating expenses.~~

SECTION ~~9~~ ~~8~~ 13. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(a) (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law and subject to paragraph (2) of this subsection, on or before June 30, 2025, the Governor may transfer up to \$90,000,000 of the funds in the Strategic Energy Investment Fund established under § 9–20B–05 of the State Government Article to the Dedicated Purpose Account established under § 7–310 of the State Finance and Procurement Article.

(2) (i) The Governor may not include in the transfer authorized under paragraph (1) of this subsection any funds in the Energy Assistance Account.

(ii) If the Governor transfers the funds authorized under paragraph (1) of this subsection, the Governor shall include in the transfer at least:

1. \$43,100,000 from the Renewable Portfolio Standard ACP Account;
2. \$40,000,000 from the Administration Account;
3. \$2,300,000 from the Low and Moderate Income Energy Efficiency Account;
4. \$2,300,000 from the Energy Efficiency in all Sectors Account; and
5. \$2,300,000 from the Renewable Energy and Climate Change Account.

(b) (1) Subject to paragraph (2) of this subsection, the funds transferred from the Strategic Energy Investment Fund in accordance with subsection (a) of this section may be used to support the implementation of the Climate Solutions Act of 2022 and Maryland's Climate Pollution Reduction Plan.

(2) At least 50% of the funds transferred from the Strategic Energy Investment Fund shall be given to programs that support low- to moderate-income communities located in a census tract with an average median income at or below 80% of the average median income for the State or overburdened or underserved communities, as defined in § 1-701 of the Environment Article.

SECTION ~~9~~ 14. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, notwithstanding any other provision of law, on or before June 30, 2025, the Governor may transfer to the General Fund \$14,000,000 from the Dedicated Purpose Account established under § 7-310 of the State Finance and Procurement Article that was included in the fiscal year 2023 operating budget (Chapter 484 of the Acts of 2022) for the Facilities Renewal – State Agencies allocation to the Department of Natural Resources for critical maintenance.

SECTION ~~10~~ 15. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, notwithstanding any other provision of law, on or before June 30, 2025, the Governor may transfer to the General Fund \$7,580,873 from the Dedicated Purpose Account established under § 7-310 of the State Finance and Procurement Article that was included in the fiscal year 2023 operating budget (Chapter 484 of the Acts of 2022) for assistance to assisted living facilities (\$7,340,250), nursing homes (\$132,321), and hospitals (\$108,302) (M00A01.01).

SECTION ~~11~~ 16. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, notwithstanding any other provision of law, on or before June 30, 2025, the Governor may transfer to the General Fund \$4,500,000 from the Dedicated Purpose Account established under § 7-310 of the State Finance and Procurement Article that was included in the fiscal year 2023 operating

budget (Chapter 484 of the Acts of 2022) for the Learning in Extended Academic Programs (R00A02.13).

SECTION ~~12~~ 17. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, notwithstanding any other provision of law, on or before June 30, 2025, the Governor may transfer to the Department of Natural Resources up to \$6,678,827 from the available special fund balance from the Program Open Space State land acquisition fund balance to replace general funds budgeted for personnel expenses in the Department of Natural Resources for the Forest Service (\$968,093) and the Maryland Park Service (\$5,710,734).

SECTION ~~13~~ 18. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the unexpended appropriation under Board of Public Works – Capital Appropriation (D06E02.01) to provide funding to Baltimore City Community College to demolish the Bard Building that was included in the fiscal year 2022 operating budget (Chapter 357 of the Acts of 2021, Supplemental Budget No. 4) is reduced by \$2,000,000 in general funds.

SECTION ~~14~~ 19. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, notwithstanding any other provision of law, on or before June 30, 2024, the Governor may expand the allowable use of the appropriation for the Living Classrooms Foundation under Miscellaneous Grants – Capital Appropriation (H00H01.03) that was included in the fiscal year 2024 operating budget (Chapter 101 of the Acts of 2023, Supplemental Budget No. 2, Item 83(13)) to include insurance expenses.

SECTION ~~15~~ 20. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, notwithstanding any other provision of law, on or before June 30, 2024, the Governor may transfer to the General Fund \$150,000,000 from the Local Income Tax Reserve Account established under § 2–606 of the Tax – General Article representing funds identified in the Office of the Comptroller’s fiscal year 2023 analysis as an overdistribution to the Account net of canceled repayments.

SECTION 21. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, notwithstanding any other provision of law, on or before June 30, 2024, the Governor may transfer to the Blueprint for Maryland’s Future Fund established under § 5–206 of the Education Article \$40,000,000 from the School Construction Revolving Loan Fund established under § 5–315 of the Education Article.

SECTION 22. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the transportation revenues raised in accordance with the provisions of this Act shall remain allocated within the Department of Transportation. Notwithstanding § 8–402 of the Transportation Article or any other provision of law, the revenue increases attributable to alterations to the registration fees in Section 2 of this Act may not be credited to the Gasoline and Motor Vehicle Revenue Account. Nothing in this section is intended to prohibit the Department of Transportation from providing grants to local governments to restore transportation aid.

SECTION 23. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(1) as provided in § 12-105 of the Tax – General Article, as enacted by Section 2 of this Act, all cigarettes and other tobacco products used, possessed, or held in the State on or after July 1, 2024, by any person for sale or use in the State shall be subject to the tax on cigarettes and other tobacco products as enacted under Section 2 of this Act;

(2) the Comptroller may provide an alternative method of assessing and collecting the additional tax; and

(3) the revenue attributable to this requirement shall be remitted to the Comptroller not later than September 30, 2024.

SECTION 24. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 2 of this Act shall take effect July 1, 2024.

SECTION ~~10-16~~ 25. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, except as provided in Section 24 of this Act, this Act shall take effect June 1, 2024.

Approved by the Governor, May 16, 2024.