

HB0350/853824/1

BY: Senator Corderman

AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 350
(Third Reading File Bill – Committee Reprint)

On page 121, under:

Heading: MEDICAL CARE PROGRAMS ADMINISTRATION

Program: M00Q01.03

Entitled: Medical Care Provider Reimbursements

In line 13, after “Fund” insert “. Further provided that \$141,962,438 of the appropriation made for the purpose of providing coverage of emergency medical services for undocumented or unqualified immigrants is reduced.”

Further provided that \$10,544,663 of the appropriation made for the purpose of a 1% rate increase for long term services and supports providers is reduced.

Further provided that \$3,600,000 of the appropriation made for the purpose of provider reimbursements for home and community-based services is reduced to lower provider rates by 2%.

Further provided that \$3,000,000 of the appropriation made for the purpose of providing coverage for gender-affirming treatment is reduced.”.

On page 122, under:

Heading: MEDICAL CARE PROGRAMS ADMINISTRATION

Program: M00Q01.07

Entitled: Maryland Children’s Health Program

In line 18, after “Appropriation” insert “, provided that \$10,000,000 of the appropriation made for the purpose of provider reimbursements in the Maryland Children’s Health Program is reduced. The Maryland Department of Health shall lower the income eligibility requirement for the Maryland Children’s Health Program from a household income up to 322% of the federal poverty level to no more than 275% of the federal poverty level, effective July 1, 2025.”.

On page 173, under:

Heading: AID TO EDUCATION

Program: R00A02

Entitled: Blueprint for Maryland’s Future Program

After line 8, insert “Provided that, contingent on HB 352 including a provision freezing growth in Blueprint for Maryland’s Future supported programs with exception of inflationary increases for the foundation formula and related formulas, funding for major education aid programs as defined in Section 5-201(l) of the Education Article is reduced in fiscal 2026 by a total of \$478,572,976. The Department of Budget and Management shall allocate a reduction of \$119,975,821 among non-State aid Blueprint for Maryland’s Future programs. The remainder of the reduction shall be allocated as follows:

<u>R00A02.01</u>	<u>State Share of Foundation Program</u>	<u>\$103,656,762</u>
<u>R00A02.02</u>	<u>Compensatory Education</u>	<u>\$44,454,602</u>
<u>R00A02.06</u>	<u>Full Day Prekindergarten</u>	<u>\$17,395,028</u>
<u>R00A02.07</u>	<u>Students with Disabilities</u>	<u>\$14,771,171</u>
<u>R00A02.07</u>	<u>Students with Disabilities</u>	<u>\$1,142,163</u>

<u>R00A02.24</u>	<u>Limited English Proficient</u>	<u>\$13,859,835</u>
<u>R00A02.55</u>	<u>Teacher Development</u>	<u>\$63,688,214</u>
<u>R00A02.55</u>	<u>At-Risk Early Childhood Grants</u>	<u>\$5,940,000</u>
<u>R00A02.61</u>	<u>Concentration of Poverty Grant Program</u>	<u>\$92,124,817</u>
<u>R00A02.63</u>	<u>Education Effort Adjustment</u>	<u>\$12,191,670</u> ".

On page 340, under:

Heading: SECTION 40.

In line 27, strike "\$97,000,000" and substitute "\$840,617,036"; and strike beginning with "Maryland" in line 30 down through "eligibility" in line 32 and substitute "Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services; (4) the Maryland Department of State Police; or (5) State hospitals".

On page 341, under:

Heading: SECTION 41.

After line 10, insert:

"SECTION 42. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Department of Budget and Management shall implement a statewide hiring freeze, effective July 1, 2025, for all employees in the State Personnel Management System. The hiring freeze shall exclude direct custody positions, positions within the Department of State Police, and direct care positions responsible for individuals in the custody or care of the State. The Secretary of Budget and Management shall establish guidelines for requesting and approving limited hiring freeze exceptions for positions for which hiring would result in cost reductions.

Further provided that funding provided for the 1% fiscal 2026 cost of living adjustment and fiscal 2026 employee increments may not be expended for that purpose.

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Further provided that 25.0 new positions in the Office of the Public Defender are abolished.

Further provided that funding provided for salaries and fringe benefits are hereby reduced by \$272,276,876 in general funds, \$48,340,672 in special funds, and \$40,010,963 in federal funds. Funding shall be reduced from within programs in the Executive Branch agencies in Section 1 of this Act in accordance with a schedule determined by the Department of Budget and Management. The Department of Budget and Management is authorized to distribute this reduction among Executive Branch agencies in a schedule that considers the cost reductions achieved in each agency due to the hiring freeze.”;

and in lines 11 and 17, strike “42.” and “43.”, respectively, and substitute “43.” and “44.”, respectively.