
**Senate Budget and Taxation Committee
Public Safety, Transportation, and
Environment Subcommittee**

Additional Pages

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C90G00
Public Service Commission

Committee Narrative

Adopt the following narrative:

Availability of Reporting of Complaints Filed Against Utilities: The committees continue to be interested in tracking complaints filed against utilities and complaints filed against third-party retail energy suppliers as reported by the Public Service Commission (PSC) on its website. The committees request that PSC provide an update on the status of the availability of quarterly reporting of complaints filed against utilities, which began at the beginning of fiscal 2023.

Information Request	Author	Due Date
Reporting of complaints against utilities	PSC	September 1, 2023

C91H00
Office of People’s Counsel

Committee Narrative

Adopt the following narrative:

Agency Staffing Levels: The committees are concerned that the current number of authorized positions in the Office of People’s Counsel (OPC) has not increased in proportion to increases in agency workload and demands on the office that have occurred in recent years as a result of legislation and increased case participation before the Public Service Commission and other regulatory bodies. The committees request that OPC submit a report on its current personnel compared to the level the agency views as necessary to adequately fulfill the agency’s expanded mission and compared to staffing levels in similar agencies in neighboring jurisdictions.

Information Request	Author	Due Date
Report on agency staffing levels	OPC	December 1, 2023

C96J00
Uninsured Employers' Fund

Committee Narrative

C96J00.01 General Administration

Recommendations on Fines for Uninsured Employers: The committees are concerned about the low penalties assessed on employers that do not carry workers' compensation as is required by State law. The committees request that the Uninsured Employers' Fund (UEF) provide a report by September 1, 2023, that describes the current fine structure for employers that are uninsured, the amount of fines imposed for fiscal 2020 through 2022, where the revenue from the fines is provided, and recommendations for revised fine structures if necessary.

Information Request	Author	Due Date
Revised fine report	UEF	September 1, 2023

D21
Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services

Budget Amendment

D21A01.01 Administrative Headquarters

Add the following language:

Further provided that, unless an Executive Director is appointed and working at the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services (GOCPYVS) by April 1, 2023, no funding provided under the federal Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) provided through GOCPYVS may be awarded to State agencies, programs, or held in reserve until each victim services provider who received funding during fiscal 2023 has been awarded funding at no less than the same level as fiscal 2023 to continue services to victims of crime during fiscal 2024, provided that all services proposed by the victim services provider are allowable under federal VOCA regulations. For the purposes of identifying a State agency or program, it is the intent of the budget committees that higher education institutions, the Baltimore Police Department, and other quasi-State entities be excluded from that definition and be included in the category of non-State victim services providers.

Further provided that if funding under the VOCA is reduced, funding shall be awarded in the following manner:

- (1) victim services providers who received funding during fiscal 2023 shall receive all available VOCA funds, and funding for each provider may only be reduced by the same percentage as other providers, unless a provider submits a grant request for a lower amount; and
- (2) in the event that funding is not available, each grant shall be reduced by the same percentage unless a provider has requested reduced funding. Non-State providers shall be fully funded prior to any award to a State agency and prior to the retention of reserve funds. If additional State or federal funding becomes available, such cuts shall be restored.

No VOCA funding may be awarded by GOCPYVS except in a manner that gives priority to continuing funding for non-State victim services providers who received funding during fiscal 2022, have the capacity to continue to provide services to victims, and have submitted an application for services that are allowable under federal VOCA regulations.

Further provided that \$500,000 of the general fund appropriation for GOCPYVS made for the purposes of general administration may not be expended until, prior to providing fiscal 2024 awards and no later than August 1, 2023, GOCPYVS reports to the budget committees on:

- (1) each proposed grant award;

- (2) how priority has been given to non-State victim services providers;
- (3) whether each grant is equal to fiscal 2023 awards; and, if it is not, the identification of the difference in funding and justification for this difference; and
- (4) the amount of VOCA funding held in reserve.

In addition to the official report, data shall be provided in an electronic format subject to the concurrence of the Department of Legislative Services (DLS). The budget committees shall have 45 days from the date of the receipt of the report to review and comment. Funds not expended for this restricted purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund if the report is not submitted.

Further provided that \$500,000 of the general fund appropriation for the purposes of administration may not be expended until GOCPYVS submits a report by November 1, 2023, regarding the federal VOCA funding. The report shall include:

- (1) total active VOCA grant awards as of January 1, 2023, including grant number, implementing agency, project title, start date, end date, amount of award, jurisdiction of implementation, and the brief description/abstract of the grant;
- (2) for each VOCA grant award in item (1) and for any other VOCA grant awards made subsequently, a description of whether for the federal fiscal year beginning October 1, 2023, the award was continued, awarded, or otherwise funded, including the grant number, implementing agency, project title, start date, end date, amount of award, jurisdiction of implementation, and the brief description/abstract of the grant;
- (3) for each VOCA grant award in items (1) and (2), identification of any decrease or other change in victim services funding between items (1) and (2), the justification for each grant award change, and the impact on the continuity of crime victim services;
- (4) the amount of unexpended funds for each open three-year VOCA grant and the reason funds are unexpended, including whether they are held in reserve for future grants;
- (5) identification of the respective amount of funds expended for the purpose of direct provision of services, administration, and that which went unobligated for the federal fiscal 2019 and 2020 three-year funding cycles;
- (6) comparison of aggregate-level performance measures or outcome measures of the State's VOCA program for fiscal 2017 through 2023 or as many recent years that GOCPYVS is able to provide;
- (7) identification of the legislative appropriation for VOCA and the actual level of spending for each State fiscal year, beginning with State fiscal 2016 through 2023; and

(8) identification of any decrease or other change between the legislative appropriation for VOCA and the actual level of spending for VOCA for each State fiscal year identified in item (7), and the reason for any and all disparities that may exist between the legislative appropriation and the actual spending level.

In addition to the official report, data shall be provided in an electronic format subject to the concurrence of DLS. The budget committees shall have 45 days from the date of the receipt of the report to review and comment. Funds not expended for this restricted purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund if the report is not submitted.

Further provided that \$500,000 of the general fund appropriation made for the purposes of administration may not be expended until GOCPYVS publishes the total amount of funding from federal VOCA funds on GOCPYVS' website, including funds available from prior years and including the specific amounts held in reserve from each federal three-year award. GOCPYVS shall provide the budget committees with a letter, no later than November 1, 2023, indicating that this data has been made available on its website and provides the web address to this data. The budget committees shall have 45 days from the receipt of the report to review and comment. Funds not expended for this restricted purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund if the report is not submitted.

Further provided that GOCPYVS is authorized to process a budget amendment recognizing additional State or federal funds to restore funding cuts to victim services providers if additional State or federal funding becomes available.

Further provided that, upon request by a grantee and unless expressly prohibited by federal law, GOCPYVS shall permit grantees to carry over grant funds from one federal fiscal year to the next for up to six months. GOCPYVS shall take any steps needed to maximize the ability of grantees to carry over grant funds, including by requesting no-cost extensions for expenditure of federal funds granted to the State.

Further provided that VOCA funds and State funds supplementing VOCA services will be administered in a unified process, including one Notice of Funding Availability and application, one grant period, and unified reports with separate accounting as necessary to comply with federal and State regulations.

Further provided that grantees will be reimbursed on a monthly basis upon request for any State or federal grant award of \$50,000 or more annually.

Further provided that it is the intent of the budget committees that the primary purpose of the programs funded through the VOCA grant awards be to ensure continuity of trauma-informed, high-quality services for victims of crime.

Explanation: *There have been several concerns among members of the General Assembly and the advocacy community that reductions in federal VOCA funding will result in a loss of services*

for victims of crime in Maryland. Questions have arisen surrounding the impact of declining federal awards, the allocation of grant awards, and the levels of unspent funding.

This language requires the State fiscal 2024 VOCA awards to be awarded at a level equal to that of fiscal 2023 in order to ensure the continuity of victim services if an Executive Director is not appointed and working at GOCPYVS by April 1, 2023. Further, in the event that available funding is reduced or not available, priority shall be given to non-State service providers, and funding for all non-State providers must be reduced by the same percentage. Additionally, grantees will be able to request that grant funds may be carried over from one federal fiscal year to the next for up to six months. Grantees will be able to receive reimbursement on a monthly basis upon request for awards of \$50,000 or more annually.

The language restricts funds pending the submission of a report by GOCPYVS detailing how non-State providers were given funding priority and proposed VOCA awards for the fiscal 2024 grant cycle. The language restricts an additional \$1.0 million pending the submission of VOCA data by November 1, 2023. Of this funding, \$500,000 shall be released pending submission of a report providing information for all active VOCA grants as of January 1, 2023. The report should detail whether each of the grant recipients received the same level of VOCA funding during the federal fiscal 2022 VOCA grant cycle and the information on each of the grant programs receiving such funds. For each open three-year grant cycle (federal fiscal 2021, 2022, and 2023), GOCPYVS should report the amount of currently unexpended funds, the reason these funds remain unspent, and whether they will be held in reserve.

The report should provide further detail regarding the expenditure of funds for the two most recently completed funding cycles – federal fiscal 2019 and 2020. The report should provide a comparison of the program’s aggregate outcome or performance measure in recent fiscal years. Finally, the report should identify any differences between the legislative appropriation and actual spending levels for each closed out fiscal year, beginning with State fiscal 2017: State fiscal 2017; 2018; 2019; 2020; 2021; 2022; and 2023. For any differences between the authorized and actual spending levels during the aforementioned State fiscal years, the report should identify and discuss the reasons for these disparities.

An additional \$500,000 shall be released pending submission of a letter, no later than November 1, 2023, confirming that data related to available VOCA fund reserves is published to GOCPYVS’ agency website.

Information Request	Author	Due Date
<i>Report on proposed VOCA grant awards</i>	GOCPYVS	August 1, 2023
<i>Report of VOCA funding and expenditures</i>	GOCPYVS	November 1, 2023
<i>Letter on VOCA data publication</i>	GOCPYVS	November 1, 2023

D80Z01
Maryland Insurance Administration

Committee Narrative

Adopt the following narrative:

Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity: The committees are interested in being updated on the Maryland Insurance Administration (MIA) efforts to ensure compliance with the federal Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act (MHPAEA) and Section 15-802 of the Insurance Article. The committees request that MIA submit a report including the following:

- methods used by MIA to ensure compliance with MHPAEA, Section 15-802 of the Insurance Article, and related federal and State regulations or guidance;
- a summary of findings from market conduct examinations related to compliance with the MHPAEA completed during calendar 2022; and
- a description of the education services provided or corrective actions taken by MIA to ensure an entity complies with the MHPAEA, Section 15-802 of the Insurance Article, and related federal and State regulations or guidance.

It is also the intent of the committees that the report be published on the MIA website in publicly accessible language.

Information Request	Author	Due Date
MHPAEA compliance	MIA	January 1, 2024

E75D
Maryland Lottery and Gaming Control Agency

Committee Narrative

Adopt the following narrative:

Monthly Reporting on Sports Wagering: The committees are interested in understanding the implementation of sports wagering within the State. The committees request that the Maryland Lottery and Gaming Control Agency (MLGCA) include in the agency's published monthly reports for sports wagering additional information on the major types of bets being placed including promotional play spending, parlays, the total handle, the hold, as well as the type of sport(s) events being wagered on. The first of these reports should be published by July 5, 2023, with subsequent reports published monthly thereafter on the fifth of each month.

J00
Maryland Department of Transportation Overview

Committee Narrative

Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Coordination: Bicycle and pedestrian safety is a key area of focus in the State’s effort to achieve the goal of Vision Zero – elimination of traffic fatalities and severe injuries among all road users. The committees are interested in receiving an update from the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) describing recent trends in cyclist and pedestrian incidents and summarizing its strategies and plans for coordinating efforts related to bicycle and pedestrian safety. MDOT is requested to provide a report on:

- the number of incidents involving bicyclists or pedestrians, by jurisdiction, over a five-year period;
- the share of those incidents that resulted in a serious injury or fatality;
- outreach and policy initiatives addressing this issue, particularly those that began or were reassessed due to changes in travel trends related to the COVID-19 pandemic; and
- how projects funded through the Kim Lamphier Bikeways Program contribute to efforts to improve safety and whether current funding levels are adequate.

The report should be submitted by October 1, 2023.

Information Request	Author	Due Date
Report on strategies and plans for improving bicycle and pedestrian safety	MDOT	October 1, 2023

J00B01
State Highway Administration
Maryland Department of Transportation

Committee Narrative

Mowing and Litter Cleanups along State Roads and Highways: At the beginning of calendar 2023, the State Highway Administration (SHA) increased the frequency of mowing and litter cleanups along State roads and highways in response to numerous complaints from elected officials and the public. The committees request that SHA report on:

- the methods used to increase the frequency of these activities (use of SHA employees, inmate labor, contracted services, etc.);
- the total cost of these increased efforts and how those costs were covered;
- an assessment of whether increased frequencies will continue, and if so, for how long and how will these costs be covered; and
- the outcomes achieved, including details on how the number of complaints received changed as a result of SHA’s stepped-up efforts.

The report should be submitted by December 1, 2023.

Information Request	Author	Due Date
Report on mowing and litter cleanup efforts	SHA	December 1, 2023

J00H01
Maryland Transit Administration
Maryland Department of Transportation

Budget Amendment

J00H01.01 Transit Administration
J00A01.01 Executive Direction

Add the following language to the special fund appropriation:

Provided that \$250,000 of this appropriation made for the purpose of agency administration in program J00H01.01 Transit Administration and \$250,000 made for the purpose of departmental administration in program J00A01.01 Executive Direction may not be expended until the Maryland Transit Administration and the Secretary’s Office submit a report to the budget committees on the performance of agency-operated local buses that transport students to local public schools during the 2022-2023 school year. The report shall include:

- (1) a tabulation of incorrect routing and service delays by severity (length of delay);
- (2) the number and severity of late school drop-offs;
- (3) the reasons for service delays on these routes, including bus operator shortages, supervisor shortages, or other issues; and
- (4) the corrective actions taken or planned to redress these problems.

The report shall be submitted by December 1, 2023, and the budget committees shall have 45 days from the date of the receipt of the report to review and comment. Funds restricted pending the receipt of a report may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall be canceled if the report is not submitted to the budget committees.

Explanation: Many Baltimore City School children are being marked absent from classes due to Maryland Transit Administration (MTA) buses either being late or bus operators failing to drive the correct route. This problem appears to be caused in part by a lack of a sufficient number of trained bus operators combined with a lack of a sufficient number of supervisors to monitor bus operations. This language restricts funding pending a report on the performance of agency-operated buses that transport children to local public schools.

Information Request	Author	Due Date
Report on agency-operated buses that transport children to local public schools	MTA The Secretary’s Office	December 1, 2023

J00I00
Maryland Aviation Administration

Budget Amendment

J00I00.02 Airport Operations

Add the following language to the special fund appropriation:

, provided that \$100,000 of this appropriation made for the purpose of Airport Operations may not be expended until the Maryland Aviation Administration submits a report to the budget committees on the feasibility of installing solar arrays at Baltimore/Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport and/or Martin State Airport, including the economic, environmental, and safety impacts and benefits, and ways to engage commercial providers to provide benefits to both electricity users and the State. The report shall be submitted by December 1, 2023, and the budget committees shall have 45 days from the date of the receipt of the report to review and comment. Funds restricted pending the receipt of a report may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall be canceled if the report is not submitted to the budget committees.

Explanation: This language restricts funding pending a feasibility report on the installation of solar arrays at the two State-owned airports.

Information Request	Author	Due Date
Report of the feasibility of installation of solar arrays at State-owned airports	Maryland Aviation Administration	December 1, 2023

K00A
Department of Natural Resources

Committee Narrative

FISHING AND BOATING SERVICES

K00A17.01 Fishing and Boating Services

Rockfish Warm Weather Months Catch and Release Ecological Impact Study: The committees are interested in learning more about the potential for a catch and release season for rockfish (striped bass) during the warm weather months. Therefore, the committees request that the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) submit an ecological impact study of a rockfish catch and release season during the warm weather months. The report is requested to be submitted by September 29, 2023.

Information Request	Author	Due Date
Rockfish warm weather months catch and release ecological impact study	DNR	September 29, 2023

L00A
Department of Agriculture

Committee Narrative

OFFICE OF RESOURCE CONSERVATION

L00A15.01 Office of the Assistant Secretary

Report on Targeting Cover Crop Program and Other Best Management Practice Funding:

The committees are interested in learning more about the Maryland Department of Agriculture’s (MDA) strategy for targeting Cover Crop Program and other best management practice funding to improve the effectiveness of this funding for meeting Chesapeake Bay restoration and soil health goals. Therefore, the committees request that MDA submit a report on a strategy for improving the targeting of Cover Crop Program and other best management practice funding. The report is requested to be submitted by September 29, 2023.

Information Request	Author	Due Date
Report on targeting Cover Crop Program and other best management practice funding	MDA	September 29, 2023

MEMSOF*
Maryland Emergency Medical System Operations Fund

Committee Narrative

Adopt the following narrative:

Report on Systems Communications Training: The Maryland Emergency Medical System Operations Fund (MEMSOF) supports the State’s emergency medical services system, including the provision of emergency medical transportation by helicopter. The Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems (MIEMSS) and the Department of State Police (DSP) must coordinate through the Systems Communications Center (SYSCOM) for emergency services helicopters to be dispatched. It is the intent of the committees that SYSCOM staff from both agencies have the appropriate training. The committees request a report on the training requirements for MIEMSS and DSP staff that operate SYSCOM, including an identification of what positions can dispatch helicopters and whether those positions require Federal Aviation Administration certification.

Information Request	Author	Due Date
Report on SYSCOM training	Emergency Medical Services Board MIEMSS DSP	August 1, 2023

Q00A
Administration and Offices
Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services

Budget Bill Language

Add the following language to the general fund appropriation:

, provided that \$100,000 of this appropriation made for the purposes of general administration may not be expended until the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services submits a report to the budget committees on regulations for Private Home Detention Monitoring Agencies (PHDMA) in Maryland. The budget committees are concerned with the failure of private companies to immediately notify the courts of cases of absconding or failure to meet conditions of release. The report shall include a review of federal PHDMA regulations; a review of Maryland’s PHDMA regulations and whether they conform to federal regulations; a review of PHDMA programs in other states, including regulations and opportunities to improve program oversight; and recommendations for regulatory or statutory changes to improve the State’s oversight of PHDMA programs and address gaps in compliance or performance. The report shall be submitted to the budget committees no later than August 10, 2023. The budget committees shall have 45 days from the date of the receipt of the report to review and comment. Funds restricted pending the receipt of a report may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund if the report is not submitted to the budget committees.

Explanation: The 2022 Joint Chairman’s Report requested that the Judiciary and the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services (DPSCS) submit a report detailing agency processes and procedures relating to home detention monitoring in Baltimore City and around the State. This report detailed the procedures a private agency must follow to be licensed to conduct home detention monitoring for the State. The report indicated that there is little oversight provided to ensure the private companies meet their obligations. The budget committees would like more information on the regulations for private home detention monitoring agencies in Maryland, including comparisons to other jurisdictions.

Information Request	Author	Due Date
Private home detention monitoring regulations	DPSCS	August 10, 2023

Q00A
Administration and Offices
Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services

Budget Bill Language

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Explanation: The 2022 Joint Chairman’s Report requested that the Maryland Judiciary and the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services (DPSCS) submit a report detailing agency processes and procedures relating to home detention monitoring in Baltimore City and around the State. This report detailed the procedures a private agency must follow to be licensed to conduct home detention monitoring for the State. The report indicated that there is little oversight provided to ensure the private companies meet their obligations. The budget committees would like more information on the regulations for private home detention monitoring agencies in Maryland, including comparisons to other jurisdictions.

Information Request	Author	Due Date
Private home detention monitoring regulations	DPSCS	August 10, 2023

Q00A
Administration and Offices
Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services

Committee Narrative

Adopt the following narrative:

Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) Pilot Program: Chapter 532 of 2019 required the development of a comprehensive MAT pilot program at the pretrial complex in Baltimore City by January 2023. The committees wish to be updated on the progress in reaching this requirement. The Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services (DPSCS) should submit a report, due July 1, 2023, summarizing the department’s progress in meeting the statutory requirements. The report should identify any and all monetary, staffing, or other resources being used to establish the pilot program and support its ongoing operations. The report should summarize program participation since establishment and identify any issues that are preventing full implementation.

Information Request	Author	Due Date
MAT pilot program	DPSCS	July 1, 2023

Q00B
Corrections
Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services

Committee Narrative

Adopt the following narrative:

Correctional Education Program Goals: The committees have been concerned with the department’s low rates of participation and achievement in correctional education and occupational programs. The appropriation for correctional education instructors is increasing in hopes of improving aspects of the program. However, overall measures for correctional education remain worse-off than the prepandemic period. The committees request a report, due December 1, 2023, that identifies participation and achievement goals for the correctional education and occupational training programs. The report should provide quantitative and qualitative inmate population data that demonstrates the population’s needs. The report should also explain how the department will meet the needs of the population and utilize all available resources to meet the identified goals.

Information Request	Author	Due Date
Correctional education program goals	Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services	December 1, 2023

Q00B
Corrections
Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services

Committee Narrative

Adopt the following narrative:

Housing Unit Windows: The committees are concerned with reports that there are broken, damaged, or defective windows where inmates reside. The department has had historical maintenance issues with window open/close mechanisms. The project to replace window mechanisms in inmate housing units is unfunded and is part of a larger maintenance backlog. The committees request that the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services (DPSCS) perform a review of all housing units for window open/close mechanism failures, document the number and types of failures, and submit a report, due August 1, 2023, on the results of this review. The report should include a corrective action plan, the anticipated costs, and any risks or issues with completing said plan prior to the cold weather season.

Information Request	Author	Due Date
Housing unit windows	DPSCS	August 1, 2023

Q00B
Corrections
Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services

Committee Narrative

Adopt the following narrative:

Tablet Program Report: The Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services (DPSCS) has reportedly begun issuing personal tablets to inmates as part of an initiative made available through an existing contract. Because there is no cost to the State, there are concerns that access to tablets or tablet content may be limited in the future if the vendor does not see sufficient profits. Furthermore, premium content is available to inmates at personal cost, which may draw down funds that otherwise would be saved and available to the offender upon release. The committees request that DPSCS submits a report, due October 15, 2023, on the tablet program. The reports should include the following totals:

- inmates with a personal tablet;
- tablets issued;
- tablets decommissioned; and
- inmate funds spent purchasing premium content.

Information Request	Author	Due Date
Tablet program report	DPSCS	October 15, 2023

Q00C
Community Supervision
Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services

Committee Narrative

Adopt the following narrative:

Division of Parole and Probation (DPP) Caseload Report: In recent fiscal years, DPP has been working to reduce supervision caseloads to a manageable level for its parole and probation agents. Caseload ratios worsened in fiscal 2022. The committees request a report due by September 15, 2023, from DPP on the following:

- the exact breakdown of support staff and general supervision caseloads by office into DPP supervision levels for fiscal 2023;
- the exact breakdown of case closures by reason, region, and office;
- an evaluation of staff realignment between regions; ~~and~~
- a review and analysis of monthly fiscal 2023 DPP agent and Drinking Driver Monitor Program new hires, separations, and vacancies;
- *a description of strategies that DPP is using to reduce caseload ratios and prevent agents from taking on too many cases; and*
- *a description of strategies that DPP is using to decrease vacancies to less than 10%.*

Information Request	Author	Due Date
DPP caseload report	DPP	September 15, 2023

Q00C
Community Supervision
Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services

Committee Narrative

Adopt the following narrative:

Report on Screening Tools: The Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services (DPSCS) has reportedly begun the process of reviewing the screening tools used to classify offenders placed on community supervision and the role of these tools in case management. This issue is of particular concern with regard to maintaining proper caseloads for agents as well as providing agents with a reliable framework for addressing the individual needs of each offender. The budget committees request that DPSCS submit a report, due November 1, 2023, on the screening tools used in community supervision. The report should include the following:

- pros and cons of the existing screening tools and intake process;
- areas in the existing process that could be improved for the new process;
- a discussion of the transition timeline, including challenges related to developing a new screening tool and/or intake process;
- examples of the screening tools used and how the screening results impact the provision of community supervision services; and
- an analysis of the reliability of available screening tools to predict compliance with conditions of supervision, security risk, and likelihood to be a suspect or victim in a violent event.

Information Request	Author	Due Date
Report on screening tools	DPSCS	November 1, 2023

Q00T04
Pretrial Detention and Services
Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services

Budget Amendment

Add the following language to the general fund appropriation:

, provided that \$300,000 of this appropriation made for the purpose of overtime earnings may not be expended until the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services submits a report on overtime and assaults. The report scope shall include the entire department. The report shall include:

- (1) a breakdown of correctional officer overtime hours worked and expenses paid per facility per pay period from July 2015 to July 2023;
- (2) a detailed description of the specific actions taken to reduce overtime costs and the assessed and projected impacts of those actions;
- (3) an analysis of assaults in facilities that utilizes the case information available to the department to determine patterns in assaults with regard to overtime use and any other factor that may influence assault rates;
- (4) a detailed description of the specific actions taken to reduce assaults and the assessed and projected impacts of those actions; ~~and~~
- (5) an update on the U.S. Department of Labor investigation into overtime pay errors, including the number of individuals affected, the time frame affected, and the total and median amounts required to be paid.; *and*
- (6) *a breakdown of mandatory overtime hours and earnings per pay period from July 2015 to July 2023, including the number of individuals affected and strategies for lowering the department's reliance on mandatory overtime.*

The report shall be submitted by October 1, 2023, and the budget committees shall have 45 days from the date of the receipt of the report to review and comment. Funds restricted pending the receipt of a report may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund if the report is not submitted to the budget committees.

Explanation: Excessive overtime has become a drain on human resources in the department and led to a riskier work environment for State employees, offenders, and volunteers. The amounts have trended steeply since the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services (DPSCS) has struggled to fill correctional officer positions. Assaults are also on the rise, particularly in detention facilities. There have also been systemic errors in accounting for

overtime that led to an ongoing U.S. Department of Labor investigation into unpaid wages. The investigation has already resulted in retroactive payments of \$30 million in fiscal 2022 and is anticipated to result in additional retroactive payments. This language restricts overtime funding in the fiscal 2024 budget for the Baltimore Central Booking and Intake Center until a report is submitted detailing overtime trends, assault patterns, and efforts to reduce overtime.

Information Request	Author	Due Date
Overtime and assaults report	DPSCS	October 1, 2023

U00A
Department of the Environment

Committee Narrative

COORDINATING OFFICES

U00A10.01 Coordinating Offices

Adopt the following narrative:

Revised Fee, Fine, and Penalty Structures Report: The committees are concerned that fiscal 2023 general fund deficiency appropriations of \$1.5 million are budgeted in each of the Water and Science Administration, the Land and Materials Administration, and the Air and Radiation Administration to counter declining special fund revenue. This is the fourth fiscal year in which funding has been provided for declining special fund revenue in at least one of the Maryland Department of the Environment’s (MDE) administrations. According to the polluter pays principle, a core tenant of environmental law and environmental economics, social welfare is maximized when all costs – environmental, social, and actual – are reflected in prices. This is not occurring because of outdated fee, fine, and penalty structures for the special funds supporting the three administrations: the Maryland Clean Water Fund; the Lead Poisoning Prevention Fund; and the Maryland Clean Air Fund. Therefore, the committees request that MDE submit a report on revised fee, fine, and penalty structures for the three special funds supporting these three administrations with a goal of ensuring that the special funds can adequately support the administrations and thereby reduce the need for general fund support.

Information Request	Author	Due Date
Revised fee, fine, and penalty structures report	MDE	September 29, 2023

U00A
Department of the Environment

Budget Amendments

WATER AND SCIENCE ADMINISTRATION

U00A04.01 Water and Science Administration

Add the following language to the general fund appropriation:

Further provided that \$70,033 of this appropriation made for the purpose of salary and fringe benefits for 1 of the 35 new regular positions budgeted in fiscal 2024 to address Chapter 22 of 2022 may not be expended for that purpose but instead may be used only for the purpose of salary and fringe benefits for 1 regular position to assist with the implementation of the new General Permit for Discharges of Stormwater Associated with Construction Activity. Funds not expended for this restricted purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund.

Explanation: Recent changes in the Maryland Department of the Environment’s General Permit for Discharges of Stormwater Associated with Construction Activity process may increase the number of individual discharge permits being issued. Therefore, this language restricts funding for one of the regular positions budgeted to address Chapter 22 of 2022 (Environment – Discharge Permits – Inspections and Administrative Continuations) to be used instead to assist with the implementation of the General Permit for Discharges of Stormwater Associated with Construction Activity and ensure the permit is renewed in a timely manner in fiscal 2028.

U00A
Department of the Environment

Committee Narrative

COORDINATING OFFICES

U00A10.01 Coordinating Offices

Text Alert System for Environmental Accidents: The committees are concerned that affected parties are not notified of environmental accidents, such as the release of hazardous materials *or illegal discharges from wastewater treatment plants*, in a timely manner. Therefore, the committees request that the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) and Maryland Department of Emergency Management (MDEM) conduct a study to determine the feasibility and cost of implementing a text alert system for environmental accidents along the lines of the current weather and AMBER alert systems. The study should include information about the relevancy of the national Emergency Alert System to the proposed text alert system and an evaluation of the type of environmental events or accidents that would be most beneficial to include in such a system. The report is requested to be submitted by September 29, 2023.

Information Request	Author	Due Date
Text alert system for environmental accidents	MDE MDEM	September 29, 2023

U00A
Department of the Environment

Committee Narrative

COORDINATING OFFICES

U00A10.01 Coordinating Offices

Posting of Federal Funding Online and a Report: The committees are interested in tracking the status of federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) and Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) discretionary funding available to the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE). Therefore, the committees request that MDE post information monthly on its website about federal IIJA and IRA discretionary grant funding by piece of federal legislation, federal assistance listing number, MDE program, MDE project, and both State and federal fiscal year as follows: (1) applied for but not awarded; (2) applied for and federal review is pending; (3) awarded but not yet budgeted; (4) budgeted but not yet completed; and (5) completed. In addition, the committees request that MDE summarize the information from these monthly posts in a report to be submitted by December 31, 2023.

Information Request	Author	Due Date
Posting of federal funding online and a report	MDE	December 31, 2023

U00A
Department of the Environment

Committee Narrative

COORDINATING OFFICES

U00A10.01 Coordinating Offices

Posting of Permit Violation Supporting Documents on the Open MDE Website: The Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) began posting information about citizen complaints, compliance inspections, violations, enforcement actions, permits, and sewage overflows at least as far back as December 20, 2021. Subsequently, Chapter 22 of 2022 (Environment – Discharge Permits – Inspections and Administrative Continuations) required MDE to maintain a list on its website of permit holders determined to be in significant noncompliance, sorted by county. The following supporting documents relevant to compliance entities with violations would be helpful for understanding the context and background of permit violations but are not posted on the Open MDE website: enforcement documents; settlement agreements; and consent decrees. Therefore, the committees request that MDE begin posting permit violation supporting documents – enforcement documents, settlement agreements, and consent decrees – on the Open MDE website and submit a letter confirming that change has been implemented by December 1, 2023.

Information Request	Author	Due Date
Posting of permit violation supporting documents on the Open MDE website	MDE	December 1, 2023

U00A
Department of the Environment

Committee Narrative

WATER AND SCIENCE ADMINISTRATION

U00A04.01 Water and Science Administration

Report on Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) Monitoring in Publicly Owned Treatment Works: The committees are interested in the PFAS levels associated with publicly owned treatment works. Therefore, the committees request that the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) submit a report on the actions, and associated timeline, needed to expand testing efforts to include monitoring PFAS levels in effluent, influent, and biosolids at publicly owned treatment works. The committees request that the report be submitted by September 29, 2023.

Information Request	Author	Due Date
Report on PFAS monitoring in publicly owned treatment works	MDE	September 29, 2023

U00A
Department of the Environment

Committee Narrative

WATER AND SCIENCE ADMINISTRATION

U00A04.01 Water and Science Administration

Intent Concerning Controlling Authority for Multi-use Residential Sewerage Systems and Permit Approval Report: The committees express the intent that the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) clarify in regulation that a Controlling Authority is not required for multi-use residential sewerage systems in jurisdictions where the following condition holds: local regulations for the oversight of multi-use residential sewerage systems have been adopted that (1) do not define the role of a Controlling Authority; or (2) do not assign any specific responsibilities to a Controlling Authority in the oversight of a multi-use facility. In addition, the committees request that MDE submit a report on the average and maximum time for onsite sewage disposal system permit approval and the number and nature of any onsite sewage disposal system permit appeals to MDE. The committees request that the report be submitted by September 29, 2023.

Information Request	Author	Due Date
Intent concerning Controlling Authority for multi-use residential sewerage systems and permit approval report	MDE	September 29, 2023

C80B00
Office of the Public Defender

Committee Narrative

C80B00.02 District Operations

Adopt the following narrative:

Law Clerk and Career Pathway Report: The committees are interested in the potential creation of a career pathway for graduating law students via a law clerk program. The committees request a report, to be submitted by October 1, 2023, detailing how law students would be recruited to become law clerks for the Office of the Public Defender (OPD), for the purpose of serving as apprentice public defenders. The report should also address how many law clerks OPD would seek to hire, a plan for how a law clerk functioning as an apprentice public defender would transition into the position of an assistant public defender and the amount of time that would require, the operational responsibilities for a law clerk within OPD, and an estimation of how the program would assist OPD in lowering their vacancy rate or impacting overall workload. The report should also include the potential salary for law clerks, along with a comparison of what law clerks are paid in other public defender’s offices in Delaware, the District of Columbia, and Virginia.

Information Request	Author	Due Date
Law clerk and career pathway report	OPD	October 1, 2023

C90G00
Public Service Commission

Committee Narrative

Adopt the following narrative:

Enforcement Actions Against Third-party Energy Suppliers: The committees are interested in enforcement actions taken by the Public Service Commission (PSC) against third-party energy suppliers resulting from complaints filed against these entities related to prohibited marketing practices. The committees request that PSC submit a report discussing enforcement actions taken between calendar ~~2018~~ 2010 and 2022, including:

- the total number of *complaints received, investigations, and* enforcement actions by PSC as a result of prohibited marketing practices conducted by third-party energy suppliers, *broken out by jurisdiction or zip code;*
- the types of prohibited marketing practices energy suppliers were found to have engaged in separately for gas and electric suppliers;
- the outcomes of these enforcement actions including the amount of fines levied;
- *how this fine revenue is used by PSC for consumer education efforts;*
- the current status of ongoing enforcement proceedings;
- the average length of time from when an initial complaint is filed with PSC to when PSC begins enforcement action; and
- the average length of time from when PSC begins an enforcement action to the final case resolution.

The report should also discuss ~~whether these enforcement actions have deterred prohibited marketing practices and options for additional enforcement actions not currently authorized that could be taken in the future~~ *the effectiveness of existing enforcement actions in deterring prohibited marketing practices from occurring and any recommendations PSC has regarding changes to existing penalties or options for additional enforcement actions that could be authorized by the Maryland General Assembly that could be used in the future in these cases.* The report should also discuss efforts that are being taken or could be taken in the future to improve consumer education relating to electric choice.

Information Request

Author

Due Date

Report on enforcement actions
against third-party energy
suppliers

PSC

~~December 1, 2023~~
November 1, 2023

D13A13
Maryland Energy Administration

Committee Narrative

Adopt the following narrative:

Implementation of Residential-focused Rebate Programs Funded through the Federal Inflation Reduction Act (IRA): The committees are interested in better understanding the two new residential rebate programs that will be implemented by the Maryland Energy Administration (MEA) under federal stimulus funds available to Maryland under the IRA and the timelines for the implementation of these programs. The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) has announced a total funding allocation of \$138.6 million available to the State for the Home Energy Performance-Based, Whole-House Rebate Program and the High-Efficiency Electric Home-Rebate Program. Following issuance of federal guidance by DOE, MEA will be required to submit an application outlining a State plan for program implementation in order to be able to access funding. The committees request that MEA submit a report that includes a discussion of the timeline for submitting a State plan application to DOE to access federal IRA funding and the anticipated steps needed to implement the programs. If available at the time of report submission, the report should include a discussion of components of both programs and any estimates for the total number of households who will be eligible to receive benefits as well as benefit size. *If initial awards have been made under either program at the time of report submission, it should also include the number of applications received and funding awards made year-to-date. If initial awards have not been made as of the submission of the report, it should instead include information about the planned timeline for determining awards.*

Information Request	Author	Due Date
Report on the status of implementation of residential-focused rebate programs through federal stimulus funding	MEA	December 15, 2023

D21

Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services

Committee Narrative

D21A01.01 Administrative Headquarters

Adopt the following narrative:

Notification of Appointment: The committees are concerned that there is not currently an executive director in place at the Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services (GOCPYVS) and request immediate written notification of a new executive director’s appointment.

Information Request	Author	Due Date
Notification of appointment	GOCPYVS	Five days following the appointment of an Executive Director

D21
Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services

Committee Narrative

D21A01.01 Administrative Headquarters

Adopt the following narrative:

Rape Kit Testing Grant Fund: Chapter 508 of 2019 established the Rape Kit Testing Grant Fund in response to the significant number of untested rape kits across the State. Under Chapter 508, the Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services (GOCPYVS) is granted the authority to administer the special nonlapsing Rape Kit Testing Grant Fund. The statute does not mandate an annual appropriation into the grant fund but allows for appropriations through the General Fund. In the working appropriation and the allowance, \$3.5 million is provided for rape kit testing grants. The committees request that GOCPYVS provide a report detailing the actual annual expenditures from this grant fund in fiscal 2022 through 2024 expenditures year to date and the list of grant recipients and their respective grant award amount for each fiscal year.

Information Request	Author	Due Date
Report on Rape Kit Testing Grant Fund expenditures	GOCPYVS	December 15, 2023

D55P00
Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs

Committee Narrative

Adopt the following narrative:

Report on Veteran Employment and Apprenticeship Pipeline: The Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs (MDVA) has a goal of contacting service members transitioning out of the armed forces into private civilian life to educate them on how to claim and utilize their earned benefits as well as other opportunities the State has available. The committees are interested in the existing partnerships between State entities that are dedicated to veteran employment and apprenticeship opportunities. The committees request that MDVA submit a report on these efforts, including:

- any efforts by MDVA to contact service members during their transition to civilian life related to job and apprenticeship opportunities, including job fairs;
- any plans that MDVA has to expand the job pipeline for veterans into the public and private sectors, including partnerships with local employers;
- a discussion of the existing partnerships between State entities with a focus on veteran job opportunities; and
- a discussion of occupational pipelines and hiring programs for veterans in neighboring states, including Virginia’s Virginia Values Veterans program.

Information Request	Author	Due Date
Report on veteran employment and apprenticeship pipeline	MDVA	August 1, 2023

E00A
Comptroller of Maryland

Committee Narrative

Adopt the following narrative:

National Standards on Collection of Unclaimed Property: The committees are interested in the impact of the passage of Chapter 648 of 2022. The committees request that the Comptroller of Maryland submit a report containing an analysis of the impact of Chapter 648 on the number of accounts considered abandoned, the average length of time to complete the abandonment determination process, and Unclaimed Property Fund revenues. The report should examine options for improvements to the collection of unclaimed property in Maryland including national best practices, policy and model legislation as identified by the National Association of Unclaimed Property Administrators, and recent legislative changes in other States. The report should also discuss additional positions and resources necessary to implement any recommended improvements to the collection of unclaimed property in Maryland.

Information Request	Author	Due Date
Report on collection of unclaimed property	Comptroller of Maryland	December 31, 2023

J00H01
Maryland Transit Administration
Maryland Department of Transportation

Committee Narrative

J00H01.01 Transit Administration

Maximizing Fixed-rail Transit Use in a Post-COVID-19 World: It is the intent of the committees that State resources for transit projects yield the best possible return on investment and provide efficient, reliable, and equitable service to Marylanders. Options for modifying service for fixed-rail transit are much more limited than for non-fixed-transit modes such as local bus or bus rapid transit. Given the change in travel patterns caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, the State should be engaged in long-term planning to maximize the use of existing fixed-rail transit systems over the next 50 years. The Maryland Transit Administration (MTA) is therefore requested to submit a report summarizing these efforts and indicating any strategies that have already been identified. The report should also include a summary of economic benefits of fixed rail and how increased ridership and community engagement can further bolster return on investment.

Information Request	Author	Due Date
Fixed-rail transit use post-COVID-19	MTA	January 15, 2023

J00J00
Maryland Transportation Authority
Maryland Department of Transportation

Committee Narrative

J00J00.41 Operating Program

Tolling at Francis Scott Key Bridge (I-695) Facility: It is the intent of the committees to ensure that all travelers are being assessed the appropriate tolls based on vehicle classifications and entry and exit points at Maryland Transportation Authority (MDTA) facilities across the State. It is further the intent of the committees that MDTA should allow a vehicle to bypass the Broening Highway/Authority Drive toll facility if the vehicle enters the outer loop of Interstate I-695 Broening Highway/Authority Drive and does not traverse the Francis Scott Key Bridge. Given concern regarding travelers accessing the Port of Baltimore for business purposes, the agency should provide a report examining the issue of travelers accessing the Port of Baltimore via I-695 without crossing the Francis Scott Key Bridge (Key Bridge) to determine if tolls currently being assessed are appropriate. The report should include a map of the entire Key Bridge facility and all entry and exit points, including toll rates for each route.

Information Request	Author	Due Date
Tolling at Key Bridge facility	MDTA	December 1, 2023

K00A
Department of Natural Resources

Committee Narrative

WILDLIFE AND HERITAGE SERVICE

K00A03.01 Wildlife and Heritage Service

Ecological Impact Study of Releasing Pen-raised Ducks: The committees are concerned about the ecological impact of releasing pen-raised ducks for recreational shooting purposes within legally permitted Regulated Shooting Areas licensed by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). The committees are interested in the likelihood of pen-raised ducks breeding with wild ducks if the pen-raised ducks escape from confinement or fail to be harvested within a Regulated Shooting Area. Therefore, the committees request that DNR conduct an ecological impact study of the release of pen-raised ducks and submit a report on the findings of the ecological impact study, including the impact of crossbreeding and the release of pen-raised ducks on the wild migratory duck population. The committees request that the report be submitted by September 29, 2023.

Information Request	Author	Due Date
Ecological impact study of releasing pen-raised ducks	DNR	September 29, 2023

Q00B
Corrections
Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services

Committee Narrative

Adopt the following narrative:

Reentry Passport Program: The committees are interested in learning more about the Reentry Passport program and the ways it is used to facilitate the reentry process. The Reentry Passport provides previously incarcerated individuals with access to an online portal after release where they can store and retrieve critical documents like their Social Security card or their birth certificate. Improving an individual’s access to critical documents helps to ensure a successful reentry process. The program will be piloted at two correctional facilities before expanding access across all State correctional facilities. The committees request that the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services (DPSCS) submit a report by September 1, 2023, on the Reentry Passport program. The report should provide a description of the existing program, including a description of passport functions, identification of documents uploaded, the number of individuals being served, the process by which returning citizens can access the passport, metrics or data sets showing the impact of the program or similar programs on recidivism, and the plan and budget requirements to expand the program to each of the State’s correctional facilities. DPSCS should assess regulatory and procedural rules that govern how electronic versions of required documentation can be accepted by State programs that are considered key to reentry success. Finally, DPSCS should review previously successful pilots or deployments that use human centered design principles and/or commercial cloud solutions.

Information Request	Author	Due Date
Reentry Passport program	DPSCS	September 1, 2023

Q00B
Corrections
Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services

Committee Narrative

Adopt the following narrative:

Report on Treatment of Transgender Inmates: The committees have been concerned with reports that transgender inmates are subject to high rates of sexual abuse and violence and are placed into inappropriate housing assignments, such as unwarranted restrictive housing. The Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services (DPSCS) shall submit a report to the committees by November 1, 2023, providing data for fiscal 2021 through 2023 on the following items:

- annual totals for the number of transgender inmates in each DPSCS correctional facility by gender identity;
- annual data about the housing placement of transgender inmates by correctional facility, including data on the number of transgender inmates placed into restrictive housing, mental health units, medical units, dormitories, single cells, and all other types of housing assignments as well as the gender of the placement as compared to the gender identity of the transgender inmate;
- annual number of transgender inmates placed in restrictive housing disaggregated by reason for placement into such housing;
- annual average and median length of time that transgender inmates are placed into restrictive housing overall and disaggregated by reason for placement into restrictive housing;
- annual number of requests by transgender inmates to transfer housing assignments, disaggregated by type of housing transfer request (including but not limited to transfer to a different gendered unit or facility, transfer into or out of a medical or mental health unit or facility, or transfer into or out of restrictive confinement) and the outcomes of those requests;
- annual number of Prison Rape Elimination Act complaints filed, investigated, and the outcome for complaints made by all inmates in DPSCS correctional facilities, along with those specific to transgender inmates;
- annual number of complaints received, the number of complaints that were investigated; and the outcomes of each complaint, for each correctional facility regarding:

- violence, harassment, sexual abuse, and discrimination against transgender inmates;
- access to gender-affirming health care; and
- access to gendered commissary items.

The committees further request that DPSCS provide all policies regarding transgender inmates and/or gender dysphoria, including but not limited to intake procedures, identification of transgender inmates, provision of gender-affirming health care, housing assignment, safety from violence and sexual abuse, and access to gendered commissary items. Finally, the report should include an analysis of whether the above DPSCS policies are being implemented and followed at each correctional facility and an analysis of the education and training that DPSCS staff receive regarding LGBTQ+ inmates.

Information Request	Author	Due Date
Report on treatment of transgender inmates	DPSCS	November 1, 2023

Q00G
Police and Correctional Training Commissions
Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services

Budget Bill Language

Add the following language to the special fund appropriation:

, provided that \$500,000 of this appropriation made for the purposes of management studies and consultants may not be expended until the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services submits a report to the budget committees on a report for expenditures made through the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission Fund. The report shall include a strategic plan that focuses on identifying and addressing any gaps or deficiencies in training, as well as improving outcomes related to public safety. The strategic plan shall include specific training goals, timelines, and metrics for success and be aligned with recent changes to law enforcement statutes. The report shall summarize all expenditures made through the special training fund since establishment, including any planned expenditures for fiscal 2024 and 2025. The report shall include an analysis of how the funding is being used to supplement police training in Maryland and improve outcomes. The report shall be submitted to the budget committees no later than December 1, 2023. The budget committees shall have 45 days from the date of the receipt of the report to review and comment. Funds restricted pending the receipt of a report may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall be canceled if the report is not submitted to the budget committees.

Explanation: The Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission (MPTSC) Fund receives \$2 million each year through special court fees and was established at the end of fiscal 2019 to provide a dedicated pool of resources to enhance the training of public safety officials in the State. Spending has moderately accelerated since establishment of the MPTSC Fund. However, the dedicated court fees remain annually underutilized. With the current schedule of spending, the fund balance will grow to \$9.4 million by the outset of fiscal 2024. While the growing fund balance builds interest revenues each year, there is still concern that these dedicated resources remain underutilized. Considering recent changes to police use-of-force standards and the repeal and replacement of the Law Enforcement Officer’s Bill of Rights, existing and new officers alike would benefit from training on new laws, policies, and standards.

Information Request	Author	Due Date
Police training fund strategic plan and expenditures	Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services	December 1, 2023

U00A
Department of the Environment

Budget Amendments

WATER AND SCIENCE ADMINISTRATION

U00A04.01 Water and Science Administration

Add the following language to the general fund appropriation:

, provided that \$100,000 of this appropriation made for the purpose of general operating expenditures may not be expended until the Maryland Department of the Environment submits quarterly reports beginning on July 1, 2023, providing the following information by administration and program: the number of new administratively continued permits; the number of resolved administratively continued permits; and the number of outstanding administratively continued permits.

Funding restricted for this purpose may be released upon receipt of the final quarterly report by the budget committees. The budget committees shall have 45 days from the date of the receipt of the reports to review and comment. Funds restricted may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund if the reports are not submitted to the budget committees.

Explanation: Chapter 22 of 2022 (Environment – Discharge Permits – Inspections and Administrative Continuations) required the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) to clear the backlog of discharge permits that have been administratively continued by December 31, 2026. This language restricts funding pending the submission of quarterly reports on the status of clearing the backlog of administratively continued permits.

Information Request	Author	Due Date
Quarterly reports on administratively continued permits	MDE	July 1, 2023 October 1, 2023 January 1, 2024 April 1, 2024

U00A
Department of the Environment

Committee Narrative

WATER AND SCIENCE ADMINISTRATION

U00A04.01 Water and Science Administration

Report on Dam Safety Program Funding Needed for Oversight of Privately Owned Dams:

The committees are concerned that there is no dedicated special fund to support the Dam Safety Program and no fine or penalties are authorized to hold private dam owners accountable for a failing dam prior to a dam's failure. Therefore, the committees request that the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) submit a report on the fees, fines, and penalties necessary for a new dedicated special fund supporting the Dam Safety Program to ensure oversight of privately owned dams for public safety.

Information Request	Author	Due Date
Report on Dam Safety Program funding needed for oversight of privately owned dams	MDE	September 29, 2023

V00A
Department of Juvenile Services

Committee Narrative

V00D01.01 Office of the Secretary

Adopt the following narrative:

Report on Child in Need of Supervision (CINS) Complaints: One of the ways in which children may be referred to the Department of Juvenile Services (DJS) is through a CINS complaint. CINS complaints are made to DJS for children who require guidance, treatment, or rehabilitation and (1) are required by law to attend school but are habitually truant; (2) are habitually disobedient, ungovernable, and beyond the control of the custodian; (3) act in a manner that may injure or endanger themselves or others; or (4) have committed an offense applicable only to children, such as a curfew violation. In fiscal 2022, CINS cases represented 2.3% of all the department’s complaint dispositions. Currently, DJS reports limited information about its CINS cases in fiscal 2022 and 2023. The committees request that DJS provide a report with population statistics specific to its CINS cases, including a breakdown of CINS complaints by jurisdiction. Information may be provided at the region level if jurisdictional data is not available. The report should further identify the formal and informal supervision options DJS provides for CINS cases and describe how often each are used.

Beginning with the fiscal 2023 Data Resource Guide (DRG) and each year thereafter, it is the intent of the committees that DJS include population statistics for its CINS cases in the DRG, including a breakdown by jurisdiction or region.

Information Request	Author	Due Date
Report on CINS complaints	DJS	October 1, 2023

V00A
Department of Juvenile Services

Committee Narrative

V00D01.01 Office of the Secretary

Adopt the following narrative:

Report on Out-of-home Placement (OOHP) Wait Times: The Department of Juvenile Services (DJS) is the second largest youth-placing agency for youth who require an OOHP. DJS treats youth who are involved in Maryland’s juvenile justice system. The committees are concerned that youth may require treatment and must wait for services to be provided. The committees request that DJS provide a report on the wait times that the youth it places experience before receiving a community-based placement, hospitalization, family home placement, or a non-community-based placement, including a breakdown of wait times by jurisdiction. Data should be provided for calendar 2023 and any previous years for which data is available. It is the intent of the committees that updates to this report be submitted annually by January 1.

Information Request	Author	Due Date
Report on OOHP wait times	DJS	January 1, 2024

V00A
Department of Juvenile Services

Committee Narrative

V00D01.01 Office of the Secretary

Adopt the following narrative:

Alleged Offenses of Supervised Youth: The committees are seeking additional information on the youth supervised by the Department of Juvenile Services, including the number supervised in relation to specific alleged offenses. It is the committees' intent that, beginning with the department's fiscal 2023 Data Resource Guide, the number and percentage of overall intake cases, the number of cases resolved at intake, probation dispositions, and complaint dispositions be identified for alleged offense types and categories be included. Currently, related information is only reported through percentages. The committees are particularly interested in information that identifies the number of youths supervised in relation to gun crimes, crimes of violence, and misdemeanors.

W00A
Department of State Police

Committee Narrative

W00A01.03 Criminal Investigation Bureau

Adopt the following narrative:

Permitting Application Review Timeframes: The Licensing Division within the Department of State Police (DSP) administers provisions of State law and regulations related to the licensing and registration of firearms, handgun permits, security guards, and other licensing functions. The Public Safety Article establishes various requirements related to how quickly the division must turn around applications. The committees request that information on applications received and processing days needed for an application to receive a final disposition be posted to the department's website for the public once per quarter on the following dates: July 1, 2023; October 1, 2023; January 1, 2024; and April 1, 2024.