

Report of the Conference Committee on House Bill 200

The Budget Bill

April 3, 2023

Mr. President,
Members of the Senate:

Madam Speaker,
Members of the House of Delegates:

The Conference Committee has reconciled the differences between the Senate and House versions of HB 200 and Supplemental Budget No. 1, in which the House made general fund reductions of \$1.28 billion, including \$0.5 million contingent on the Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act (BRFA) of 2023, and general fund additions of \$902.4 million; and the Senate made general fund reductions of \$1.32 billion, including \$0.5 million contingent on the BRFA, and general fund additions of \$1.11 billion. The Conference Committee also received Supplemental Budget No. 2. In all, the Conference Committee made general fund reductions of \$1.33 billion and general fund additions of \$1.13 billion.

The House adopted 127 amendments to the budget bill including Supplemental Budget No. 1. The Senate subsequently adopted 39 amendments to the budget bill, as amended by the House. The House concurred with none of the Senate amendments. All of these amendments have been reconsidered, and actions, including those taken to Supplemental Budget No. 2, are indicated in the attached *Report of the Conference Committee*.

The total growth in State spending is 2.0%, and the budget expands funding for core State services and priorities including public education, higher education, and State employee compensation, as well as identifying funding for legislative priorities. The budget meets the guidelines established by the Spending Affordability Committee in 2022.

The budget also reflects significant investments in transportation projects, natural resources and solutions to address climate change, health care services, assistance for economically vulnerable households, crime prevention, and cybersecurity. The budget also provides additional support for infrastructure through capital investments.

The projected general fund balance at the close of fiscal 2024, given the legislative actions on the budget, is \$351.1 million. The Rainy Day Fund balance is \$2.5 billion. Together, this leaves \$2.85 billion in cash reserves, a prudent hedge against potential uncertainty.

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In addition to the Conference Committee's actions pertaining to the budget, the final report of the committee is also attached. The Department of Legislative Services has also provided a separate document on the budget and the BRFA of 2023 with additional data.

Sincerely,



Guy Guzzone, Chairman
Senate Budget and Taxation Committee



Ben Barnes, Chairman
House Appropriations Committee

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April 3, 2023

Mr. President,
Madam Speaker,
Members of the General Assembly of Maryland:

The House adopted 127 amendments to the original budget bill and Supplemental Budget No. 1.

The Senate adopted 39 amendments to the budget bill, as amended by the House.

The House rejected all of the Senate amendments and called for a Conference Committee.

The Senate refused to recede and agreed to a Conference Committee.

The budget was then referred to the Conference Committee.

Action of the Conference Committee

The Conference Committee recommends:

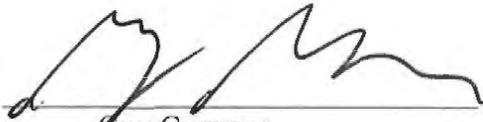
1. The adoption of the following Senate amendments:
1-3, 5-8, 10-13, 16, 17, 20-23, 28, 30, 34-38
2. The rejection of the following Senate amendments:
29, Floor Amendment HB200/983729/1

3. The action indicated on the following Senate amendments:

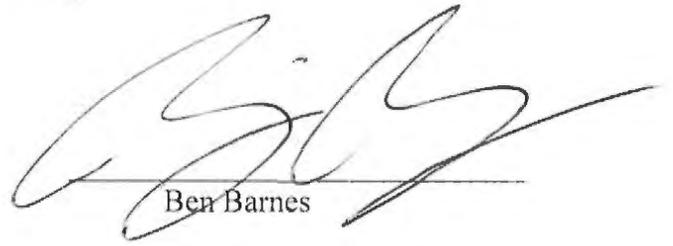
<u>Adopt</u>	<u>Reject</u>	<u>Conference Committee Amendment</u>
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The Conference Committee also adopted four conference committee amendments to Supplemental Budget No. 2 (Items 68, 83, 87) and one conference committee technical amendment.

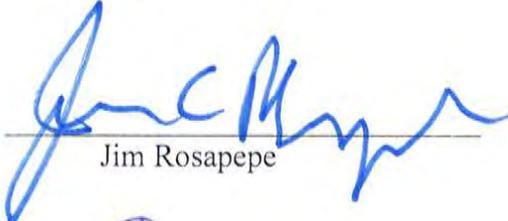
Respectfully submitted,



Guy Guzzone



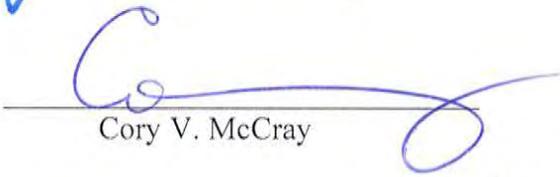
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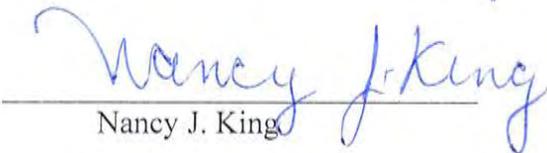
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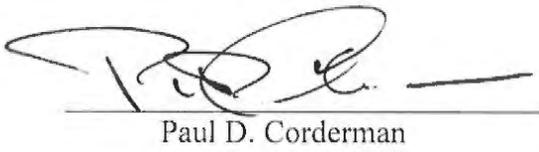
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House/Senate Differences on HB 200
Senate Amendments

Budget Code	Fund	Report Page	Amd. No.	Description	House Change	Senate Change	Final Change	Conference Position
C81C0016	GF	7	1	OAG – Requires transfer of funding and 12 new positions to Civil Litigation Division contingent on SB 540 or HB 772.				Adopt Senate
D15A0526	GF	18	2	Boards, Comm. & Offices – Restores funding for The Maryland Corps Program.	-5,000,000			Adopt Senate
D17B0151	GF	19-20	3	HSMCC – Strikes restriction of funds pending performance audit.				Adopt Senate
D21A0101	GF	22-28	4	GOCOPYVS – Modifies House language related to allocations of and reporting requirements for Victims of Crimes Act funding.				Adopt Senate with modifications on how funding is to be distributed
D50H0105	GF	38	5	Military – Adds language making \$250,000 contingent on legislation to establish a program that provides health benefits to National Guard members.				Adopt Senate
D50H0105	GF	38	6	Military – Partially restores funding.	-5,000,000	-4,750,000	-4,750,000	Adopt Senate
D60A1001	GF	43	7	Archives – Restricts funds pending a report on filling vacant positions.				Adopt Senate
F10A0101	GF	56	8	DBM – Restricts funds pending a report on repeat on certain types of repeat audit findings.				Adopt Senate
J00B0105	SF	77-78	9	SHA – Restricts Highway User Revenues for Seat Pleasant pending completion of an audit and a report.				Adopt Senate with modification to add an additional restriction of funds for a specific purpose
J00H	SF	79	10	MTA – Restricts funds pending a report on MTA bus delays affecting onetime arrivals of students at school.				Adopt Senate
K00A1402	GF	84-85	11	DNR – Strikes language restricting funds pending a report on 2010 Trust Fund spending that is requested through narrative.				Adopt Senate
M00B0104	GF	99-100	12	MDH – Restricts funds pending two reports detailing efforts made to improve the timeliness of investigations of health boards.				Adopt Senate
M00F0304	GF	104-105	13	MDH – Restricts funds pending a report on the timeliness of contract approval and fund distribution for recipients and subrecipients participating in the MIECHV Program.				Adopt Senate
M00L0102	GF	111	14	BHA – Strikes language restricting \$70 million for behavioral health infrastructure to one-time purposes and \$1.8 million for Brook Lane Hospital expansion.				Adopt Senate with modification to restrict funds for a specific purpose
M00L0102	GF	111-112	15	BHA – Strikes language restricting funds pending a report on the one-time uses of the behavioral health infrastructure investment funds.				Adopt Senate with modification to require a report
M00M0101	GF	113-114	16	DDA – Modifies language restricting funds pending a report on Managing for Results data.				Adopt Senate

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M00M0101	GF	114-116	17	DDA – Reduces from \$1 million to \$500,000 the funding restricted pending a report on Community Services utilization data and spending forecasts.				Adopt Senate
M00Q0101	GF	118-119	18	Medicaid – Strikes language restricting funds pending quarterly reports on Medicaid and Maryland Children's Health Program eligibility redetermination – the reports are requested through narrative instead.				House Position with modification to reduce the amount withheld pending the receipt of reports
M00Q0102	GF	120-121	19	Medicaid – Restricts funds pending a report on a referral platform for Medicaid and MCHP participants' health-related social needs.				Adopt Senate with modifications to language and the due date of a report
M00R0101	SF	128	20	MHCC – Contingent on SB 786 or HB 812, restricts funds pending letter confirming the submission of regulations related to health information exchanges and electronic health records.				Adopt Senate
Q00A0101	GF	152	21	DPSCS – Restricts funds pending a report on regulations on private companies providing home detention monitoring services.				Adopt Senate
Q00G0001	SF	164	22	PCTC – Restricts funds pending a report on police training fund strategic plan and expenditures.				Adopt Senate
Q00T0404	GF	165-166	23	Baltimore Central Booking – Modifies language that restricts funds pending a report on overtime and assaults.				Adopt Senate
R00A0101	GF	167-168	24	MSDE – Restricts funds pending a letter confirming the submission of reports requested in the 2023 JCR.				Adopt Senate with modification restricting funds pending submission of a report
R00A0305	SF	183	25	BOOST – Strikes language limiting participation to students and siblings already in the program.				Adopt Senate with modification adding language on how funds are to be allocated
R12A0101	SF	188	26	AIB – Restores funding for a consultant study.	-250,000			Adopt Senate with modification restricting funds pending submission of a report
S00A2402	GF	206-207	27	DHCD – Reduces funding for the Baltimore Regional Neighborhood Initiative and National Capital Strategic Economic Development Fund programs. Section 19 of the bill adds the funds for specific projects.		-4,850,000	-10,350,000	Adopt Senate with modifications to remove restrictive language and further reduce funds for capital programs
U00A0401	GF	211-212	28	MDE – Restricts funding for 1 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.				Adopt Senate
U00A0601	GF	213-214	29	MDE – Reduces the amount of funds restricted pending receipt of the Maryland Used Tire Cleanup and Recycling Fund annual report.				House Position
U00A1001	GF	214-215	30	MDE – Reduces the amount of funds restricted pending receipt of letter confirming that MDE's fiscal 2023 actual personnel expenditures and the fiscal 2024 working appropriation personnel expenditures are budgeted in the correct statewide subobjects.				Adopt Senate

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U00A1001	GF	215-217	31	MDE – Strikes language restricting funds pending the submission of a report on revised fee structures.				House Position with modifications to language requiring a report
Y01A	NA	225	32	Reserve Fund – Authorizes the Governor to process a budget amendment transferring up to \$100 million to MDOT to match federal grant awards not currently reflected in the CTP.				Adopt Senate with modification to the authorized use of funds
Section 19	All	233-262	33	Section 19 – Reallocates funding available through reductions to legislative priorities.				Adopt Senate with modifications to add funds, make reductions, and modify language
Section 21	All	263-264	34	Section – Adds a section reducing funding for the reinvestment savings contribution to the State pension system.				Adopt Senate
Section	GF	264-266	35	Section – Strikes a section restricting funds pending a report on Chesapeake Bay restoration spending that is requested through narrative.				Adopt Senate
Section 37	GF	281-282	36	Section 37 – Reduces from \$200,000 to \$100,000 the amount restricted pending a report on enforcement and inspection position strength assessment and vacant positions.				Adopt Senate
Section 39	GF	283-284	37	Section 39 – Adds a section restricting funds pending a report on progress in filling vacancies in agencies with vacancy rates of 15% or higher.				Adopt Senate
Technical	NA	285	38	Technical amendment renumbering sections.				Adopt
Various	All	N/A	HB200/983729/1	Makes reductions and reallocates funding, requires reports, and strikes restrictive language.				House Position
E20B0401	SF	N/A	CCSA1	STO – Adds language authorizing the transfer of positions.				Adopt
H00H0103	GF	N/A	CCSA2	DGS – Technical amendment to correct grantee name.				Adopt
H00H0103	GF	N/A	CCSA3	DGS – Technical amendment to correct grantee name.				Adopt
I00A0102	GF	N/A	CCSA4	DSCI – Reduces funding for The Maryland Corps.			-2,000,000	Adopt
	NA	N/A	CCTA1	Program. Technical amendment.				Adopt

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Conference Committee Amendment No. 1

On page 17 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services Administrative Headquarters, in program D21A01.01 Administrative Headquarters, adopt Amendment 4, and on page 20, in line 11 strike beginning with “unless” down through “providers.” in line 34 and substitute “funding provided under the federal Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) and additional State funding provided through the Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services (GOCPYVS) for fiscal 2024 shall be awarded in the following manner: (1) \$49,100,000 awarded for a 9-month period from October 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024, prorated to reflect a 9-month award, to victim services providers who received funding during fiscal 2023 at a prorated amount equal to 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. No federal or State funding may be awarded to additional victim services providers, State agencies, programs, or held in reserve until this amount is distributed in this prescribed manner. 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; and (2) any remaining funds shall be awarded to existing or new grantees on a competitive basis.”; on page 21, in line 13 strike beginning with “No” down through “regulations.” in line 21; in line 29 following “award” insert “, including those that will be competitively-awarded”; in line 32 following “each” insert “continuation-eligible”; on page 22, in line 30 following “continued.” insert “competitively”; and on page 24, in line 31 strike beginning with “Further” down through “State.” in line 41.

Conference Committee Amendment No. 2

On page 63 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading State Highway Administration, in program J00B01.05 County and Municipality Funds, adopt Amendment 9, and on page 64, in line 19 following “committees.” insert “Further provided that \$40,000 of this appropriation made for the purpose of providing a grant to Baltimore City may be used only for traffic calming in the 100 block of 39th Street between Canterbury and University Parkway in Baltimore City. Funds not expended for this restricted purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall be canceled.”.

Conference Committee Amendment No. 3

On page 97 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading Behavioral Health Administration, in program M00L01.02 Community Services, adopt Amendment 14, and on page 98, following line 7, insert “, provided that \$1,800,000 of this appropriation made for the purpose of behavioral health infrastructure investments may be used only for renovation and expansion of existing hospital services at Brook Lane Hospital to improve access to care of youth in need of inpatient”.

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hospitalization. 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.”.

Conference Committee Amendment No. 4

On page 98 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading Behavioral Health Administration, in program M00L01.02 Community Services, adopt Amendment 15, and in line 28 insert “Further provided that \$250,000 of this appropriation made for the purpose of behavioral health investments may not be expended until the Maryland Department of Health submits a report to the budget committees outlining specific programmatic uses and corresponding allocations of the funds. The report should include details on how the funds will be used to address specific needs, including the timeliness of court placements, youth in hospital overstays, crisis service expansion, and any other newly determined goals. The report shall be submitted by July 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 purposes and shall revert to the General Fund if the report is not submitted to the budget committees.”.

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On page 106 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading Medical Care Programs Administration, in program M00Q01.01 Deputy Secretary for Health Care Financing, reject Amendment 18, and in line 3, strike “\$1,000,000” and substitute “\$500,000”; and on page 107, in line 10, strike “\$250,000” and substitute “\$125,000”.

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On page 108 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading Medical Care Programs Administration, in program M00Q01.02 Office of Enterprise Technology – Medicaid, adopt Amendment 19, and strike beginning with “, provided” in line 38 down through “committees.” in line 42 on page 109, and substitute “, provided that \$100,000 of this appropriation made for the purpose of administration in the Office of Enterprise Technology may not be expended until the Maryland Department of Health Medical Care Programs Administration submits a report on current referral services within existing platforms and resources and the feasibility of developing a statewide closed-loop referral platform to connect Medicaid and Maryland Children’s Health Program (MCHP) participants with community-based organizations to address health-related social needs, support interagency collaboration in addressing social determinants of health, and advance health equity priorities. The report shall discuss, for existing platforms and resources including the Maryland Total Human Services Integrated Network (also known as MD THINK) and the 2-1-1 resource database:

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- (1) whether existing platforms currently identify Medicaid and MCHP participants' health-related social needs and refer participants to State and local agencies and community-based organizations to assist with those needs;
- (2) whether existing platforms track referred participants' outcomes; and
- (3) gaps in existing platforms and resources related to referral services, detailing the feasibility of incorporating a closed-loop referral function and ability to track outcomes for referred Medicaid and MCHP participants.

The report shall also discuss whether each of the following capabilities can feasibly be incorporated into existing platforms or whether a new referral platform should be considered to implement the following:

- (1) identifying social care needs through embedded screening and other data analytic tools;
- (2) utilizing an Enterprise Master Person Index to create a longitudinal record of service delivery;
- (3) sharing information securely and consistently with all applicable federal and State laws; and
- (4) tracking and measuring the outcome of referrals and the impact of interventions.

The report shall also discuss how existing platforms and resources or a new platform could be used to coordinate wraparound services to address maternal health disparities and support court-involved individuals receiving reentry support services or participating in diversion programs.

The report shall be submitted by August 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.”.

Conference Committee Amendment No. 7

On page 141 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading State Department of Education Headquarters, in program R00A01.03 Office of the Deputy for Teaching and Learning, adopt Amendment 24, and on page 143, in line 11 following “Appropriation” insert “, provided that \$50,000 of this appropriation for the Maryland State Department of Education may not be expended until the agency submits a report by July 1, 2023, outlining the State’s plan to address math proficiency. It is the intent of the General Assembly that the plan be implemented in the 2023-2024 school year and include specific accountability measures that would be put into effect

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should individual local education agencies or individual schools fail to improve math proficiency scores within two academic years. The budget committees shall have 45 days from the date of the receipt of the report for review and comment. Funds restricted pending the receipt of the 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.”.

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On page 156 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading Funding for Educational Organizations, in program R00A03.05 Broadening Options and Opportunities for Students Today, adopt Amendment 25, and in line 2 following “year.” insert “The BOOST Advisory Board shall prioritize awards for current BOOST recipients and their siblings and a student shall receive no less than the fiscal 2022 base award amount.”.

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On page 162 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading Accountability and Implementation Board, in program R12A01.01 Accountability and Implementation Board, adopt Amendment 26, and in line 29 following “Appropriation” insert “, provided that \$250,000 of this appropriation made for the purpose of supporting Object 08 Contractual Services expenses may not be expended until the Accountability and Implementation Board submits a report with recommendations for alternative quality requirements and structural elements for a private prekindergarten provider to participate in publicly funded prekindergarten programs. 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 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.”.

Conference Committee Amendment No. 10

On page 179 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading Division of Neighborhood Revitalization, in program S00A24.02 Neighborhood Revitalization – Capital Appropriation, adopt Amendment 27, and in line 7 strike beginning with “, provided” down through “Fund” in line 33; in line 34 strike “75,150,000” and substitute “69,650,000”; and in line 37 strike “89,350,000” and substitute “83,850,000”.

Conference Committee Amendment No. 11

On page 193 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading Coordinating Offices, in program U00A10.01 Coordinating Offices, reject Amendment 31, and in line 26 strike “fee”; in

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line 27 following “fees” insert “, fines, and penalties”; in line 30 strike “to ensure” and substitute “with the goal of ensuring”; in line 35 strike “to” and substitute “thereby”; in line 38 following “fee” insert “, fine, and penalty”; in line 40 following “fee” insert “, fine, and penalty”; on page 194 in line 2 following “fee” insert “, fine, and penalty”; in line 6 following “fee” insert “fine, and penalty,”; in line 12 following “fee” insert “, fine, and penalty”; and in line 21 following “fee” insert “, fine, and penalty”.

Conference Committee Amendment No. 12

On page 200 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading State Reserve Fund, adopt Amendment 32, and in line 8 following “grant awards” strike beginning with “not” down through “matches” in line 16 and substitute “for projects within the 2023-2028 Consolidated Transportation Program or to fund studies or improvements related to improving capacity or run-through service on the Brunswick, Camden, or Penn Lines of the Maryland Area Regional Commuter (MARC) Rail System, contingent on MDOT submitting a report, 30 days prior to the submission of the budget amendment to the Legislative Policy Committee, that lists the projects that qualified for federal awards requiring a State match, the amount of the federal awards, and the required State matches, or the MARC-related use of the funds”.

Conference Committee Amendment No. 13

On page 262 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading Section 19, adopt Amendment 33, and in line 32 strike “\$387,894,000” and substitute “\$384,847,000”; and on page 263 of the Committee Reprint, under Section 19, in line 24 strike “\$92,650,000” and substitute “\$87,150,000”; and on page 265 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading Section 19, in line 29 following “(Montgomery County);” insert “and”; and on page 265 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading Section 19, in line 32 following “project;” strike “and”; and on page 265 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading Section 19, strike beginning with “(xxvii) \$5,500,000” in line 33 down through “(Baltimore City);” in line 35; and on page 266 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading Section 19, in line 1 strike “\$53,682,000” and substitute “\$51,117,000”; and on page 266 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading Section 19, strike beginning with “\$5,802,000 for the New” in line 4 down through “Towson University;” in line 8 and substitute “\$5,500,000 for the Neighborhood Revitalization – Capital Appropriation (S00A24.02) in the Department of Housing and Community Development for the purpose of providing a grant to the Board of Directors of the Downtown Partnership of Baltimore, Inc. for security and safety infrastructure improvements in Baltimore City’s central business district (Baltimore City);” and on page 266 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading Section 19, in line 37 strike “the Officers of Eager Park Partners, LLC” and substitute “Community Wealth Builders, Inc.”; and on page 267 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading Section 19, in line 5, following “HEBCAC property;” strike “and”; and on page 267 of the Committee Reprint, strike beginning with “(o) \$2,000,000” in line 6 down through “Shopping Center.” in

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line 11 and substitute “(o) \$5,000,000 for the National Capital Strategic Economic Development Fund (S00A24.02) in the Department of Housing and Community Development for the purpose of providing grants as follows:

- (i) \$2,000,000 to the County Executive and County Council of Montgomery County for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Burtonsville Crossing Shopping Center;
 - (ii) \$2,000,000 to the County Executive and County Council of Prince George’s County for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the demolition of Cheverly Hospital; and
 - (iii) \$1,000,000 to the Marlboro Pike Partnership CDC for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of community development projects; and
- (p) \$2,500,000 for the Strategic Demolition Fund (S00A24.02) in the Department of Housing and Community Development for the purpose of providing grants as follows:
- (i) \$2,000,000 to the County Executive and County Council of Prince George’s County for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the demolition of Cheverly Hospital; and
 - (ii) \$500,000 to the Board of Trustees of Washington College for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of student housing and mixed-use residential and commercial space at Washington College.”; and on page 267 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading Section 19, in line 14 strike “\$300,000,000” and substitute “\$400,000,000”; and on page 267 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading Section 19, in line 18 strike “\$200,000,000” and substitute “\$100,000,000”; and on page 267 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading Section 19, strike beginning with “. Funds not expended” in line 26 down through “General Fund” in line 28; and on page 268 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading Section 19, strike beginning with “. Funds not expended” in line 18 down through “General Fund” in line 20; and on page 268 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading Section 19, in line 22 strike “C90G00.01 General Administration and Hearings within the Public Service Commission” and substitute “D13A13.08 Renewable and Clean Energy Programs and Initiatives”; and on the same page, in line 25 following “infrastructure” insert “in the Washington Gas service territory”; and on page 269 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading Section 19, in line 6,

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strike “SB 690” and substitute “SB 960”; and on page 270 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading Section 19, in line 21 strike “\$3,500,000” and substitute “\$3,600,000”; and on page 271 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading Section 19, strike beginning with “of funding the State” in line 3 down through “system salaries.” in line 6 and substitute “of an increase in funding for the State share of nonpublic school special education teacher salaries.”; and on page 271 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading Section 19, strike beginning with “. Funds not expended” in line 19 down through “General Fund” in line 20; and on page 272 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading Section 19, in line 9 strike “Organization” and substitute “Organizations”; and on page 272 of the Committee Reprint under the heading Section 19, strike beginning with “3D Scholars” in line 17 down through “Global Campus” in line 19 and substitute “UMGC Maryland Completion Scholarship program”; and on page 274 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading Section 19, in line 16 following “Foundation” insert “, Inc”; and on page 275 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading Section 19, strike beginning with “. Funds not expended” in line 29 down through “General Fund” in line 30; and on page 275 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading Section 19, strike beginning with “. Funds not expended” in line 34 down through “General Fund” in line 36; and on page 276 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading Section 19, in line 25 following “financial challenges” insert “. Consistent with the authority provided in Health General 19-109, the Maryland Health Care Commission (MHCC) shall establish the criteria for allocating the funds among trauma centers experiencing financial challenges. In establishing the criteria, MHCC is not required to follow the methodology utilized for disbursements from the Maryland Trauma Physician Services Fund. MHCC may allocate the funds entirely in fiscal 2024 or over a multi-year period. MHCC shall submit a report to the budget committees on the criteria for allocating the funds 45 days before the transfer of any funds from the Dedicated Purpose Account to MHCC for allocation to trauma centers”; and on page 276 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading Section 19, in line 26 strike “\$5,000,000” and substitute “\$6,000,000”; and on page 276 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading Section 19, in line 36 strike “\$2,000,000” and substitute “1,000,000”; and on the same page, in line 39 strike “to ensure that the program is level funded in fiscal 2024”; and on page 278 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading Section 19, strike beginning with “\$800,000 in general funds” in line 12 down through “General Fund;” in line 16 and substitute “\$950,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program D21A02.01 Children and Youth Division within the Children’s Services Unit within the Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services for the purpose of providing an operating grant to the Maryland Alliance of Boys & Girls Clubs. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;”; and on page 280 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading Section 19, strike beginning with “\$500,000 in general funds” in line 1 down through “General Fund;” in line 5 and substitute “\$1,267,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program E00A01.01 Executive Direction within the Comptroller”

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of Maryland for the purpose of reclassification of positions from Tax Consultant I to Senior Tax Attorney. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;”; and on page 280 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading Section 19, in line 33 following “general funds” insert “and 3.0 new positions are”; and on the same page, in line 33 strike “is”; and on the same page, in line 35 following “resources and” insert “3.0”; and on page 281 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading Section 19, in line 30 strike “T00G00.05” and substitute “T00F00.05”; and on page 284 of the Committee Reprint under the heading Section 19, in line 6 strike “\$100,000” and substitute “\$75,000”; and on page 285 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading Section 19, in line 25 strike “\$50,000” and substitute “\$25,000”; and on page 286 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading Section 19, in line 19 strike “a grant” and substitute “increasing funding”; and on the same page, strike beginning with “within” in line 19 down through “Maryland” in line 20; and on page 287 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading Section 19, in line 12, strike “and”; and on the same page, in line 17, strike “Fund.” and substitute “Fund; (129) \$1,500,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program D05E01.10 Miscellaneous Grants to Private Nonprofit Groups within the Board of Public Works for the purpose of providing a grant to the Upton Planning Committee for the Parren J. Mitchell House. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund; (130) \$60,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program R00A02.13 Innovative Programs within the Aid to Education budget within the Maryland State Department of Education for the purpose of providing a grant to the Gwynn Park High School FFA Program in Prince George’s County to support agricultural education. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund; (131) \$100,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program D21A01.02 Local Law Enforcement Grants within the Administrative Headquarters within the Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services for the purpose of a grant to the Maryland Children’s Alliance, Inc. for child advocacy centers. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund; (132) \$50,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program R62I00.07 Educational Grants within the Maryland Higher Education Commission for a grant to the Washington Center for Internships and Academic Seminars. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund; (133) \$100,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for M00L01.02 Community Services within the Behavioral Health Administration within the Maryland Department of Health to provide a grant to Pro Bono Counseling to support operation of the WARMLine and access to mental healthcare. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund; (134) \$75,000

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in general funds is added to the appropriation for program M00B01.04 Health Professional Boards and Commission within Regulatory Services within the Maryland Department of Health for the purpose of supporting operations of the Maryland Board of Social Work Examiners, contingent on the enactment of SB 145 or HB 103 and on the enactment of SB 871 requiring that the Board, within certain time periods, notifies an applicant of whether the application is complete; establishing the Workgroup on Social Work Examination Requirements; and implementing the conditional and temporary licensure program. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund; (135) \$100,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program D05E01.10 Miscellaneous Grants to Private Nonprofit Groups within the Board of Public Works for the purpose of providing a grant to the York Road Partnership, Inc. for security and safety infrastructure improvements in Baltimore City's northcentral business and transportation corridor. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund; (136) \$110,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program D05E01.10 Miscellaneous Grants to Private Nonprofit Groups within the Board of Public Works for the purpose of a grant to the Olney Civic Fund. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund; (137) \$500,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program D21A01.01 Administrative Headquarters within the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services for the purpose of providing a grant to TurnAround, Inc to support operations of nonprofit-provided housing and support for youth survivors of human trafficking. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund; (138) \$250,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program R00A02.13 Innovative Programs within the Aid to Education budget within the Maryland State Department of Education for the purpose of providing a grant to The College Board for the purpose of covering Advanced Placement exam fees for low-income students and to reduce barriers to advanced coursework. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund; (139) \$100,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program E75D00.01 Administration and Operations within the Maryland Lottery and Gaming Control Agency for the purpose of funding a contract with a third party to assist in the completion of a study on iGaming. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund; (140) \$50,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program D05E01.10 Miscellaneous Grants to Private Nonprofit Groups within the Board of Public Works for the purpose of providing a grant to the Foundation for the Advancement of Music and Education. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and

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shall revert to the General Fund; (141) \$250,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program B75A01.04 Office of Operations and Support Services within the Department of Legislative Services within the Maryland General Assembly for the purpose of hosting a conference for the Council of State Governments. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund; (142) \$200,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program D05E01.10 Miscellaneous Grants to Private Nonprofit Groups within the Board of Public Works for the purpose of providing a grant to the Maryland Council on Economic Education for the purpose of improving and expanding financial and economic education resources. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund; (143) \$8,500,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program D26A07.03 Community Services within the Department of Aging for the purpose of eliminating waitlists in the Senior Care program in the Department of Aging. The funds shall be distributed to local area agencies on aging with waitlists in the Senior Care program. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund; (144) \$7,900,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program D05E01.10 Miscellaneous Grants to Private Nonprofit Groups within the Board of Public Works for the purpose of a grant to the Board of Directors of the College Park City-University Partnership. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund; (145) \$250,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program R00A02.13 Innovative Programs within the Aid to Education budget within the Maryland State Department of Education for the purpose of a grant to Thread, Inc. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund; (146) \$100,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program R75T00.01 Support for State Operated Institutions of Higher Education for R14D00 St. Mary's College of Maryland for the redevelopment of Mount Aventine at Chapman State Park. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund; (147) \$100,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation of T00G00.05 Maryland State Arts Council within the Department of Commerce for the purpose of providing a grant to the Chesapeake Shakespeare Company. Further provided that these added funds shall not be included in the fiscal 2025 calculation of Arts Council formula funding. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund; (148) \$100,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation of N00I00.07 Office of Grants Management within the Family Investment Administration within the Department of Human Services for the purpose of providing a grant to Human Services Coalition of Prince George's County, Inc. dba Nonprofit Prince George's County for the Stand Up & Deliver program. Funds not

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expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund; (149) \$50,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation of M00M01.02 Community Services within the Developmental Disabilities Administration within the Maryland Department of Health for the purpose of providing a grant to The Arc of Howard County. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund; (150) \$2,000,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation of program S00A24.01 Neighborhood Revitalization within the Department of Housing and Community Development for the purpose of providing emergency rental assistance. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund; (151) \$325,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation of M00F03.04 Family Health and Chronic Disease Services within the Maryland Department of Health for the purpose of providing a grant to the Center for Infant & Child Loss at the University of Maryland, Baltimore Campus University of Maryland School of Medicine. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund; (152) \$110,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation of N00I00.07 Office of Grants Management within the Family Investment Administration within the Department of Human Services for the purpose of increasing the grant to Roberta's House, Inc. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund; (153) \$2,500,000 in special funds is added to the appropriation for program R00A03.04 Aid to Non-Public Schools within the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) for grants to non-public schools that participated in fiscal 2023 in the Broadening Options and Opportunities for Students Today (BOOST) program R00A03.05, for the purpose of school nurses, other health services, and for school security. MSDE shall establish an award process and a timeline for these awards. Any funds remaining after awards are made for school nurses, other health services, and for school security shall be made available for schools that participated in the BOOST program in fiscal 2023 for textbooks under the Aid to Non-Public Schools program. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall be canceled; and (154) \$2,000,000 in special funds is added to the appropriation for program R00A02.60 Blueprint for Maryland's Future Grant Program budget within the Maryland State Department of Education to provide funds for local education agency Blueprint for Maryland's Future Grant Program coordinators. Funds shall be distributed in accordance with the proportion by which the State allocates funding for the State Share of the Foundation Program in R00A02.01. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall be canceled.”; and on page 3 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading Judiciary, following line 1 insert “Provided that \$5,100,000 in general funds made for the purpose of operating expenses is reduced. The Chief Justice is authorized to allocate this reduction across

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programs within the Judiciary.”; and on page 10 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading Board of Public Works, in program D05E01.10 Miscellaneous Grants to Private Nonprofit Groups, in line 25 strike “20,614,765” and substitute “19,114,765”; and on the same page, in line 34, strike “1,750,000” and substitute “250,000”; and on page 29 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading Maryland Stadium Authority, in program D28A03.69 Racing and Community Development Financing Fund, strike beginning with “, provided” in line 21 down through “Park” in line 7 on page 30; and on page 39 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading Office of the Comptroller, following line 2 insert “Provided that the Comptroller of Maryland shall conduct a study on fines, penalties, and interest rates charged by the Comptroller’s Office and submit the findings to the budget committees no later than October 20, 2023. The study should specifically explore the concern of varying rates paid by the Comptroller’s Office when a refund is due to a taxpayer as a result of an error made by the Office versus the rates paid by a taxpayer to the Office when the taxpayer makes an error or fails to pay tax obligations in a timely manner. The submitted report should specifically identify an equitable or fair rate that balances the competing interests.”; and on page 44 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading Maryland Lottery and Gaming Control Agency, following line 5, insert “Provided that, on or before November 15, 2023, the Maryland Lottery and Gaming Control Agency shall submit a report on iGaming to the budget committees. The report may be done in consultation with an independent third-party vendor and shall include the following information:

- (1) the estimated size and revenue potential of a legal iGaming market in Maryland;
- (2) the size of and revenue generated by iGaming in other states;
- (3) the estimated impact of iGaming on revenue generated by Maryland’s brick-and-mortar casinos, other gaming venues, and the State lottery;
- (4) the impact of iGaming on revenue generated by brick-and-mortar casinos, other gaming venues, and the lottery in other states;
- (5) the experience of other states in implementing iGaming;
- (6) the potential impacts on brick-and-mortar casinos and gaming venues through partnerships with iGaming operators;
- (7) the potential usage of multi-jurisdictional gaming agreements;
- (8) the estimated size of the existing illegal iGaming market in Maryland and methods to transition individuals from the illegal market to a legal market;

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- (9) the consumer protections available for users of legal iGaming, including the verification process for transactions and the ability to limit and monitor those transactions to ensure responsible gaming; and
- (10) the impact of iGaming on problem gambling and methods to encourage responsible gaming and combat the growth of problem gambling.”; and on page 48 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading Office of Personnel Services and Benefits, in program F10A02.08 Statewide Expenses, in line 18 strike “53,439,220” and substitute “52,239,220”; and on the same page, in line 27 strike “325,728,521” and substitute “324,528,521”; and on page 197 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading Maryland State Police, in program W00A01.01 Office of the Superintendent, in line 4 following “Appropriation” insert “, provided that \$250,000 of this appropriation made for the purpose of general administration may not be expended until Department of State Police submits two reports to the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee, the Senate Executive Nominations Committee, and the House Appropriations Committee outlining the progress made toward achieving the following goals:
- (1) increasing the agency’s investments in recruitment and retention in order to rebuild ranks and revitalize morale;
 - (2) executing an agency reorganization that creates more opportunities for advancement;
 - (3) the development of a merit-based promotions system based and grounded in fairness and transparency;
 - (4) an increase in staffing and expertise within the Office of Equity and Inclusion so that trooper concerns and complaints are addressed in a more timely manner; and
 - (5) the implementation of a discipline review team tasked with the responsibility of identifying inconsistencies in response and other inequitable or questionable practices within the department in order to continuously identify opportunities for additional training or improvements in policy.

Where possible, the report should provide measurable data to support the stated progress or identify potential performance measures that can be used to continue to monitor the department’s progress toward achieving these goals. The first report shall be submitted by July 1, 2023, and the second report shall be submitted by December 15, 2023. Release of one half of the restricted appropriation shall be considered with each report submission and the budget committees shall have 45 days from the date of the receipt of each 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.”; and on page 199 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading Public Debt, in

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program X00A00.01 Redemption and Interest on the State Debt, in line 4 strike “433,800,000” and substitute “433,100,000”; and on the same page, in line 6 strike “1,458,000,000” and substitute “1,457,300,000”; and on page 249 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading Section 12, in line 20 strike “9909” and substitute “9910”; and on the same page, in line 21 strike “9909” and substitute “9910”; and on the same page, in line 22 strike “Senior Executive Associate Attorney General 9908” and substitute “Chief Operating Officer 9909”; and on page 301 of the Committee Reprint, in line 22 following “budget committees.” insert “SECTION 40. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Department of General Services may administer capital pay-as-you-go (PAYGO) funded grants appropriated in H00H01.02, H00H01.03, and Section 19 of this Act, notwithstanding technical differences in the name of the grantee, or the description and location of the project, provided that the proposed use of funds is consistent with the public purpose of the original appropriation. SECTION 41. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Department of Budget and Management shall establish separate eight-digit budget codes for capital pay-as-you-go (PAYGO) appropriations for each University System of Maryland institution including the Universities at Shady Grove, Morgan State University, St. Mary’s College of Maryland, and Baltimore City Community College. When multiple projects are budgeted within the same eight-digit budget code, each distinct project shall be budgeted in a distinct subprogram.”.

Conference Committee Supplemental Budget Amendment No. 1

On page 21 of Supplemental Budget No. 2, under the heading State Treasurer’s Office, in item 68, in program E20B04.01 Maryland 529, following “provided that this appropriation” insert “and the authorization to transfer 13.0 positions from program R60H00.41 Maryland Senator Edward J. Kasemeyer Prepaid College Trust Fund and 2.0 positions from program R60H00.45 Maryland Achieving a Better Life Experience Program to the appropriate programs within E20B State Treasurer’s Office”.

Conference Committee Supplemental Budget Amendment No. 2

On page 25 of Supplemental Budget No. 2, under the heading Department of General Services, in item 83, program H00H01.03 Miscellaneous Grants – Capital Appropriation, following “(28)”, strike “Jewish Community Relations Council” and substitute “The Jewish Federation of Greater Washington”.

Conference Committee Supplemental Budget Amendment No. 3

On page 25 of Supplemental Budget No. 2, under the heading Department of General Services, in item 83, program H00H01.03 Miscellaneous Grants – Capital Appropriation, following “(29)” strike “Baltimore Jewish Council” and substitute “The Associated: Jewish Federation of Baltimore for the Park Heights Campus Expansion and Renovation”.

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Conference Committee Supplemental Budget Amendment No. 4

On page 26 of Supplemental Budget No. 2 under the heading Department of Service and Civic Innovation, in item 87, program I00A01.02 Maryland Corps Program, strike “4,654,603” and replace with “2,654,603”; and strike each occurrence of “5,000,000”, and substitute “3,000,000”.

Conference Committee Technical Amendment No. 1

On page 141 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading Headquarters, in program R00A01.01 Office of the State Superintendent, in line 14 following “the date of” insert “the”; and on the same page, in line 39 following “days from” insert “the date of the”; and on page 160 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading Funding for Educational Organizations, in program R00A03.05 Broadening Options and Opportunities for Students Today, in line 13 strike “2023-2024” and substitute “2022-2023”; and on page 301 of the Committee Reprint, in line 23 strike “40.” and substitute “42.”; and on the same page, in line 29 strike “41.” and substitute “43.”.