
Public Safety and Administration Subcommittee

Additional Pages

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C00A00 Judiciary

Committee Narrative

C00A00.06 Administrative Office of the Courts

Adopt the following narrative:

Annual Court Performance Measures: The committees request a report on the performance of the ~~circuit and District courts~~ *Judiciary*, to be submitted by December 15, 2026, with annual court performance measures data for the circuit and District courts, *the Supreme Court, and the Appellate Court*. *The report should contain the percentage of cases disposed of within 18, 24, and 30 months; the total number of rulings; and the total number of filings per month. The report should also explain the change in the total number of filings and any issues that the Judiciary is having achieving its processing goals.*

Information Request	Author	Due Dates
Annual court performance measures report	Judiciary	December 15, 2026

C96J00
Uninsured Employers' Fund

Budget Amendment

C96J00.01 General Administration

Add the following language to the Special Funds appropriation:

, provided that ~~\$100,000~~ \$1,000,000 of this appropriation made for the purpose of administrative expenses for the Uninsured Employers' Fund (UEF) may not be expended until UEF submits a report in conjunction with the Department of Budget and Management to the budget committees documenting whether a third-party administrator is needed for the entire current five-year contract. The report must provide an analysis of the agency's current and future staffing needs and consider the possible shift of claim management functions in-house. The report shall also discuss any other plans or strategies being implemented or considered to improve the fiscal condition of the fund to ensure that UEF can meet its obligations related to claims and operations. The report shall also discuss the status of the UEF board, noting the number of vacant and filled positions as well as the board's work and activities to oversee the agency operations. The report shall be submitted by October 1, 2026, 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: The budget committees are concerned about the significant increase in operating expenditures due to the procurement of a contract with a third-party administrator to perform many core functions of the agency and *the solvency of UEF*. The report was originally requested in the 2025 Joint Chairmen's Report to be submitted by December 1, 2025; however, UEF has not submitted the report. This language restricts funds until UEF submits a report detailing its staffing capacity to manage claim functions in house.

Information Request	Author	Due Date
UEF operational needs	UEF Department of Budget and Management	October 1, 2026

D21
Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy

Budget Amendment

D21A01.01 Administrative Headquarters

Add the following language to the general fund appropriation:

Further provided that it is the intent of the General Assembly that the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy shall provide the victim notification program of the Maryland Coalition Against Sexual Assault (MCASA) with information contained in the sexual assault kit reporting system established by § 11-926.1 of the Criminal Procedure Article for the purpose of MCASA providing sexual assault survivors with notifications and support regarding their sexual assault evidence kit.

Explanation: This language expresses the intent of the General Assembly that the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy provide MCASA information contained in the office's reporting system for sexual assault evidence kits so that MCASA may provide notification to, and otherwise support, survivors of sexual assault.

D21
Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy

Budget Amendment

D21A01.03 State Aid for Police Protection

Add the following language to the general fund appropriation:

Further provided that \$6,000,000 of this appropriation made for the purpose of State Aid for Police Protection enhancement funding may not be expended for that purpose, but instead may only be used for the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy to provide grants for law enforcement agencies to encrypt communications systems, including in-vehicle technology. 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: The fiscal 2027 allowance includes \$47,132,583 in enhanced public safety aid through State Aid for Police Protection. This language requires that \$6,000,000 of this amount be used for grants to law enforcement agencies to encrypt their communications systems, including in-vehicle technology.

D24
Department of Social and Economic Mobility

Committee Narrative

D24A01.02 Office of Minority Business Enterprises

Adopt the following narrative:

***Report on Transportation Trust Fund (TTF) Support for the Office of Minority Business Enterprises (OMBE):** OMBE, which is responsible for certification of Maryland Minority Business Enterprises, historically operated within the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) and is supported with funds from the TTF. In accordance with Chapter 605 of 2025, OMBE was transferred to the new Department of Social and Economic Mobility (DoSEM). However, State law continues to require that OMBE’s operational and administrative expenses be supported by TTF revenues. Given that TTF revenues are dedicated transportation funds, the committees request that DoSEM submit a report detailing the amount of TTF funding used to support OMBE operations. The report should include the amount of TTF funding received and how the funds were expended in fiscal 2026.*

<i>Information Request</i>	<i>Author</i>	<i>Due Date</i>
<i>Report on TTF funding provided for OMBE</i>	<i>DoSEM</i>	<i>August 1, 2026</i>

D38I01

State Board of Elections

Committee Narrative

D38I01.01 General Administration

Quarterly Reports on all Major Information Technology Development Projects (MITDP):

The State Board of Elections (SBE) is implementing four ongoing MITDPs for a statewide pollbook system replacement, new voting system, Voter Registration and Election Administration Modernization Project, and a new Campaign Reporting Information System. The committees remain interested in monitoring the progress of SBE's implementation of the MITDPs. The committees request that SBE submit quarterly reports on all MITDP activities and expenditures separately for each of the four projects through their completion. Each report should include the following for each project:

- a description of activities undertaken during the quarter, including dates, identification of achieved milestones or delays, and an assessment of how any delays affect the overall project timeline *and the anticipated timeline for full statewide deployment of the system;*
- actual project spending by month for the quarter, cumulative project expenditures to date, including total spending since project inception and remaining estimated funding by fund source;
- any changes to the project's approved cost baseline, including explanations for increases or decreases in total estimated project costs;
- *a discussion of any technical or operational issues encountered during development, testing, or implementation for elections, specifying the election in which the system was used, impacts on election administration, and corrective actions taken;*
- an assessment of future risks to the project timeline and planned mitigation strategies; and
- identification of key upcoming milestones and external dependencies, including vendor deliverables, federal certification requirements, and coordination with local boards of elections, that could affect project readiness for upcoming election cycles.

Information Request	Author	Due Date
Quarterly report on all MITDPs	SBE	July 15, 2026 October 15, 2026 January 15, 2027 April 15, 2027

D52
Maryland Department of Energy Management

Committee Narrative

D52A01.01 Maryland Department of Emergency Management

Adopt the following narrative:

Implementing the Georges Creek Task Force Recommendations: The committees request that the Maryland Department of Emergency Management (MDEM), the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE), and the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) submit a report on efforts to mitigate the impact of future flooding along Georges Creek in Allegany County, *including the federal government's involvement in the mitigation efforts*. In addition, MDE, MDEM, and MDOT should discuss the feasibility of implementing the recommendations in the draft Georges Creek Task Force Action Report, including the expected costs and funding mechanisms.

Information Request	Author	Due Date
Report on implementing the Georges Creek Task Force recommendations	MDEM MDE MDOT	December 1, 2026

D74
Office of the Correctional Ombudsman

Budget Amendment

D74A01.01 Office of the Correctional Ombudsman

Add the following language to the general fund appropriation:

, provided that \$50,000 of this appropriation made for the purpose of general administration may not be expended until the Office of the Correctional Ombudsman submits a report to the budget committees containing proposed Managing for Results goals, objectives, and measures. The report shall include actual fiscal 2025 data and estimates for fiscal 2026 and 2027. The report shall be submitted to the budget committees no later than July 1, 2026. 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 Office of the Correctional Ombudsman (OCO) did not submit Managing for Results (MFR) goals, objectives, or measures with its fiscal 2027 budget. This language restricts funds pending the submission of a report with proposed MFR goals, objectives, and measures, including actual fiscal 2025 data and estimates for fiscal 2026 and 2027.*

Information Request	Author	Due Date
<i>Report on MFR objectives and measures</i>	<i>OCO</i>	<i>July 1, 2026</i>

Q00A
Administration and Offices
Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services

Committee Narrative

Q00A01.01 General Administration

Adopt the following narrative:

***Use of Deficiency Appropriations:** The fiscal 2027 budget includes proposed deficiencies for the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services (DPSCS) that increase the department's fiscal 2026 appropriation by a total of \$87.3 million, including \$25.9 million to cover fiscal 2025 shortfalls in inmate health costs. The fiscal 2026 budget increased the DPSCS fiscal 2025 appropriation by \$203.4 million, including \$48.4 million to cover fiscal 2024 shortfalls in operating costs. The committees request that DPSCS submit a report by September 15, 2026, on its use of deficiency appropriations. The report should include:*

- *an explanation for the use of each deficiency appropriation from fiscal 2024 to 2026;*
- *strategies taken by DPSCS to improve forecasting to reduce the need for deficiency appropriations;*
- *an assessment of whether deficiencies represent ongoing structural funding gaps in the DPSCS operating budget; and*
- *fiscal 2027 year-to-date spending compared to projected spending for programs and expenses that commonly require deficiency appropriations, including overtime and other personnel costs, facility operational costs, legal settlements, healthcare costs, and new or expanded contractual obligations.*

<i>Information Request</i>	<i>Author</i>	<i>Due Date</i>
<i>Report on deficiency appropriations</i>	<i>DPSCS</i>	<i>September 15, 2026</i>

Q00A
Administration and Offices
Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services

Budget Amendment

Q00A01.10 Administrative Services

Add the following language to the general fund appropriation:

Further provided that \$250,000 of this appropriation made for the purpose of the inmate medical care contract within the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services (DPSCS) may not be expended until DPSCS submits a letter to the budget committees confirming that the vendor has responded to an average of 95% or more of audited inmate medical grievances and Administrative Remedy Procedures complaints over a three-month period. The budget committees shall have 45 days from the date of the receipt of the letter to review and comment. Funds restricted pending the receipt of the letter may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund if the letter is not submitted to the budget committees. DPSCS shall withhold \$250,000 from the vendor for the inmate medical care contract until the budget committees authorize the release of these restricted funds to DPSCS.

Explanation: From February to August 2025, the department audited 1,257 medical grievances and Administrative Remedy Procedure complaints and found that 34.8% were not responded to in a timely manner or that no response was provided at all. Administrative Remedy Procedures are a formal process that allows incarcerated individuals to issue complaints regarding the conditions of their confinement. This language restricts funds from the inmate medical care contract until DPSCS provides a letter to the committees confirming that the inmate medical care contractor has responded to an average of 95% or more medical Administrative Remedy Procedures complaints and grievances over a three-month period.

Information Request	Author	Due Date
Letter confirming health care contract remedy procedures	DPSCS	30 days after the vendor has met the 95% average response rate

Q00B
Corrections
Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services

Committee Narrative

Q00B01.01 General Administration

Adopt the following narrative:

Reentry Passport Program Rollout: The Reentry Passport Program is expected to provide all 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. The program remains in the pilot phase, and more work is needed to be done by the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services (DPSCS) so that all returning citizens will have access to this service moving forward. The committees request that DPSCS submit a report by October 15, 2026, on the Reentry Passport Program rollout. The report should document the progress of expanding the program and future plans to fully implement the program, including:

- the number of reentry passport accounts that have been created by fiscal year;
- the number of individuals who have gained access to their Reentry Passport account by fiscal year;
- the list of functional passport functions;
- the list of nonfunctional/upcoming passport functions;
- the timeline by which all returning citizens will be able to access the passport;
- historic levels of returning citizens monthly;
- update on the rollout of the passport program to Division of Parole and Probation agents and supervisors;
- the role of community partners to assist in the rollout of the program, including the Cash Campaign of Maryland *and Life After Release*;
- challenges to full rollout; and
- the potential impact on recidivism.

Information Request

Author

Due Date

Report on the reentry passport program.

DPSCS

October 15, 2026

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

Budget Amendment

Add the following section:

Section XX Requirements for Police Certification

SECTION XX. AND IT BE FUTHER ENACTED, That it is the intent of the General Assembly that the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission (MPTSC) within the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services (DPSCS) and the Department of State Police (DSP) require, as part of the application for police certification, an attestation made by the individual under penalty of perjury that the applicant is not currently affiliated with or has not previously been affiliated with and not subsequently renounced affiliation to any racially or ethnically motivated violent extremist group or other domestic terrorist group as defined by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and assessed in 2020, 2021, and 2022 by FBI and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. It is the intent of the General Assembly that the requirement for attestation be included in the application for police certification in perpetuity.

Further provided that \$250,000 of the general fund appropriation for MPTSC within DPSCS and \$250,000 of the general fund appropriation for DSP may not be expended until DPSCS and DSP submit a joint report to the budget committees on the implementation of requirements for certain attestations from individuals prior to providing police certification. The report shall discuss the timeline and implementation of requirements for attestation under penalty of perjury, as part of the application for police certification, police certification renewal, and other onboarding processes, that an individual is not affiliated with racially or ethnically motivated violent extremist groups or other domestic terrorist groups as defined by the FBI and assessed in 2020, 2021, and 2022 by FBI and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. The report shall include the policies and verification procedures established to require law enforcement agencies to receive applicants' attestations that they are not affiliated with the specified groups. The report shall also include a description of the policies, requirements, and procedures in place to ensure that all police officers and individuals trained to become police officers are not affiliated or members of the specified groups.

The joint report shall be submitted to the budget committees by November 1, 2026 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: *This language expresses the intent of the General Assembly that MPTSC and DSP require attestation under penalty of perjury from applicants for police certification that they are not affiliated or have previously been affiliated with certain racially or ethnically motivated violent extremist groups or other domestic terrorist groups. This language also restricts funds from MPTSC and DSP pending the submission of a joint report on the implementation of policies and requirements related to these attestation requirements through application for police certification, renewal of police certification, and other onboarding processes, including procedures for law enforcement agencies to verify and receive attestations.*

Information Request	Author	Due Date
<i>Report on vetting procedures for police officers</i>	<i>DPSCS DSP</i>	<i>November 1, 2026</i>

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

Committee Narrative

Q00T04.01 Chesapeake Detention Facility

Adopt the following narrative:

Chesapeake Detention Facility (CDF) New Contract: The Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services (DPSCS) has operated CDF since fiscal 2012. DPSCS signed a seven-year contract with the U.S. Marshals Service (USMS) to continue operating the facility. The committees request that DPSCS submit a report detailing the structure and financial terms of the new contract with USMS. The report should be provided by August 15, 2026. Additionally, the report should explain the methodology used to calculate the monthly federal payment, including underlying assumptions and the cost escalation incorporated in the agreement. The report should also discuss how the contract’s inflation compares with the historic rate of growth in operating costs to operate the facility. The report should outline the actions that DPSCS plans to take to reduce the reliance on State funds to support CDF operations and provide its projected operating costs of CDF for each year through fiscal 2032. *The report should also provide a breakdown of the offenses committed by the individuals held in the facility by fiscal year, specifying whether any individuals are held due to immigration enforcement or immigration-related crimes.*

Information Request	Author	Due Date
Report on the new CDF contract	DPSCS	August 15, 2026

W00A
Department of State Police

Budget Amendment

W00A01.01 Office of the Superintendent

Add the following language to the general fund appropriation:

It is the intent of the General Assembly that grant funding that the Department of State Police provides to the Maryland Sheriffs' Association for operational training and support be used by the Maryland Sheriffs' Association to provide trainings to law enforcement agencies related to State law regarding immigration enforcement agreements.

Explanation: Chapters 1 and 2 of 2026 prohibit the State; a unit of local government; a county sheriff; or any agency, officer, employee, or agent of the State or a unit of local government from entering into an immigration enforcement agreement. Any existing immigration enforcement agreement must be terminated on or before July 1, 2026. The fiscal 2027 budget includes \$333,000 in general funds for the Department of State Police to provide to the Maryland Sheriffs' Association. This language expresses the intent of the General Assembly that this funding be used for the Maryland Sheriffs' Association to provide trainings to law enforcement agencies regarding immigration enforcement agreements.