

Decision Document

**House Appropriations Committee
Public Safety and Administration Subcommittee**

2026 Session

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Judiciary

	<u>Amount Change</u>	<u>Position Change</u>	<u>Agency Response</u>	<u>Hearing Notes</u>	<u>Senate Decisions</u>	<u>House Decisions</u>
1. Reduce \$250,000 in general funds for postage to align with fiscal 2025 actual expenses. The Chief Justice is authorized to allocate this reduction across the Judiciary.	-\$250,000	GF			Concur.	Adopt.
2. Reduce \$2,500,000 in general funds made for the purpose of District Court contractual employee salary increases to align with fiscal 2025 actual expenses.	-\$2,500,000	GF		Disagree – All contractual positions within the District Court are for bailiffs. The Judiciary has been providing annual salary increases to bailiffs, with previous appropriation levels being insufficient and requiring fund realignments to cover costs.		Adopt.
3. Reduce \$150,000 in general funds made for the purpose of District Court in-state and out-of-state travel to align with fiscal 2025 actual expenses.	-\$150,000	GF		Concur in part – The Judiciary states a decrease of \$20,070 is appropriate to match the fiscal 2025 actual expenditures and would concur fully for this amount.	Modify,	see below.

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First House Modification						
Reduce \$75,000 in general funds made for the purpose of District Court in-state and out-of-state travel to align with fiscal 2025 actual expenses.	-\$75,000	GF			Adopt.	
4. Reduce \$750,000 in general funds made for the purpose of printing expenses to align with fiscal 2025 actual expenses. The Chief Justice is authorized to allocate this reduction across the Judiciary.				Concur.	Adopt.	
	-\$750,000	GF				
5. Reduce \$400,000 made for the purpose of providing attorneys for required representation at initial appearances before District Court Commissioners consistent with the holding of the Supreme Court of Maryland in DeWolfe v. Richmond to align with fiscal 2025 actual expenses.				Concur in part – As the Appointed Attorney Program is required to fulfill a constitutional right, the program’s use is directly related to the number of arrests made each fiscal year. The Judiciary would concur to a reduction of \$200,000.	Modify, see below	
	-\$400,000	GF				

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First House Modification						
Reduce \$200,000 made for the purpose of providing attorneys for required representation at initial appearances before District Court Commissioners consistent with the holding of the Supreme Court of Maryland in DeWolfe v. Richmond to align with fiscal 2025 actual expenses.	-\$200,000	GF			Adopt.	
6. Reduce \$7,000,000 in special funds made for the Judiciary’s Major Information Technology Development Projects to align with fiscal 2025 actual expenses. The Chief Justice is authorized to allocate this reduction across the Judiciary.	-\$7,000,000	SF	Disagree	– Reduction to the Judiciary’s Major Information Technology Development would have significant impacts on the program’s projects.	Modify, see below.	
First House Modification						
Reduce \$5,000,000 in special funds made for the Judiciary’s Major Information Technology Development Projects to align with fiscal 2025 actual expenses. The Chief Justice is authorized to allocate this reduction across the Judiciary.	-\$5,000,000	SF			Adopt.	

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7. Reduce \$200,000 in general funds made for the purpose of telephone expenses to align with fiscal 2025 actual expenses. The Chief Justice is authorized to allocate this reduction across the Judiciary.	-\$200,000	GF		Concur.	Adopt.	
8. Reduce \$509,671 in general funds to abolish 3.0 new positions (N27049, N27050, and N27051) in the St. Mary’s County Circuit Court. This reduction may be allocated between the C00A00.03 Circuit Court Judges program and C00A00.10 Clerks of the Circuit Court program.	-\$509,671	GF	-3.00	Disagree – The Circuit Court for St. Mary’s County has faced significantly more serious criminal cases going to trial than in other jurisdictions. Jury trials for this jurisdiction have increased since fiscal 2018, which are the most time-sensitive activities for courts.	Adopt.	
9. Add the following language: <u>Provided that \$2,172,300 in general funds made for the purpose of providing judicial compensation enhancements are reduced to bring available funds in line with the recommendations of the Judicial Compensation Commission. The Chief Justice is authorized to allocate this reduction across programs within the Judiciary.</u>				Concur in part - The Judiciary agrees but states the request needs to be brought in-line to the JCC recommendation.	Adopt.	

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Explanation:

This action reduces funds in the fiscal 2027 budget to bring judicial compensation enhancements in line with the Judicial Compensation Commission’s recommendations. This includes a \$5,900 salary increase in fiscal 2027 for all judges and a \$7,500 stipend for the Chief Judge of the Appellate Court of Maryland and administrative judges in the trial courts.

10. Add the following language:

Concur.

Adopt.

Further provided that \$3,176,185 in general funds, \$164,842 in special funds, and \$37,319 in reimbursable funds of this appropriation made for the purpose of merit increases for personnel are reduced. The Chief Justice is authorized to allocate this reduction across programs within the Judiciary.

Explanation:

This reduces the fiscal 2027 budget to remove the 1% merit increase for personnel.

11. Add the following language:

Concur.

Adopt.

, provided that \$8,200,000 of this appropriation made for the purpose of providing attorneys for required representation at initial appearances before District Court commissioners consistent with the holding of the Supreme Court of Maryland in DeWolfe v. Richmond may be expended only for that purpose. Funds not expended for this restricted purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert back to the General Fund.

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Explanation: This language restricts the use of \$8.2 million of the Judiciary’s general fund appropriation for the implementation of DeWolfe v. Richmond to that purpose only.

12. Adopt the following narrative: Concur. Adopt.

Appointed Attorney Program Costs and Utilization Report: The committees request that the Judiciary submit a report by December 15, 2026, on the Appointed Attorney Program for fiscal 2026 and 2027 year to date. The report should contain the number of initial appearances by district and county, the number of attorney shifts in the program by district and county, the waiver rate of defendants waiving their right to counsel at their initial appearance, the total annual appointed attorney shifts and hours scheduled by district, the total number of attorneys enrolled in the program, the total annual costs of the program by district, and the total number of initial appearances with an appointed attorney, private attorney, or public defender representing the defendant by district and county.

Information Request	Author	Due Date
Appointed Attorney Program costs and utilization	Judiciary	December 15, 2026

13. Adopt the following narrative: Concur. Adopt.

Annual Court Performance Measures: The committees request a report on the performance of the circuit and District courts, to be submitted by December 15, 2026, with annual court performance measures data for the circuit and District courts.

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

14. Adopt the following narrative: Concur. Adopt.

Problem-Solving Court (PSC) Performance and Funding: The committees request a report on the work of the Judiciary’s PSCs, to be submitted by December 15, 2026. The report should show the funding allocated and performance data for all PSC types in fiscal 2026, including the average length of time that a defendant’s case is active in each type of court, the reasons defendants fail to successfully complete a program, and the average cost per defendant in each type of PSC. The report should also include the anticipated costs by PSC type and location for fiscal 2027 and 2028.

Information Request	Author	Due Date
PSC funding and performance report	Judiciary	December 15, 2026

15. Adopt the following narrative: Concur. Adopt.

Judgeship Need for Fiscal 2028: The committees request a report on judgeship needs at the Judiciary to be submitted by December 15, 2026. The report should include a detailed analysis of the Judiciary’s fiscal 2028 judgeship needs.

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Judgeship need for fiscal 2028	Judiciary	December 15, 2026
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16. Adopt the following narrative: Concur. Adopt.

Major Information Technology Development Project (MITDP) Status Report:
 The committees request a report on the Judiciary’s MITDPs to be submitted by December 15, 2026. The report should include actual costs for all projects in fiscal 2026 and anticipated costs for all projects through fiscal 2030, along with status updates for all projects.

Information Request	Author	Due Date
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MITDP status report	Judiciary	December 15, 2026
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17. Adopt the following narrative: Concur. Adopt.

Land Records Improvement Fund (LRIF) Balance Report: The committees request a report on the status of the LRIF to be submitted by December 15, 2026. The report should include the fiscal 2026 revenues and expenditures for the fund along with forecasted revenues and expenditures for fiscal 2027 through 2030. The report should also include a breakdown of the expenditures for circuit court offices.

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LRIF balance report	Judiciary	December 15, 2026
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18. Adopt the following narrative: Concur. Adopt.

Private Home Detention Monitoring Report: The committees request a report providing data on private home detention funded by the Judiciary to be submitted by December 15, 2026. The report should contain the number of defendants enrolled in private home detention monitoring, total funds spent in fiscal 2026, and anticipated costs for the remainder of fiscal 2027.

Information Request	Author	Due Date
Private home detention monitoring report	Judiciary	December 15, 2026

19. Adopt the following narrative: Concur. Adopt.

Efforts to Fill Long-term Vacant Positions: As of December 31, 2025, the Judiciary reported 246.3 vacancies, with 40.3 positions being vacant for more than one year. The committees request that the Judiciary submit a report regarding the 40.3 long-term vacant positions by July 1, 2026, including:

- information on the positions, including job title and identification number;
- the status of the positions, indicating if the positions have been filled as of the submission of the report;
- if applicable, candidates’ actual or anticipated start dates; and
- recruitment strategies used to fill the positions.

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Efforts to fill long-term vacant positions	Judiciary						

Due Date

July 1, 2026

C80B00

Office of the Public Defender

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1. Reduce funding to increase the budgeted turnover rate from 5.67% to 6.41%.			Disagree – OPD has been able to fill vacant positions, while hiring freezes and fiscal constraint have resulted in an artificially high vacancy rate.	Modify, see below.	
	-\$920,904	GF			

First House Modification

Reduce funding to increase the budgeted turnover rate from 5.67% to 6.03%.	-\$450,000	GF		Adopt.	
2. Add the following language:			No response.	Adopt.	
<p><u>Provided that \$11,477,415 in general funds, \$358,100 in special funds, and \$350,000 in federal funds of this appropriation made for the purpose of panel attorney fees may be expended only for that purpose. Funds not expended for this restricted purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall be reverted or canceled.</u></p>					

Explanation: This action restricts funds within the Office of the Public Defender for panel attorney fees to be used only for that purpose.

C80B00

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3. Adopt the following narrative: No response. Adopt.

Panel Attorney Caseload and Expenditures Reports: The Office of the Public Defender (OPD) has had recent shortfalls involving panel attorneys that have required deficiency appropriations. The committees request two reports from OPD that provide data on the use of panel attorneys in fiscal 2026 and 2027 year to date. Each report should include the number of cases paneled to private attorneys by case type, overall caseloads for attorneys in each division, actual spending on panel attorneys, total funds remaining in fiscal 2027 for panel attorneys, and anticipated costs for the remainder of the year. The first report should include an overview of actual fiscal 2026 expenditures relating to panel attorneys.

Information Request	Author	Due Date
Panel attorney caseload and expenditures reports	OPD	August 15, 2026 January 15, 2027

4. Add the following language: Disagree – The agency must maintain compatibility with each system used by its justice system partners. Adopt.

C80B00.02 District Operations

To become available immediately upon passage of this budget to supplement the appropriation for fiscal 2026 to fund information technology expenditure shortfalls.

General Fund Appropriation ~~2,000,000~~
1,935,000

Explanation: This action reduces \$65,000 in general funds from a proposed deficiency appropriation that supplements fiscal 2026 information technology related expenses to account for an unidentified contract budgeted in fiscal 2026.

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5. Add the following language: No response. Adopt.

, provided that \$8,530,154 of this appropriation made for the purpose of panel attorney fees may be expended only for that purpose. 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: This language restricts a portion of the deficiency appropriation under District Operations budgeted for panel attorney fees to be used only for that purpose.

6. Add the following language: No response. Adopt.

, provided that \$36,531 of this appropriation made for the purpose of panel attorney fees may be expended only for that purpose. 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: This language restricts the deficiency appropriation for Appellate and Inmate Services within the Office of the Public Defender to be used only for fees associated with panel attorneys.

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Office of the Attorney General

	<u>Amount Change</u>	<u>Position Change</u>	<u>Agency Response Hearing Notes</u>	<u>Senate Decisions</u>	<u>House Decisions</u>
1. Reduce \$100,000 in special funds for the purpose of in-State conferences and training in the Legal Counsel and Advice Division.	-\$100,000	SF	Disagree – Professional development is a core requirement for OAG personnel, and this reduction would limit training compliance efforts.	Adopt.	
2. Reduce 2.0 new positions (N2720034 and N2719986). The Office of the Attorney General has 25.2 vacant positions as of December 31, 2025. The functions of the new positions can be filled by reclassifying existing vacant positions.	-\$377,276	SF	-2.00 Disagree – All positions are essential for operational effectiveness and cannot be repurposed.	Reject.	
3. Adopt the following narrative: Access to Counsel in Evictions (ACE) Operations and Future Costs Report: With final implementation of the ACE program complete, the committees request a report on the status of the program at the end of fiscal 2026, including the total cost of the operation of the program, the total number of participating legal services providers, the total funding granted to each provider in fiscal 2026 and 2027, the program's procedures for ensuring adequate coverage in each jurisdiction, the total number of cases in fiscal 2026, the results of all cases in fiscal 2026, and the number of rejected tenants and the reasons for rejection in fiscal 2026. The report should also include a breakdown of all available funding in fiscal 2027 and the estimated cost to operate the program in fiscal 2027 and 2028.			No response – Recommendations related to the ACE Program should be addressed by MLSC.	Adopt.	

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ACE operations and future costs report

Maryland Legal Services Corporation

November 15, 2026

4. Adopt the following narrative:

Disagree – Information on FAU statuses are regularly updated. Modify, see below.

Federal Accountability Unit (FAU) Actions Report: The committees request a report from the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) on FAU activities to counter federal actions negatively impacting the State. The report should contain, for fiscal 2026 and fiscal 2027 year to date, a list of new and ongoing litigation the State entered against the federal government, information on restored federal funds, and a breakdown of total FAU costs and personnel. This report should also discuss any potential recommendations to improve the unit’s efficiency and operations.

Information Request

Author

Due Date

FAU actions report

OAG

October 15, 2026

First House Modification

Adopt the following narrative:

Adopt.

Federal Accountability Unit (FAU) Actions Report: The committees request a report from the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) on FAU activities to counter federal actions negatively impacting the State. This report should discuss any potential recommendations to improve the unit’s efficiency and operations.

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FAU actions report	OAG		October 15, 2026			

C82D00

Office of the State Prosecutor

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Agency Response</u>	<u>Hearing Notes</u>	<u>Senate</u>	<u>House</u>
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1. Concur with Governor's allowance.

Concur.

Adopt.

C85E00

Maryland Tax Court

	<u>Amount Change</u>	<u>Position Change</u>	<u>Agency Response Hearing Notes</u>	<u>Senate Decisions</u>	<u>House Decisions</u>
1.	Concur with Governor's allowance.		Concur.	Adopt.	

C94I00

Subsequent Injury Fund

	<u>Amount Change</u>	<u>Position Change</u>	<u>Agency Response Hearing Notes</u>	<u>Senate Decisions</u>	<u>House Decisions</u>
1.	Concur with Governor's allowance.		Concur.	Adopt.	

C96J00

Uninsured Employers' Fund

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1. Add the following language:

Concur.

Modify, see
below.

, provided that \$100,000 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 should also 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 be submitted by December 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. 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

December 1, 2026

C96J00

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First House Modification

Add the following language:

Adopt.

, provided that \$100,000 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 should also 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 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. 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.

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UEF operational needs

UEF
Department of Budget and
Management

October 1, 2026

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Additional First House Action

2. Adopt the following narrative:

Adopt.

Report on Uninsured Employers' Fund (UEF) Operations and Fiscal Condition: The committees are concerned about the solvency of UEF. The committees request that UEF submit a report providing information on the status of the UEF Board, including the number of vacant and filled positions, as well as the work of the board and activities to oversee the agency operations. The report should also discuss the plan of UEF to improve the fiscal condition to ensure that UEF can meet its obligations related to claims and operations.

Information Request

Author

Due Date

UEF operations and fiscal condition UEF

October 1, 2026

C98F00

Workers' Compensation Commission

	<u>Amount Change</u>	<u>Position Change</u>	<u>Agency Response Hearing Notes</u>	<u>Senate Decisions</u>	<u>House Decisions</u>
1. Concur with Governor's allowance.			Concur.	Adopt.	

D05E01

Board of Public Works

	<u>Amount Change</u>	<u>Position Change</u>	<u>Agency Response Hearing Notes</u>	<u>Senate Decisions</u>	<u>House Decisions</u>
1. Delete the \$8.0 million general fund grant for the Baltimore City Computer-Aided Dispatch System. Baltimore City should use a leasing arrangement or software-as-a-service model to pay for the System through its annual operating budget.			No response.	Reject.	
	-\$8,000,000	GF			
2. Adopt the following narrative: Maryland Zoo Operational Reporting: In continuance of the practice that began in July 2008, the committees request that the Maryland Zoological Society, Inc. (MZS) submit audited financial statements for fiscal 2026 and quarterly reports showing monthly attendance figures for the zoo for fiscal 2027 by visitor group. This should include a breakdown of the kinds of passes allocated.			No response – BPW did not respond as the Maryland Zoo is a pass-through entity.	Adopt.	

Information Request	Author	Due Date
Audited financials	MZS	November 1, 2026
Quarterly reports showing monthly attendance	MZS	July 15, 2026 October 15, 2026 January 15, 2027 April 15, 2027

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Additional First House Action

- 3. Reduce the appropriation for Payments of Judgments Against the State. There is funding in the Dedicated Purpose Account for this purpose.

-\$4,000,000 GF

Adopt.

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Executive Department – Governor

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1.	Concur with Governor's allowance.		Concur	Adopt.	

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Executive Department – Boards, Commissions, and Offices

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1. Concur with Governor's allowance.			Concur.	Adopt.	

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Secretary of State

	<u>Amount Change</u>	<u>Position Change</u>	<u>Agency Response Hearing Notes</u>	<u>Senate Decisions</u>	<u>House Decisions</u>
1. Concur with Governor's allowance.			Concur.	Adopt.	

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Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention and Policy

	<u>Amount Change</u>	<u>Position Change</u>	<u>Agency Response Hearing Notes</u>	<u>Senate Decisions</u>	<u>House Decisions</u>
1. Delete enhancement funding for the State Aid for Police Protection program.	-\$47,132,583	GF	Disagree – SAPP is a flexible funding source for local law enforcement agencies. Funding through this grant program allows those agencies, large or small, to use the money for their highest needs.	Reject.	
2. Delete funding for the new Group Violence Reduction Strategy grant.	-\$2,500,000	GF	Disagree – GOCPP reports that this funding is aligned with the Governor’s goal of reducing violent crime in Maryland.	Reject.	
3. Add the following language:			Concur.	Adopt.	
<p><u>, provided that \$100,000 of the general fund appropriation made for the purpose of administration expenses may not be expended until the Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention and Policy (GOCPP) submits a report to the budget committees by November 1, 2026, regarding Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) awards and funding. The report shall include:</u></p>					
<p>(1) <u>each grant award made on July 1, 2026, for the fiscal 2027 awards, including the grant number, implementing agency, project title, start date, end date, amount of award, whether the grant is supported with general funds or federal VOCA funds, jurisdiction of implementation, and a brief description/abstract of the grant;</u></p>					
<p>(2) <u>the total amount of grants awarded from general funds and federal VOCA funds on July 1, 2026;</u></p>					

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(3)	<u>the amount of unexpended funds for each open three-year VOCA grant and the reason funds are unexpended, including whether the funds are being held in reserve for future grants;</u>				
(4)	<u>for the federal fiscal 2022 and 2023 three-year funding cycles, an identification of the respective amount of funds expended for the purpose of direct provision of services, administration, and that which went unobligated; and</u>				
(5)	<u>a comparison of aggregate-level performance measures or outcomes measures of the VOCA program for fiscal 2022 through 2026 or as many recent years that GOCPP is able to provide.</u>				

In addition to the report submission, data shall be provided in an electronic format subject to the concurrence of the Department of Legislative Services. 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.

Explanation:

The VOCA grant program is a major source of funding to victim services providers in the State. This language restricts \$100,000 pending the submission of information related to VOCA awards and funding in fiscal 2027. For each open three-year grant cycle (federal fiscal 2024, 2025, and 2026), GOCPP is required to include the amount of currently unexpended funds, the reason these funds remain unspent, and whether they will be held in reserve. The report is also required to provided further detail regarded in the expenditure of funds for the two most recently completed funding cycles – federal fiscal 2022 and 2023. Finally, the report is required to provide a comparison of the program’s aggregate outcomes or performance measures in recent fiscal years.

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Information Request

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Annual VOCA report

GOCPP

November 1, 2026

4. Add the following language:

Concur.

Adopt.

, provided that \$100,000 of this appropriation made for the purpose of agency administration may not be expended until the Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention and Policy (GOCPP) submits the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board (CICB) Fiscal 2026 Annual Report to the budget committees. The report shall include information about the agency’s implementation of Chapter 705 of 2024 and indicate whether additional support from the General Fund may be required in fiscal 2027 to ensure a balance in the Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund. GOCPP shall also include a discussion of how it is ensuring alignment between how the number of new claims received, the number of claims paid, and value of claims paid is reported through this report and its fiscal 2028 Managing for Results submission. In addition to reporting the average number of days between the date the CICB received an application and the date of resolution, GOCPP shall also include a discussion of CICB’s ability to achieve time standards set in statute. To support that discussion, GOCPP shall report the percentage of processed claims within 30 days from CICB’s receipt of required documentation to final decision. The report shall be submitted 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.

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Explanation:

Chapter 705 of 2024 made alterations to the CICB program within GOCPP, with most provisions taking effect July 1, 2025. The legislation also authorizes the Governor, for fiscal 2026 and each year thereafter, to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation to the Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund (CICF). GOCPP reports similar data through its annual Managing for Results submission. This report will provide the committees with information about fiscal 2026 claims and the CICF balance prior to the 2027 legislative session, as well as the CICB’s ability to meet time standards set in statute.

Information Request

Author

Due Date

CICB fiscal 2026 annual report

GOCPP

November 1, 2026

5. Adopt the following narrative:

Concur.

Adopt.

Report on Outcome Managing for Results (MFR) Measures: The Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention and Policy (GOCPP) reported only one MFR measure related to outcomes in its fiscal 2026 and 2027 submissions. Given that its mission includes enhancing public safety, and reducing crime and juvenile delinquency, its performance measures should include additional data for evaluating the extent to which its contributions result in a reduction in crime across Maryland. GOCPP may begin reporting related information through its scorecard of quantifiable safety indicators, but that scorecard has not yet been published or consistently updated. The committees request that, by November 15, 2026, GOCPP submit proposed MFR measures to be provided with the agency’s fiscal 2028 budget.

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Report on outcome MFR measures GOCPP

November 15, 2026

Additional First House Action

6. Add the following language:

Adopt.

. provided that \$500,000 of this appropriation made for the purpose of comprehensive violence prosecution grant funding for the Baltimore City State’s Attorney’s Office (SAO) within the Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention and Policy may not be expended or distributed to Baltimore City SAO until Baltimore City SAO submits a report to the budget committees on its youth prosecution outcomes. The report shall provide the following information on the youth cases that Baltimore City SAO prosecutes:

- (1) the number of youths charged as adults, including a breakdown of this information by age, race, sex or gender, and most serious offense category;
- (2) the number of youths charged as juveniles, including a breakdown of this information by age, race, sex or gender, and most serious offense category;
- (3) the number of youths initially charged as adults with cases that are waived to the juvenile court;
- (4) the number of youths with cases dismissed, distinguishing between youths initially charged as adults versus juveniles;
- (5) the number of youths held pretrial and the number held pretrial in adult facilities for all or a portion of their detention;
- (6) the average length of pretrial detention for youths initially charged as adults and the average length for youths initially charged as juveniles;

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(7)					
	<u>the number of youths with cases dismissed after pretrial detention, distinguishing between youths initially charged as adults versus juveniles;</u>				
(8)					
	<u>the number of youths with cases resolved by plea or trial, distinguishing between youths initially charged as adults versus juveniles;</u>				
(9)					
	<u>the average time from charging to disposition for youths initially charged as adults and the average length for youths initially charged as juveniles;</u>				
(10)					
	<u>sentencing outcomes of youth cases, such as the percentage that result in incarceration or committed treatment compared to the percentage that result in probation for adult court youth and juvenile court youth;</u>				
(11)					
	<u>the number of youths charged as adults in fiscal 2023, 2024, and 2025 who were subsequently charged as adults within one, two, and three years;</u>				
(12)					
	<u>the number of youths adjudicated delinquent in fiscal 2023, 2024, and 2025 who were subsequently charged as adults within one, two, and three years; and</u>				
(13)					
	<u>the number of youths convicted as an adult in fiscal 2023, 2024, and 2025 who were subsequently charged as adults within one, two, and three years.</u>				

The report shall also include data related to youth who were arrested in fiscal 2023, 2024, and 2025 but were not charged by Baltimore City SAO or otherwise the subject of a resulting delinquency proceeding. That data shall include the total number of this type of case in each fiscal year and the number of cases for which each of the following circumstances applied:

- (1) the youth had previously been arrested;
- (2) the youth had previously been convicted as an adult or adjudicated delinquent;
- (3) the youth was subsequently re-arrested within one, two, and three years;

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(4)					
<u>the youth was the subject of a delinquency proceeding within the subsequent one, two, and three years and a breakdown of outcome or disposition of those delinquency proceedings; and</u>					
(5)					
<u>the youth was the subject of a criminal proceeding with the subsequent one, two, and three years and a breakdown of outcome or disposition of those delinquency proceedings.</u>					

To the extent practicable, Baltimore City SAO shall report these measures for each year from fiscal 2023 through 2026. Where comparable statewide data is available, Baltimore City SAO shall analyze its trends to determine if there is anything unique or distinguishing about its practices. If requested information is not available, the report shall explain why the data is unavailable and identify the barriers that exist to the data collection and submission. 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: This language restricts comprehensive violence prosecution grant funding to Baltimore City SAO through the Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention and Policy until Baltimore City SAO submits a report on the outcomes of its prosecution of juveniles.

Information Request	Author	Due Date
Youth prosecution outcomes report	Baltimore City SAO	October 1, 2026

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Additional First House Action

7. Add the following language:

Adopt.

, provided that the Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention and Policy (GOCPP) may not distribute a law enforcement agency’s share of \$47,132,583 of this appropriation made for the purpose of the State Aid for Police Protection enhancement funding until the law enforcement agency attests to GOCPP that it is in compliance with the Maryland Sexual Assault Kit Initiative Victim Notification Protocol. That attestation shall specify whether the law enforcement agency provides information that is required by the protocol to the Sexual Assault Evidence Kit Funding and Policy Committee of the Office of the Attorney General and the Maryland Coalition Against Sexual Assault Sexual Assault Kit Victim Notification Project or their designee within 15 days of receipt of the information by the law enforcement agency. 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 enhanced public safety aid through the State Aid for Police Protection Program (SAPP). This language requires that a portion of enhanced SAPP funding be distributed to law enforcement agencies only after agencies attest that they are in compliance with the Maryland Sexual Assault Kit Initiative Victim Notification Protocol.

8. Add the following section:

Concur.

Adopt.

Section 44 Crime Victim Compensation Funds

SECTION 44. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That \$3,000,000 in federal funds made for the purpose of the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board program is reduced immediately upon passage of this budget from the fiscal 2026 appropriation for program D21A03.01 Victim Services Unit within the Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention and Policy.

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Explanation:

This action reduces the fiscal 2026 federal fund appropriation because Crime Victim Compensation funds are not available.

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Maryland Commission on African American History and Culture

	<u>Amount Change</u>	<u>Position Change</u>	<u>Agency Response</u>	<u>Hearing Notes</u>	<u>Senate Decisions</u>	<u>House Decisions</u>
1. Concur with Governor's allowance.			Concur.		Adopt.	

D24

Department of Social and Economic Mobility

	<u>Amount Change</u>	<u>Position Change</u>	<u>Agency Response Hearing Notes</u>	<u>Senate Decisions</u>	<u>House Decisions</u>
1.	Concur with Governor's allowance.		Concur.	Reject.	

Additional First House Action

2. Add the following language: Adopt.

. provided that \$100,000 of this appropriation made for the purpose of administration in the Office of Minority Business Enterprises within the Department of Social and Economic Mobility (DoSEM) may not be expended until DoSEM submits a report to the budget committees indicating that the average processing time for Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) certification applications has been reduced to six months or less. The report shall describe the actions taken by the department to expedite the certification process, current average processing times for initial MBE certification applications, the number of pending applications, and any operational or staffing changes implemented to support improvements in processing time. The report shall be submitted to the budget committees within 30 days of the average processing time decreasing to between four and six months, 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:

The Office of Minority Business Enterprises within DoSEM is responsible for certifying MBEs that are eligible to participate in Maryland's MBE procurement program. MBE certification enables contracts with certified firms to contribute toward the State's minority participation goals. Currently, the certification process may take between 12 and 16 months before firms receive approval. DoSEM has indicated that it is taking steps to reduce this timeframe to between four and six months. This language restricts funding until DoSEM submits a report to the budget committees

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Department of Social and Economic Mobility

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confirming that the average processing time for MBE certification applications has been reduced to this target range and providing information on the actions taken to expedite the certification process.				

Information Request	Author	Due Date
Report on MBE certification processing time improvements	DoSEM	Within 30 days of average processing time decreasing to six months or less

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State Board of Elections

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**Agency Response
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1. Adopt the following narrative:

Concur.

Adopt.

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;
- 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;
- 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.

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Information Request	Author	<u>Amount Change</u>	<u>Position Change</u>	<u>Agency Response Hearing Notes</u>	<u>Senate Decisions</u>	<u>House Decisions</u>
			Due Date			
Quarterly report on all MITDPs	SBE		July 15, 2026 October 15, 2026 January 15, 2027 April 15, 2027			

D50H01

Military Department

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1. Adopt the following narrative:

No response

Adopt.

Managing for Results (MFR) Measures for Tricare Premium Reimbursement

Program: Chapter 612 of 2023 established the Tricare Premium Reimbursement Program in the Military Department, which officially launched in November 2023. The committees request that the Military Department, beginning with the fiscal 2028 MFR submission, include new measures for the Tricare Premium Reimbursement Program that track program progress. The measures should include for each year:

- the number of Maryland National Guard (MDNG) members eligible to participate in the program;
- the number of eligible MDNG members enrolled in the program;
- the program participation rate;
- average reimbursement claims submitted;
- average grant amounts; and
- average premium amounts for each of the coverage plans.

Information Request

Author

Due Date

MFR measures for Tricare Premium Reimbursement Program

Military Department

With submission of the fiscal 2028 budget

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Additional First House Action

2. Add the following language:

Adopt.

, provided that \$500,000 of this appropriation made for the purpose of administrative expenses may not be expended until the Military Department, in collaboration with the Department of General Services, submits a report to the budget committees on the Freestate Challenge Academy (FCA), including the expected timeline for reopening FCA, detailed facility assessment report, and estimated total costs, funding sources, and actual spending for facility renovations. The report should also discuss the Military Department's plan and timeline to increase personnel at FCA in preparation for reopening the program. The Military Department shall submit the report to the budget committees by September 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:

In September 2025, the FCA program was shut down due to plumbing issues at the facility. The FCA program remains closed with no timeline for reopening. The fiscal 2027 budget abolishes 47 of 50 regular positions dedicated to this program and reduces the operating budget by \$8.7 million, or 96.6%, as compared to the fiscal 2026 working appropriation. This language restricts funds pending submission of a report from the Military Department and the Department of General Services (DGS) on the timeline for reopening FCA and details on facility renovations.

D50H01

Information Request	Author	Amount <u>Change</u>	Position <u>Change</u>	Agency Response <u>Hearing Notes</u>	Senate <u>Decisions</u>	House <u>Decisions</u>
Report on FCA reopening and facility renovations	Military Department Department of General Services					
			Due Date			
			September 1, 2026			

D52

Maryland Department of Emergency Management

		<u>Amount Change</u>	<u>Position Change</u>	<u>Agency Response Hearing Notes</u>	<u>Senate Decisions</u>	<u>House Decisions</u>
1.	Delete funding for 1 new position. The Maryland Department of Emergency Management had 13.0 vacant positions as of December 31, 2025, and should reclassify 1 vacant position instead of adding 1 new position.	-\$85,658	SF	Disagree – The 9-1-1 Board currently has 2 vacancies, both of which are in recruitment processes.	Adopt.	
2.	Add the following language: , provided that this appropriation shall be reduced by \$304,583 upon enactment of legislation expanding the allowable uses of the Strategic Energy Investment Fund <u>to include programs and applicable initiatives related to resiliency efforts defined and implemented by the Maryland Department of Emergency Management, including the annual report by the Office of Resilience.</u>			Concur.	Adopt.	
	Explanation:					
	This language adds specificity to contingent language on the general fund appropriation to more closely align with the applicable Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act provision.					
3.	Add the following language: , provided that \$1,470,113 of this appropriation is contingent upon enactment of legislation expanding the allowable uses of the Strategic Energy Investment Fund <u>to include programs and applicable initiatives related to resiliency efforts defined and implemented by the Maryland Department of Emergency Management, including the annual report by the Office of Resilience.</u>			Concur.	Adopt.	

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Explanation: This language adds specificity to contingent language on the special fund appropriation to more closely align with the applicable Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act provision.

4. Add the following language: Concur. Adopt.

, provided that this appropriation shall be reduced by \$1,165,530 upon enactment of legislation expanding the allowable uses of the Strategic Energy Investment Fund to include programs and applicable initiatives related to resiliency efforts defined and implemented by the Maryland Department of Emergency Management, including the annual report by the Office of Resilience.

Explanation: This language adds specificity to contingent language on the federal fund appropriation to more closely align with the applicable Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act provision.

5. Add the following language: No response. Reject.

Further provided that \$3,232,157 of this appropriation is contingent upon enactment of legislation to expand the uses of the 911 Trust Fund to support Maryland Department of Emergency Management operations ~~in order to cover federal fund losses~~

Explanation: This action makes a technical correction to contingent language on the special fund appropriation to more closely align with the applicable Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act provision.

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	<u>Amount Change</u>	<u>Position Change</u>	<u>Agency Response Hearing Notes</u>	<u>Senate Decisions</u>	<u>House Decisions</u>
6. Add the following language:			No response.	Reject.	

Further provided that this appropriation shall be reduced by \$3,232,157 contingent upon enactment of legislation to expand the uses of the 911 Trust Fund to support Maryland Department of Emergency Management operations ~~in order to cover federal fund losses~~

Explanation: This action makes a technical correction to contingent language on the federal fund appropriation to more closely align with the applicable Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act provision.

7. Adopt the following narrative:			Concur.	Adopt.	
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Report on Federal Fund Sources: Approximately 74% of the fiscal 2027 allowance for the Maryland Department of Emergency Management (MDEM) is supported with federal funds. Given recent changes and reductions in federal fund availability and grant awards, the committees request MDEM to submit a report on the status of various federal fund sources, including preparedness, mitigation, and disaster grants. The report should discuss the timing of receiving federal fund awards and the department’s contingency plan to support its operations if federal funds are not made available as anticipated.

Information Request	Author	Due Date
Report on federal fund sources	MDEM	November 15, 2026

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8. Adopt the following narrative:					Concur.	Adopt.

Resilient Maryland Revolving Loan Fund (RMRLF): Of the seven projects that submitted applications for the RMRLF so far, two projects have received \$5 million each for a total of \$10 million from the RMRLF in fiscal 2025. The committees request MDEM to submit a report on the RMRLF, including:

- the status of the projects that are approved;
- status updates for any projects that are in process, under consideration, or are new projects;
- the status of the federal Safeguarding Tomorrow Revolving Loan Fund (STRLF) award;
- project applications submitted for federal funds through the STRLF;
- planned utilization of the federal funds; and
- the estimated current balance of the RMRLF.

Information Request	Author	Due Date
Report on the RMRLF	MDEM	October 1, 2026

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	<u>Amount Change</u>	<u>Position Change</u>	<u>Agency Response Hearing Notes</u>	<u>Senate Decisions</u>	<u>House Decisions</u>
9. Adopt the following narrative:			Concur.	Adopt.	

State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program: The State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program (SLCGP) is funded through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act and is jointly managed federally by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency. The Maryland Department of Emergency Management (MDEM) receives the money and disburses it to local jurisdictions. In November 2025, MDEM issued a report summarizing how the SLCGP money from federal fiscal 2023 was awarded. The committees request that MDEM submit a report that provides the following information for federal fiscal 2024 and 2025:

- SLCGP grants awarded by jurisdiction and the remaining unallocated balance;
- nonfederal match expenditures by use;
- descriptions of requested projects, requested funding amounts, and actual funding awards;
- a plan for the use of any remaining unallocated funds; and
- a description of the need for further State funding beyond fiscal 2026.

Information Request	Author	Due Date
Report on the SLCGP	MDEM	November 1, 2026

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10. Adopt the following narrative: Adopt.

Efforts to Support Apprenticeships for First Responders: The Maryland Department of Emergency Management (MDEM) supports first responders through ongoing grant programs and financial administration and emergency coordination during major incidents. The committees request that MDEM, in collaboration with the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems (MIEMSS), submit a report describing efforts to support apprenticeship programs for first responders, including employees providing fire, rescue, and emergency medical services. The report should identify existing apprenticeship programs for first responders, noting the positions supported by apprenticeships and barriers to creating new apprenticeships and obstacles to scaling. The report should also include details on the number of existing registered apprentices; the timeline to scale by occupation; previous data on the number of participants in apprenticeship programs; and actions taken by MDEM and MIEMSS, or planned actions, to support these programs and offer additional apprenticeship opportunities.

Information Request	Author	Due Date
Efforts to support apprenticeships for first responders	MDEM MIEMSS	November 15, 2026

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Additional First House Action

11. Adopt the following narrative:

Adopt.

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 George’s Creek in Allegany County. 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

12. Add the following language:

No response.

Reject.

, provided that \$3,232,157 of this appropriation is contingent upon the enactment of legislation to expand the uses of the 911 Trust Fund to support Maryland Department of Emergency Management operations ~~in order to cover federal fund losses~~

Explanation: This action makes a technical correction to contingent language on the special fund deficiency appropriation to more closely align with the applicable Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act provision.

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	<u>Amount Change</u>	<u>Position Change</u>	<u>Agency Response</u>	<u>Hearing Notes</u>	<u>Senate Decisions</u>	<u>House Decisions</u>
13.	Add the following language: , provided that this appropriation shall be reduced by \$3,232,157 contingent upon the enactment of the legislation to expand the uses of the 911 Trust Fund to support Maryland Department of Emergency Management operations in order to cover federal fund losses		No response.		Reject.	
Explanation:	This action makes a technical correction to contingent language on the federal fund deficiency appropriation to more closely align with the applicable Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act provision.					
14.	Add the following language: , provided that this appropriation is contingent upon the enactment of legislation expanding the allowable uses of the Strategic Energy Investment Fund <u>to include programs and applicable initiatives related to resiliency efforts defined and implemented by the Maryland Department of Emergency Management, including the annual report by the Office of Resilience.</u>		No response.		Adopt.	
Explanation:	This action adds specificity to contingent language on the special fund deficiency appropriation to more closely align with the applicable Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act provision.					

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Department of Veterans and Military Families

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1. Adopt the following narrative:

Concur.

Adopt.

Quarterly Reports on Charlotte Hall Veterans Home (CHVH) Facility Operations, Staffing, and Federal Ratings: The Department of Veterans and Military Families (DVMMF) oversees the operation of CHVH, the only assisted-living and skilled-nursing care for veterans and their spouses in the State. The committees are interested in how the management contractor operates CHVH and its efforts on increasing staffing and residency numbers. Additionally, the committees would like to continue to monitor the ratings from the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) surrounding nursing home facility performance. The committees request that DVMMF submit quarterly reports in collaboration with the CHVH contractor on the progress of CHVH’s operations, census numbers, staffing levels, efforts to increase census and staffing numbers, the number of resident complaints, and resident complaints by type of complaint, as well as any report, rating, or fine from CMS. The reports should also include a description of corrective actions or measures taken to address the noncompliance highlighted in the Maryland Department of Health Office of Health Care Quality and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs annual survey reports. In each quarterly report, the report should note the period covered by the data and the corresponding dates.

Information Request	Author	Due Date
Report on status of CHVH operations, staffing, and federal ratings	DVMMF	July 1, 2026 October 1, 2026 January 1, 2027 April 1, 2027

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2. Adopt the following narrative:

Concur.

Adopt.

Report on the Maryland Joins Forces (MJF) Initiative and Its Progress: MJF is an initiative that was launched in November 2023. This initiative focuses on five main areas: (1) employment; (2) food and housing insecurity; (3) education; (4) health and wellness; and (5) volunteer services. The committees are interested in monitoring the progress of this initiative and the Department of Veterans and Military Families’ (DVMF) plans to address the five focus areas identified. The committees request DVMF to submit a report highlighting the number of veterans and military families served by this initiative, including the number of veterans and military families who actually benefitted from this initiative, its partnerships with other organizations, and activities conducted through this initiative. The report should also include information on the effectiveness and challenges in administering this initiative, an update on establishing five pillar-based subcommittees, and development of performance indicators and goals.

Information Request	Author	Due Date
Report on the MJF initiative and its progress	DVMF	December 1, 2026

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State Archives

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1. Concur with Governor's allowance.

Concur.

Adopt.

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Office of the Correctional Ombudsman

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1. Adopt the following narrative:

Concur

Adopt.

Status of Managing for Results (MFR) Objectives and Measures: The Office of the Correctional Ombudsman (OCO) did not submit MFR goals, objectives, or measures with its fiscal 2027 budget. The committees request that, by July 1, 2026, OCO submit proposed MFR goals, objectives, and measures, including actual fiscal 2025 data and estimates for fiscal 2026 and 2027.

Information Request

Author

Due Date

Status report on MFR objectives and measures

OCO

July 1, 2026

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Office of Administrative Hearings

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1.	Concur with Governor's allowance.		Concur		Adopt.	

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Comptroller of Maryland

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1.	Add the following language: , provided that this appropriation shall be reduced by \$125,051 upon enactment of legislation expanding the allowable uses of the Strategic Energy Investment Fund <u>to include programs and applicable initiatives related to State climate change mitigation and climate change resiliency efforts</u>			No response.	Adopt.	
	Explanation: This language adds specificity to contingent language on the general fund appropriation to more closely align with the applicable Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act provision.					
2.	Add the following language: , provided that \$125,051 of this appropriation is contingent upon enactment of legislation expanding the allowable uses of the Strategic Energy Investment Fund <u>to include programs and applicable initiatives related to State climate change mitigation and climate change resiliency efforts</u>			No response.	Adopt.	
	Explanation: This language adds specificity to contingent language on the special fund appropriation to more closely align with the applicable Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act provision.					

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Alcohol, Tobacco, and Cannabis Commission

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1.	Concur with Governor's allowance.		Concur.		Adopt.	

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State Treasurer

	<u>Amount Change</u>	<u>Position Change</u>	<u>Agency Response</u>	<u>Hearing Notes</u>	<u>Senate Decisions</u>	<u>House Decisions</u>
1. Concur with Governor's allowance.			Concur.		Adopt.	

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State Department of Assessments and Taxation

	<u>Amount Change</u>	<u>Position Change</u>	<u>Agency Response Hearing Notes</u>	<u>Senate Decisions</u>	<u>House Decisions</u>
1. Reduce special funds to delete 1.0 long-term vacant position within the Office of the Director. This position has been vacant since August 2024.	-\$116,423	SF -1.00	Disagree – SDAT reports the Agency Budget Specialist position will be reclassified as an accountant II position.	Adopt.	

2. Add the following language: Concur. Adopt.

, provided that \$50,000 of this appropriation made for the purpose of administration in the Office of Information Technology may not be expended until the State Department of Assessments and Taxation submits a report to the budget committees on the status of the Cloud Revenue Integrated System (CRIS) development project as of October 1, 2026. The report shall include:

- (1) a description of CRIS project milestones achieved, remaining milestones, and the overall project schedule; and
- (2) how much funding was appropriated and spent in each fiscal year by fund type.

The report shall be submitted 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 restricts funds budgeted for administrative purposes until the State Department of Assessments and Taxation (SDAT) submits a report updating the budget committees on the status of the CRIS project and how much funding has been appropriated and spent in each fiscal year.

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CRIS Project Status Update	SDAT		November 1, 2026			

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Property Tax Assessment Appeals Board

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1. Adopt the following narrative:

Concur

Adopt.

Local Property Tax Assessment Appeals Board (PTAAB) Vacancies and Backlogged Cases: The committees request that PTAAB submit a report on the status of vacancies and backlogged cases for each local jurisdiction. The report shall include the following information for each local PTAAB as of June 30, 2026:

- the number of vacancies; and
- the number of cases in the backlog.

Information Request	Author	Due Date
Status of vacancies and backlogged cases	PTAAB	August 1, 2026

Additional First House Action

2. Add the following language:

Adopt.

, provided that \$50,000 of this appropriation made for the purpose of administration in the Property Tax Assessment Appeals Boards (PTAAB) may not be expended until PTAAB submits a report to the budget committees on how the agency is transitioning from paper-based processes to electronic processes to enhance efficiency. The report shall include:

- (1) a description of all current paper-based processes used for agency operations;
and

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(2) what actions are being taken and the timeframe to move each of these processes into an electronic format.

The report shall be submitted by September 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:

PTAAB reported that it relies entirely on paper-based processes for its operations. This language restricts funds budgeted for administrative purposes until PTAAB submits a report on actions being taken to move away from paper-based processes.

Information Request

Author

Due Date

Report on transition from paper-based processes

PTAAB

September 1, 2026

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Department of General Services

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1. Add the following language:

Concur.

Adopt.

Further provided that since the Department of General Services (DGS) has had four or more repeat audit findings in the most recent fiscal compliance audit issued by the Office of Legislative Audits (OLA), \$100,000 of this agency's administrative appropriation may not be expended unless:

- (1) DGS has taken corrective action with respect to all repeat audit findings on or before November 1, 2026; and
- (2) a report is submitted to the budget committees by OLA listing each audit finding along with a determination that each repeat finding was corrected. The budget committees shall have 45 days from the receipt of the report to review and comment to allow for funds to be released prior to the end of fiscal 2027.

Explanation:

The Joint Audit and Evaluation Committee has requested that budget bill language be added for each unit of State government that has four or more repeat audit findings in its most recent fiscal compliance audit. Each agency is to have a portion of its administrative budget withheld pending the adoption of corrective actions by the agency and a determination by OLA that each finding was corrected. OLA shall submit a report to the budget committees on the status of repeat findings.

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Author

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Status of corrective actions related to the most recent fiscal compliance audit

OLA

45 days before the release of funds

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2. Add the following language:

Concur

Adopt.

, provided that since the Department of General Services – Office of State Procurement (OSP) has had four or more repeat audit findings in the most recent fiscal compliance audit issued by the Office of Legislative Audits (OLA), \$250,000 of this agency’s administrative appropriation may not be expended unless:

- (1) OSP has taken corrective action with respect to all repeat audit findings on or before November 1, 2026; and
- (2) a report is submitted to the budget committees by OLA listing each repeat audit finding along with a determination that each repeat finding was corrected. The budget committees shall have 45 days from the date of the receipt of the report to review and comment to allow for funds to be released prior to the end of fiscal 2027.

Explanation:

The Joint Audit and Evaluation Committee has requested that budget bill language be added for each unit of State government that has four or more repeat audit findings in its most recent fiscal compliance audit. Each agency is to have a portion of its administrative budget withheld pending the adoption of corrective action by the agency and a determination by OLA that each finding was corrected. OLA shall submit a report to the budget committees on the status of repeat findings.

Information Request

Author

Due Date

Status of corrective actions related to the most recent fiscal compliance audit

OLA

45 days before the release of funds

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3. Add the following language:

Concur in part.

Modify, see below.

, provided that \$100,000 of this appropriation made for the purposes of Executive Direction may not be expended until the Department of General Services, in coordination with the Department of Budget and Management and the Department of Planning, submits a report to the budget committees that provides an assessment and review of the State’s facility and real property asset inventory with recommendations for maximizing the economic efficiency and effectiveness of the State’s assets. The report shall be submitted by November 1, 2026, and include a review and assessment of master planning strategies and policies for (1) facilities programming; (2) determinations concerning purchase versus lease versus construction for office space for State agencies, including the establishment of the criteria and best practice for the development of cost-benefit analysis; and (3) an assessment of the utilization of State-owned and leased space. The budget committees shall have 45 days to review and comment after the date of submission of the report. 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 interested in receiving a report that provides an assessment and review of the State’s facility and real property asset inventory with recommendations for maximizing the economic efficiency and effectiveness of the State’s assets. This language restricts funds pending a report that provides an assessment of the State’s asset maximization strategies.

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Author

Due Date

Report on maximization of State assets

Department of General Services

November 1, 2026

Department of Budget and Management

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First House Modification

Add the following language:

Adopt.

, provided that \$100,000 of this appropriation made for the purposes of Executive Direction may not be expended until the Department of General Services, in coordination with the Department of Budget and Management and the Department of Planning, submits a status report to the budget committees that provides an assessment and review of the State’s facility and real property asset inventory with recommendations for maximizing the economic efficiency and effectiveness of the State’s assets. The report shall be submitted by December 1, 2026, and include a review and assessment of master planning strategies and policies for (1) facilities programming; (2) determinations concerning purchase versus lease versus construction for office space for State agencies, including the establishment of the criteria and best practice for the development of cost-benefit analysis; and (3) an assessment of the utilization of State-owned and leased space. The budget committees shall have 45 days to review and comment after the date of submission of the report. 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 interested in receiving a status report that provides an assessment and review of the State’s facility and real property asset inventory with recommendations for maximizing the economic efficiency and effectiveness of the State’s assets. This language restricts funds pending a status report that provides an assessment of the State’s asset maximization strategies.

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Due Date

Status report on maximization of State assets

Department of General Services

December 1, 2026

Department of Budget and Management

4. Adopt the following narrative:

Concur

Adopt.

Status Report on State Center Complex Agency Relocations and Funding: The relocation of State agencies from the State Center complex to vacant office space within Baltimore City’s Central Business District started in fiscal 2022. A total of \$80 million is appropriated in the Dedicated Purpose Account (DPA) to cover moving expenses, rent, and parking for the first year at new locations; new furniture; cubicles; new information technology (IT) equipment; and relocating existing IT equipment. As of January 2026, \$41.1 million of the DPA funds appropriated for State Center agency relocation have been expended. In anticipation of the State Center agency relocation being completed by the first quarter of calendar 2027, the committees request that DGS submit two reports on the status of the State Center agency relocations and funding, which include:

- the status of moves and new site locations for each agency moving out of the State Center complex in Baltimore City;
- the uses and timing of State Center funds appropriated into the DPA to support State agency moves and demolition; and
- any additional expenditures not reimbursed by the DPA.

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Status of State Center agency relocation, funding, and expenditures

Department of General Services

October 1, 2026
April 1, 2027

5. Adopt the following narrative:

Concur.

Adopt.

Report on the Use of Strategic Energy Investment Funds (SEIF): A provision in the Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act of 2026 authorizes the Governor to use compliance fees deposited into the SEIF for grants or loans to support the creation of new tier 1 renewable energy sources in the State for fiscal 2027 through 2031. The fiscal 2027 allowance for the Department of General Services (DGS) includes \$20 million in special funds as contingent appropriation for the Office of Design, Construction, and Energy. According to DGS, this contingent appropriation will be utilized to subsidize solar installations at State-owned facilities located in underserved and overburdened communities and use the available funds to implement Energy Performance Contracts to decarbonize State facilities that currently burn natural gas and fuel oil. The committees request DGS to submit a report that identifies the projects supported through the initiative, including the state of project completeness, funds utilized for each project, and the estimated energy savings associated with each project.

Information Request

Author

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Report on the utilization of the SEIF

DGS

June 1, 2027

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6. Adopt the following narrative:

Concur.

Adopt.

Report on the Critical Maintenance Backlog Projects: As of January 2026, there are 246 projects in the critical maintenance backlog, which is an increase of 51 projects compared to 195 projects reported in January 2025. The committees request the Department of General Services (DGS) to submit a report on the critical maintenance backlog projects, including project title, project priority, agency currently occupying the facility, and total project cost.

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Report on the critical maintenance backlog projects	DGS	December 15, 2026
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7. Add the following language:

Disagree – The two projects do not meet the 15-year useful life requirement for the Facilities Renewal Fund. Reject.

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To become available immediately after passage of this budget to supplement the appropriation for fiscal 2026 to fund DGS critical maintenance projects.

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Explanation: Reduce fiscal 2026 deficiency appropriation for critical maintenance projects to fund new facility maintenance at 1100 North Eutaw Street and renovation expenses at the William Donald Shaefer Building through the Facilities Renewal Fund. This reduction aligns the maintenance and renovation expenses with the appropriate capital program.

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DPSCS – Administration and Offices

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1. Add the following language:

Concur.

Adopt.

, provided that \$250,000 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 a plan to reduce its reliance on the use of overtime. The report scope shall include the entire department. The report shall first include a detailed strategic plan to minimize the need for overtime and eliminate mandatory overtime. The plan shall identify the amount of mandatory overtime use by reason and the number of staff that would need to be hired to satisfy the overtime needs in each category. The plan shall discuss the findings of the 2025 biennial staffing and security report and the ways the department is incorporating the findings of the report into its plan to minimize the use of overtime. The plan shall identify how the department prioritizes overtime for qualified officers with low pay rates to minimize unnecessary expenses. In addition to the strategic plan, the report shall also include:

- (1) a breakdown of total correctional officer (CO) overtime hours worked and expenses paid per facility per pay period from October 1, 2025 to September 30, 2026, including the number of individuals affected and the median number of hours worked per individual; and
- (2) a breakdown of mandatory CO overtime hours worked and expenses paid per facility per pay period from October 1, 2025 to September 30, 2026, including the number of individuals affected and the median number of hours worked per individual.

The report shall be submitted 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.

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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. Overtime has climbed quickly as the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services (DPSCS) struggles to fill CO positions. Overworked COs are less equipped to address safety issues, and assaults have increased alongside overtime in correctional and detention facilities. This language restricts overtime funding for DPSCS Administrative Services until a report is submitted detailing overtime trends, efforts to reduce overtime, and a plan to eliminate mandatory overtime use.

Information Request

Author

Due Date

Strategic overtime report

DPSCS

November 1, 2026

2. Add the following language:

Concur.

Adopt.

Further provided that \$250,000 of this appropriation made for the purpose of general administration may not be expended until the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services submits a report to the budget committees describing its oversight efforts of the inmate medical and mental health care contract. The report shall include the following:

- (1) a timeline and strategy to achieve and maintain contract staffing levels and ensure that hourly rates paid to the contract's health care professionals are competitive with similar positions across the State;
- (2) reported staffing rates from July 2025 to June 2026;

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(3)			<u>an update on whether the department has audited staffing rates and the results of those audits;</u>		
(4)			<u>reported pay rates of medical professionals by position type and a comparison to the U.S. Department of Labor index;</u>		
(5)			<u>a description of the procedures to guarantee contractors complete medical and mental health examinations within the required timeframes as well as investigate and resolve inmate complaints in a timely manner;</u>		
(6)			<u>results of audits regarding whether the contractor adequately responded to medical grievances and complaints made by incarcerated individuals; and</u>		
(7)			<u>determinations and outcomes regarding liquidated damages, including the amount charged and collected as of the submission of the report.</u>		

The report shall be submitted to the budget committees no later than October 15, 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:

A November 2024 fiscal compliance audit issued by the Office of Legislative Audits contained nine findings related to the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services (DPSCS) medical and mental health contracts and procurements from April 2018 to December 2023. This language restricts funding pending a report discussing oversight of the medical and mental health care contract with Centurion of Maryland, including discussions of staffing rates, pay rates, and medical grievances.

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Report on health care contract oversight

DPSCS

October 15, 2026

3. Add the following language:

Concur

Adopt.

, provided that \$100,000 of this appropriation made for the purpose of general administration within the Maryland Commission on Correctional Standards may not be expended until the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services submits a report to the budget committees describing the agency’s oversight of private home detention monitoring companies. The report shall include data on private home detention monitoring agency performance and compliance from fiscal 2021 to 2026, including the number and category of violations identified, timeliness of required notifications, disciplinary and enforcement actions, and repeat violations by provider. The report shall be submitted to the budget committees no later than September 15, 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:

Private home detention monitoring agencies (PHDMA) provide monitoring services to defendants as a condition of their pretrial release. The Maryland Commission on Correctional Standards (MCCS) is responsible for auditing PHDMAs to determine the level of compliance with required standards and oversee their licensing process. This language restricts funds for general administration until the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services (DPSCS) submits a report on the use and oversight of the private monitoring services.

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Author

Due Date

Private home detention
monitoring report

DPSCS

September 15, 2026

4. Add the following language:

Concur.

Adopt.

Further provided that \$250,000 of this appropriation made for the purpose of general administration may not be expended until the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services submits a report to the budget committees describing the agency’s procurement strategy for completing the Computerized Criminal History (CCH) and Electronic Patient Health Record (EPHR) projects. In addition to providing a strategy to complete the projects, the CCH portion of the plan shall include a project status update, year to date spending in fiscal 2027, an update on the procurement and implementation timeline, and an explanation of the delayed estimated end date. The EPHR portion of the plan shall include a project status update, including an update on compliance with the Duvall v. Moore consent decree, in regard to the legacy and future systems, and an update on the status of onboarding a vendor.

The report shall be submitted to the budget committees no later than November 15, 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 CCH major information technology project has experienced multiple delays, largely due to multiple cancellations and reissuances of the request for proposals. The estimated completion date for this project has been pushed back from the initial estimate of fiscal 2022 to 2033. Similarly, EPHR is behind schedule and is estimated to be completed in

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calendar 2031, five years after the expiration of the Duvall v. Moore decree in June 2026, opening the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services (DPSCS) up to litigation. This language restricts funding pending a report including status updates and plans to complete both projects.

Information Request

Author

Due Date

Major information technology projects report

DPSCS

November 15, 2026

5. Add the following language:

Concur

Adopt.

, provided that \$200,000 of this appropriation made for the purpose of Administrative Services may not be expended until the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services submits the second of four quarterly hiring and attrition reports to the budget committees. The reports shall include a breakdown of all hires and separations for each of the three months in question by category of employee (correctional officer, community supervision agent, or administrative employee) and by reason for separation. The report shall also include narrative summarizing all hiring events and changes to the hiring process that occurred during the quarter; the quantity, type, and cost of bonuses disbursed; as well as overall applications received, tested, and interviewed. The first report shall be submitted to the budget committees no later than October 1, 2026, the second report shall be submitted to the budget committees no later than January 1, 2027, the third report shall be submitted to the budget committees no later than April 1, 2027, and the fourth report shall be submitted to the budget committees no later than July 1, 2027. The budget committees shall have 45 days from the date of the receipt of the second quarterly 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.

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Explanation:

The number of filled correctional officer positions within the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services (DPSCS) has decreased over the past year, declining by 17 positions from October 2024 to October 2025. This language restricts funding for administration pending the submission of the second of four quarterly reports on hiring and attrition within DPSCS.

Information Request

Author

Due Date

Quarterly hiring and attrition reports

DPSCS

October 1, 2026
January 1, 2027
April 1, 2027
July 1, 2027

6. Adopt the following narrative:

Concur

Adopt.

Report on Three-year Recidivism: The budget committees are interested in a more detailed examination of three-year recidivism rates among released offenders. The committees request that the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services (DPSCS) submit a report by October 15, 2026, on the impact of incarceration on the future outcomes of returning offenders. The report should include three-year recidivism numbers for the fiscal 2017 through 2023 release cohorts and an analysis of recent recidivism trends, including a comparison to past years and other states.

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Author

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Report on three-year recidivism

DPSCS

October 15, 2026

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7. Adopt the following narrative:

Concur.

Adopt.

Justice Reinvestment Act (JRA) Report: The committees request that the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services (DPSCS) submit a report by December 1, 2026, on the following items:

- annual updates on the number of offenders petitioning and approved for the JRA provisions, including but not limited to administrative release, medical/geriatric parole, certificates of rehabilitation, and graduated sanctions;
- the number of offenders affected by the JRA diminution and earned compliance credit rules; and
- annual JRA cost savings updates along with any efforts/initiatives to increase savings.

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Author

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JRA report

DPSCS

December 1, 2026

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DPSCS – Corrections

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1. Adopt the following narrative:

Concur.

Modify, see
below.

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;
- challenges to full rollout; and
- the potential impact on recidivism.

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Report on the reentry passport program	DPSCS	October 15, 2026					

First House Modification

Adopt the following narrative:

Adopt.

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;

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- 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;
- challenges to full rollout; and
- the potential impact on recidivism.

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Author

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Report on the reentry passport program

DPSCS

October 15, 2026

2. Adopt the following narrative:

Concur.

Adopt.

Women’s Prerelease Programming: The Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services (DPSCS) was required by the Correctional Services Article §§ 3-301 through 3-305 to operate a comprehensive rehabilitative prerelease unit for women by November 1, 2023. The committees note that DPSCS has been consistently delayed in meeting the statutory requirement to build a new, standalone, prerelease facility. While design for the new facility has been delayed, DPSCS is still required to provide evidence-based and gender-responsive services to incarcerated women in its custody and has reportedly begun to do so. However, the amount of information on the new programming is limited, and the committees seek further details into the department’s plans to comply with the comprehensive and gender-responsive programming requirements of the statute. The committees ask that DPSCS provide a report on the following information on the women’s prerelease unit at the Maryland Correctional Institution for Women no later than August 1, 2026:

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- an overview of the current prerelease program for women;
- goals and objectives;
- curriculum and activities, including particular attention to work release and job-related services;
- eligibility requirements;
- the number of applicants, individuals approved, individuals denied, current population, and average daily population for each month in fiscal 2026 in Project FRESH and any other prerelease programming for women;
- resources dedicated to the program, including staff, funding, and facility space;
- a plan to measure program effectiveness, including any outcomes or performance data that will be measured and reported;
- a summary of participant satisfaction and feedback on the program;
- an evaluation of the inclusivity and accessibility of the program for women with various backgrounds and needs;
- implementation challenges and future steps for improvement or expansion within the existing facility during the delay in constructing the new facility; and
- a comparison to the opportunities, resources, and conditions provided in men's prerelease facilities.

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Report on women's prerelease programming					
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		August 1, 2026			

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3. Adopt the following narrative:

Adopt.

Treatment of Transgender Individuals: Transgender incarcerated individuals are subject to high rates of violence, sexual abuse, and inappropriate housing assignments, such as unwarranted restrictive housing. The committees request that the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services (DPSCS) submit a report, in collaboration with experts, technical assistants, and transgender stakeholders, on the treatment of transgender individuals in correctional facilities. The report should be provided by October 1, 2026. The report should also contain data for fiscal 2023 through 2026 on the following items:

- annual total of transgender individuals in each of the agency's correctional facilities and pretrial detention centers by gender identity;
- annual totals of transgender individuals in each DPSCS correctional facility by housing placement category, including administrative segregation, disciplinary segregation, mental health unit, medical unit, dormitory, double cell, single cell, and all other housing placement categories, disaggregated by the gender of the housing placement and by the gender identity of the transgender individual;
- the number and share of transgender individuals placed in restrictive housing, disaggregated by reason for placement and compared to the cisgender population;

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• annual average and median length of time transgender individuals spent in restrictive housing overall and disaggregated by reason for placement into restrictive housing compared to their cisgender peers for each DPSCS correctional facility;• annual number of requests by transgender individuals 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 housing placement assessments for transgender individuals pursuant to DPSCS Executive Directive OPS.131.0001;• annual number of requests by transgender individuals to receive gender-affirming care and the outcomes of those requests disaggregated by type of medical care;• annual number of requests by individuals identified as vulnerable under Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Standard 115.41 and by transgender individuals for privacy in showers, bathrooms, and while changing clothing, and the outcomes of those requests;• annual number of PREA complaints filed and investigated and the outcome for complaints made by transgender individuals compared to cisgender peers;• annual number of complaints received, number of complaints that were investigated, and outcomes of each complaint for each correctional facility regarding violence, sexual abuse, harassment, discrimination against transgender individuals, other abuse, access to gender-affirming health care, and access to gendered commissary items;		

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the number and dollar amount of settlements paid to transgender individuals during each fiscal year from fiscal 2023 to 2026; • all policies regarding transgender individuals and/or gender dysphoria, including but not limited to intake procedures, identification of transgender individuals, provision of gender-affirming health care, housing assignment, safety from violence and sexual abuse, and access to gendered commissary items; • a plan to issue guidelines that, at a minimum, are the equivalent of PREA Standard 115.42; and • 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+ individuals, along with a discussion of any obstacles to implementation and compliance. 				

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Report on the treatment of transgender individuals	DPSCS	October 1, 2026

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DPSCS – Community Supervision

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1. Adopt the following narrative:

Concur.

Adopt.

Status of Parole and Probation Agents Safety Efforts: The Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services (DPSCS) is in the process of implementing safety measures for its parole and probation agents. The committees request that, by October 1, 2026, DPSCS submit a report detailing the status of providing parole and probation agents with body-worn cameras, multi-threat vests, and the implementation efforts of any other protective equipment provided to agents. The report should include details on training requirements and completion rates, implementation timelines of the new equipment, total and ongoing costs, the status of any pilot programs, and the regions in which those programs have been deployed or are planned. The report should also provide an update on police escort policies and data on how many home visits were accompanied by law enforcement, including any regional variation.

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Author

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Report on parole and probation agent safety efforts

DPSCS

October 1, 2026

2. Adopt the following narrative:

Concur.

Adopt.

Division of Parole and Probation (DPP) Caseload Report: In recent years, DPP has been working to reduce supervision caseloads to a manageable level for its parole and probation agents. Caseload ratios overall are decreasing but remain high in the capital region. The committees request a report due by September 15, 2026, from DPP on the following:

- the exact breakdown of support staff and general supervision caseloads by office into DPP supervision levels for fiscal 2026;

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- the exact breakdown of case closures by reason, region, and office; and
- a description of strategies that DPP is using to reduce caseload ratios and prevent agents from taking on too many cases.

Information Request	Author	Due Date
Report on DPP caseloads	DPP	September 15, 2026

3. Adopt the following narrative: Concur. Adopt.

Report on Risk Assessment Tools: The Division of Parole and Probation (DPP) has delayed the replacement of the assessment 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 committees request that DPP submit a report, due September 1, 2026, on the transition to new screening tools used in community supervision. The report should include a status update of implementation of the new tool and a transition timeline on when the project will be complete.

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Report on assessment tools	DPP	September 1, 2026

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4. Add the following language:

Adopt.

, provided that \$100,000 of this appropriation made for the purpose of general administration in the Maryland Parole Commission (MPC) may not be expended until the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services (DPSCS) submits a report to the budget committees providing data on geriatric and medical parole, including information on the transition of individuals granted parole into the community. The report shall include the following annual data on geriatric and medical parole shown separately for fiscal 2024 to 2026:

- (1) number of eligible individuals;
- (2) number of screened individuals;
- (3) number of individuals granted parole;
- (4) number of individuals denied, including a breakdown of the reasons for denial;
and
- (5) number of individuals whose cases are pending at the end of the fiscal year.

The report shall also provide the number of risk assessments MPC conducted from fiscal 2024 to 2026 related to its consideration of geriatric and medical parole, as outlined in Chapter 102 of 2025. The report shall provide information on DPSCS's efforts to assist individuals granted medical or geriatric parole in transitioning into the community. This information shall include the department's efforts to collaborate with nursing homes and community resources to support individuals' transition into the community.

The report shall be submitted by November 15, 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.

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Explanation:

Chapter 102 of 2025 made several changes to how MPC evaluates and considers suitability for geriatric and medical parole for specified individuals. This language restricts funding for general administration in MPC until DPSCS submits a report providing data on medical and geriatric parole.

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Author

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Report on geriatric and medical parole

DPSCS

November 15, 2026

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DPSCS – Police and Correctional Training Commissions

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1. Concur with Governor's allowance.			Concur.	Adopt.	

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DPSCS – Division of Pretrial Detention and Services

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1. Add the following language:

Concur.

Adopt.

, provided that \$100,000 of this appropriation made for the purpose of general administration may not be expended until the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services submits a report to the budget committees on compliance with the Duvall v. Moore decree. The report shall include:

- (1) an update on the compliance status of each of the provisions in the Duvall v. Moore consent decree;
- (2) a status update on whether the department achieved full compliance by the June 2026 deadline, including identifying any provisions found to be out of compliance and the corrective actions taken or underway;
- (3) an update on any extensions granted or requested following the June 2026 deadline, including revised compliance timelines, and any court-ordered or negotiated next steps;
- (4) the status of any motions to terminate provisions of the consent decree and updates on any other motions filed; and
- (5) a summary of any costs associated with the compliance process.

The report shall be submitted by July 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 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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Explanation:

The deadline to comply with the medical and mental health provisions in the Duvall v. Moore decree has been extended to June 2026. As of August 2025, the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services (DPSCS) is noncompliant and partially compliant with several of the provisions of the consent decree. The department may face litigation regarding the conditions of pretrial detention if it fails to reach full compliance by the deadline. This language restricts funding pending a report including status updates and plans to comply with the consent decree.

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Author

Due Date

Status update on compliance with Duvall v. Moore decree

DPSCS

July 1, 2026

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2. Adopt the following narrative:

Adopt.

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.

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Report on the new CDF contract	DPSCS		August 15, 2026			

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Department of Juvenile Services

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1. Add the following language:

Concur in part – DJS requests that funds not be withheld. Reject.

, provided that \$250,000 of this appropriation made for the purpose of administrative expenses may not be expended until the Department of Juvenile Services (DJS) submits a report to the budget committees on the operations of the Alfred D. Noyes Children’s Center (Noyes) and the DJS substance abuse program at the neighboring Maryland Department of Health (MDH) facility. In this report, DJS shall describe any formal agreement that it has with MDH for the administration of either facility. Additionally, DJS will report the following information:

- (1) a description of its role and responsibilities at each facility;
- (2) an estimated or actual date for which DJS and MDH will begin their facility swap;
- (3) an estimated or actual date for which juvenile justice involved youth will begin receiving care through the substance abuse program;
- (4) a description of the care that youth will receive through each provider;
- (5) a status update on the hiring of educational staff who will work at Noyes; and
- (6) a list of estimated expenses associated with the programs in fiscal 2026 and 2027.

The report shall be submitted by August 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.

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Explanation:	<p>The fiscal 2026 budget as introduced included \$3.0 million in general funds for DJS to open the Catocin Treatment Center – a facility on the campus of Victor Cullen – as a substance abuse facility for youth. Language added to the fiscal 2026 Budget Bill specified that the \$3.0 million provided for the purpose of opening the Catocin Treatment Center may not be expended for that purpose but instead may be used only to reopen Noyes as an adolescent drug treatment center that serves as a treatment alternative to detention and commitment. In coordination with MDH and the Department of Human Services, DJS plans to relocate to Noyes the Facility For Children that is currently located at a neighboring facility owned by MDH. DJS would then open a substance use program at the MDH facility. DJS also plans to provide educational services on the Noyes campus with Juvenile Services Education Program staff. Details of the plan are not yet public.</p>				

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Report on Noyes and the substance abuse program	DJS	August 1, 2026

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2. Adopt the following narrative:

Adopt.

Report on the Substance Abuse Program: The fiscal 2026 budget as introduced included \$3.0 million in general funds for the Department of Juvenile Services (DJS) to open the Catoctin Treatment Center as a substance abuse facility for youth. Language added to the fiscal 2026 Budget Bill specified that the \$3.0 million provided for the purpose of opening the Catoctin Treatment Center may not be expended for that purpose but instead may be used only to reopen the Alfred D. Noyes Children’s Center (Noyes) as an adolescent drug treatment center that serves as a treatment alternative to detention and commitment. In coordination with the Maryland Department of Health (MDH) and the Department of Human Services, DJS plans to relocate to Noyes the Facility For Children that is currently located at a neighboring facility owned by MDH. DJS would then open a substance use program at the MDH facility. DJS also plans to provide educational services on the Noyes campus with Juvenile Services Education Program staff. The budget committees request that DJS submit a report that contains the following information:

- a description of its role and responsibilities at each facility;
- an estimated or actual date for which DJS and MDH will begin their facility swap;
- an estimated or actual date for which juvenile justice involved youth will begin receiving care through the substance abuse program;
- a description of the care that youth will receive through each provider;
- a status update on the hiring of educational staff who will work at Noyes; and
- a list of estimated expenses associated with the programs in fiscal 2026 and 2027.

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Report on the substance abuse program	DJS		August 1, 2026			

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Department of State Police

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1.	Delete grant funding for the Maryland Sheriffs' Association due to the expiration of an enhanced public safety funding initiative.	-\$333,000	GF	Disagree – The return on investment that these training funds have provided to more than 160 law enforcement agencies throughout the State is worth retaining in the annual budget.	Reject.	
2.	Add the following section:			Concur.	Adopt.	

Section 31 Uniform Crime Report

SECTION 31. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That \$100,000 of the general fund appropriation within the Department of State Police (DSP) may not be expended until DSP submits the Crime in Maryland, 2025 Uniform Crime Report (UCR) to the budget committees. 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 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.

Further provided that, if DSP encounters difficulty obtaining, or validating the accuracy of the necessary crime data by November 1, 2026, from local jurisdictions who provide the data for inclusion in the UCR, DSP shall notify the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy (GOCPP). From each jurisdiction's third quarterly State Aid for Police Protection (SAPP) disbursement, the office shall withhold a portion, totaling at least 15% but no more than 50%, of that jurisdiction's SAPP grant for fiscal 2027 upon receipt of notification from DSP. GOCPP shall withhold SAPP funds until such a time that the jurisdiction submits its crime data to DSP, and DSP verifies the accuracy of the data. DSP and GOCPP shall submit a report to the budget committees indicating any jurisdiction from which crime data was not received by November 1, 2026, and the amount of SAPP funding from each jurisdiction.

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Explanation:

This annual language withholds a portion of the general fund appropriation until the budget committees receive the 2025 UCR. The language also specifies that GOCPP, upon receipt of notification from DSP, must withhold a portion of a delinquent jurisdiction’s SAPP grant until certain crime data is received by DSP. Finally, DSP and GOCPP must submit a report to the budget committees that includes information on any jurisdiction that did not report crime data by November 1, 2026, and the amount of SAPP funding that is withheld from each jurisdiction.

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2025 UCR data verification

DSP

November 1, 2026

2025 UCR

DSP

45 days prior to expenditure of funds

3. Adopt the following narrative:

Concur.

Adopt.

Quarterly Reports on Personnel Measures: The Department of State Police (DSP) has maintained a high monthly vacancy rate for its regular positions in recent fiscal years. Additionally, in July 2022, the U.S. Department of Justice announced that it would be investigating DSP to determine if the department’s hiring and promotional practices had violated Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. A consent decree was filed in October 2024 and provisionally approved in the U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland in November 2024. The Board of Public Works approved the department’s use of \$2.75 million in general funds for required monetary awards in October 2024, and in January 2025, approved the use of \$357,500 in general funds to procure two entry-level selection tests to replace the existing written and physical fitness tests, both related to the provisional consent decree. In February 2025, the federal government

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filed to dismiss the case without a stated reason and without instruction for how DSP was to proceed. The committees request that DSP submit quarterly reports on its personnel measures, and where applicable, provide information separately for both sworn and civilian positions and for each month of the quarter. The quarterly reports should include the following:

- recent recruitment activities and recent employee retention activities; and
- the total number of authorized positions, the total number of filled positions, the number of open positions for which the department is actively hiring, the number of job applications received, the number of positions hired, the number of separations, the attrition rate, and the number of employees eligible to retire.

In addition, in each quarterly report, DSP should provide updates on the department’s activities related to the consent decree and progress made on distributing funds to former applicants through a claims administrator. In the first quarterly report, DSP should submit a plan for decreasing its vacancy rate in fiscal 2027.

Information Request	Author	Due Date
Quarterly reports on personnel measures	DSP	July 10, 2026 October 10, 2026 January 10, 2027 April 10, 2027

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4. Adopt the following narrative:

Adopt.

Report on Registered Apprenticeship Opportunities: As a full-service law enforcement agency, the Department of State Police (DSP) workforce includes a complement of sworn and civilian personnel with a wide range of job responsibilities. Among its sworn personnel, DSP estimates that the vacancy rate was 11.6% in calendar 2025. The department fills its sworn vacancies by hiring trooper candidates following their graduation from the Maryland State Police Trooper Academy. Typically, individuals must be at least 21 years old upon their graduation from the 26-week academy. DSP also operates a cadet program for individuals between 18 and 21 as a way of promoting a career in law enforcement and attracting additional candidates for its academics. The committees request that DSP submit a report describing opportunities for registered apprenticeship programs for its sworn workforce as well as what apprenticeship models the department is aware of within the law enforcement sector. To develop the report, DSP should consult with any exclusive bargaining representatives of the employees, the Department of Budget and Management, and the Maryland Department of Labor. The report should include the following:

- a review of registered apprenticeship programs for the law enforcement sector in other states;
- any barriers to implementation for apprenticeship programs within the DSP workforce;
- the resources needed to support one or more registered apprenticeship programs within DSP; and
- the benefits of registered apprenticeship programs and expected impact on DSP staffing levels.

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Report on registered apprenticeship DSP opportunities

December 1, 2026

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5. Adopt the following narrative:

Adopt.

Report on Workforce Diversity Strategies: The Department of State Police (DSP) is the fifth largest employer within the Executive Branch, and one of its goals, as reported through the Managing for Results process, is to develop an efficient and effective workforce. An objective related to this goal is to increase actions focused on workforce diversity, equity, and inclusion. The committees request that DSP submit a report identifying any new strategies or initiatives that the department has engaged in to support diversity within its sworn and civilian personnel as well as within applicants to the department. Strategies and initiatives that support equity and inclusion should also be reported. The committees further request that a demographic breakdown of the department’s civilian and sworn employees be provided for each division for the three most recent calendar years and that this breakdown provide information specific to gender and race.

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Author

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Report on workforce diversity strategies

DSP

October 1, 2026