

Decision Document

**House Appropriations Committee
Transportation and The Environment
2026 Session**

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Public Service Commission

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1. Reduce funds to increase the turnover expectancy to 7.9%. The Public Service Commission had 24 vacant positions as of December 31, 2025, which is higher than the 8.73 necessary vacancies to meet the budgeted turnover rate of 4.91%.	-\$704,828	SF	Disagree		Modify, see below	

First House Modification

Reduce funds to increase the turnover expectancy to 6.4%. The Public Service Commission had 24 vacant positions as of December 31, 2025, which is higher than the 8.73 necessary vacancies to meet the budgeted turnover rate of 4.91%.	-\$350,000	SF	Disagree		Adopt	
2. Adopt the following narrative:			No response		Reject	

Use of Funds Transferred from the Dedicated Purpose Account (DPA): The fiscal 2027 allowance authorizes \$15.0 million from the DPA to be used for grid-enhancing technologies contingent on the enactment of legislation expanding the allowable use of the Strategic Energy Investment Fund. These funds are expected to be made available to the Public Service Commission (PSC) to be used for grid-enhancing and advanced transmission technologies, with \$10.0 million to conduct research and \$5.0 million to provide grants to utility companies to construct or modify transmission facilities. The committees request that PSC submit a report outlining the uses and planned uses of this funding.

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Use of funds transferred from the Dedicated Purpose Account to PSC	PSC	December 31, 2026

3. Adopt the following narrative: No response Adopt

Arrearage and Termination Data: The committees remain interested in monitoring residential utility terminations and arrearages. The committees request that the Public Service Commission (PSC) submit two reports containing residential termination and arrearage data separately by utility and month. The first report should cover data from December 2025 through May 2026 and be submitted by July 15, 2026, and the second report should cover data from June 2026 through November 2026 be submitted by December 15, 2026.

Information Request	Author	Due Date
Arrearage and termination data	PSC	July 15, 2026 December 15, 2026

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1. Concur with Governor's allowance.

Concur

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Chesapeake Bay Overview

	<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.	Nonbudgeted.		No response		Adopt	

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Maryland Energy Administration

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

, provided that \$250,000 of this appropriation made for the purpose of administrative expenses may not be expended until the Maryland Energy Administration (MEA) submits a report to the budget committees with details on the department’s funding. The report shall provide details on the fiscal 2027 working appropriation and the fiscal 2028 allowance. The report shall detail for each budgetary program the programmatic activities by fund source within MEA. The report shall be submitted in conjunction with the release of the fiscal 2028 budget, 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

Explanation: The General Assembly is interested in receiving MEA’s funding in detail. MEA did not provide this information in a timely manner, as requested by committee narrative in the 2025 Joint Chairmen’s Report. This language withholds funding until details on the department’s funding are provided with submission of the fiscal 2028 budget.

Information Request	Author	Due Date
Report on MEA funding	MEA	With submission of the Governor’s Fiscal 2028 Budget Books

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Maryland Energy Administration

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2. Add the following language:

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Further provided that \$100,000 of this appropriation made for the purpose of administrative expenses may not be expended until the Maryland Energy Administration (MEA) submits a report to the budget committees detailing the:

1. fiscal 2025 actual expenditures (including encumbrances) by programmatic activity and fund source;
2. the fiscal 2026 actual expenditures (including encumbrances) by programmatic activity and fund source;
3. explanations including details from which programs and fund sources federal and special funds were canceled for fiscal 2026 actual expenditures; and
4. explanations including details from which programs and fund sources federal and special funds were encumbered in fiscal 2026 closeout.

The report shall be submitted by September 30, 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 be canceled if the report is not submitted.

Explanation:

MEA has delayed providing explanations on cancellations of funds at closeout as well as delaying or failing to provide details on programmatic spending by activity and fund source in recent years. This language restricts funds pending submission of a report providing explanations on fund cancellations at fiscal 2026 closeout, as well as details on encumbrances, and spending by programmatic activity and fund source for fiscal 2025 and 2026 actual expenditures.

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Information Request	Author		Due Date			
Fiscal 2026 cancellations, encumbrances, and actual expenditures by activity	MEA		September 30, 2026			

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3.			No response	Adopt	

Further provided that \$13,000,000 of this appropriation is contingent upon enactment of legislation expanding the allowable uses of the Strategic Energy Investment Fund to include grants or loans to support the creation of new Tier 1 renewable energy sources in the State.

Explanation:

This language makes a portion of the appropriation in the Maryland Energy Administration contingent on the expansion of allowable uses. Specifically, the programs included in this contingency are the Local Government Energy Modernization (\$7.0 million), Commercial Building (\$4.0 million) and OPEN Energy Innovation Grant Program (\$2.0 million), budgeted within the Renewable and Clean Energy Programs and Initiatives. These programs are reported as being supported by Alternative Compliance Payments, which must be used to directly benefit low- and moderate-income communities or overburdened or underserved communities.

4.			No response	Adopt	
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Strategic Energy Investment Fund (SEIF) Revenue, Spending, and Fund Balance: The committees are interested in ensuring transparency in Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) and Alternative Compliance Payment (ACP) revenue assumptions and spending included in the budget as well as available fund balance and planned usages of revenues. The committees request that the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) provide an

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annual report on the revenue from RGGI carbon dioxide emissions allowance auctions and set-aside allowances as well as ACP revenue assumptions in conjunction with the submission of the fiscal 2028 budget as an appendix to the Governor’s Fiscal 2028 Budget Books. The report shall include information on the actual fiscal 2026, the fiscal 2027 working appropriation, and the fiscal 2028 allowance. The report shall detail:

- revenue assumptions used to calculate the available SEIF from RGGI auctions for each fiscal year, including the number of auctions, the number of allowances sold, the allowance price in each auction, and the anticipated revenue from set aside allowances;
- revenue assumptions used to calculate the available ACP revenue for each fiscal year;
- amount of the SEIF from RGGI auction revenue available to each agency that receives funding through each required statutory allocation, dues owed to RGGI, Inc, and transfers or diversions made to other funds;
- amount of the SEIF from ACP available to each agency including any transfers or diversion made to other funds; and
- fund balances for each SEIF subaccount, reflecting funds available to spend for the fiscal 2026 actual accounting for encumbered funds, the fiscal 2027 working appropriation, and the fiscal 2028 allowance.

Information Request	Author	Due Date
Report on revenue assumptions, fund balance, and usage of SEIF revenues sourced from RGGI program auctions	Department of Budget and Management	With submission of the Governor’s Fiscal 2028 Budget Books

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5.	Adopt the following narrative:		No response	Adopt	

Federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) and Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) Funding for Energy-related Purposes: The committees are interested in tracking federal funds available to the Maryland Energy Administration (MEA) from the IIJA and the IRA for energy-related purposes and the status of implementation of programming using these funds. The committees request that MEA submit a report that includes a list of all IIJA and IRA programs for which it has submitted or anticipates submitting an application, the amount of funding available from each program (if funding allocations have been announced), the status of each application submitted or date funding was awarded, and the planned uses for funding from each program. The report should also provide updates on any withheld funds and the status of the release of funds for any conditional awards.

Additionally, the committees request that MEA provide an update on the implementation of the two home energy rebate programs through IRA funding, the Home Energy Performance-Based, Whole-House Rebate Program and the High-Efficiency Electric Home Rebate Program. The report should include the status of approval of MEA’s application for funding by the U.S. Department of Energy; program design and implementation activities completed, including outreach to the contractor community, and, if initial rebate awards have been made at the time of report submission; the number of rebates awarded under both programs; the average amount per rebate; and the total amount of rebates awarded. If initial rebate awards have not yet been made at the time of report submission, the report should include an anticipated timeline of when rebates under both programs will be available to the public.

Information Request	Author	Due Date
Report on federal IIJA and IRA funding and implementation of home energy rebate programs	MEA	December 31, 2026

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6. Adopt the following narrative:			No response	Adopt	

Usage of Additional Strategic Energy Investment Fund (SEIF) Revenues Provided to the Maryland Energy Administration (MEA): The fiscal 2027 allowance for MEA includes \$100 million of Alternative Compliance Payments (ACP) deposited in SEIF funds, contingent on enactment of legislation expanding allowable uses of ACP revenues in the SEIF. The Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act of 2025 specifies, of the total \$100.0 million, \$70.0 million be used to provide gap financing for at-risk, large-scale clean energy projects and \$30.0 million be used to provide grants and loans to support creation of new Tier 1 renewable energy sources. The committees request that MEA submit a report outlining the uses and planned uses of this funding.

The committees also request MEA to provide an update on and the planned timeline and uses for the remaining portion of the \$90 million transferred from the SEIF to the Dedicated Purpose Account in fiscal 2025.

Information Request	Author	Due Date
Report on the usage of ACP revenues in the SEIF	MEA	December 31, 2026

Explanation: This language strikes an amendment making a portion of the appropriation in the Maryland Energy Administration and Department of General Services contingent on the expansion of allowable uses.

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Department of Planning

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1.	Add the following language:			Concur	Adopt
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, provided that this appropriation shall be reduced by \$131,529 contingent upon enactment of legislation expanding the allowable uses of the Strategic Energy Investment Fund to include programs and applicable initiatives related to State climate change mitigation and climate change resiliency efforts

Explanation: This language adds specificity to contingent language on the general fund appropriation so that it more closely matches the applicable Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act provision.

2.	Add the following language:			Concur	Adopt
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, provided that \$136,591 of this appropriation is contingent upon enactment of legislation expanding the allowable uses of the Strategic Energy Investment Fund to include programs and applicable initiatives related to State climate change mitigation and climate change resiliency efforts

Explanation: This language adds specificity to contingent language on the special fund appropriation so that it more closely matches the applicable Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act provision.

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Department of Planning

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Additional First House Action

3. Add the following language:

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. provided that \$250,000 of this appropriation made for the purpose of administration may not be expended until the Department of Planning submits a report to the budget committees on permits that impact the business community, including identifying places where permitting overlaps agencies unnecessarily, a review of the processing time to issue permits, and recommendations for metrics around permitting that should be included in the State’s Managing for Results performance review. The department shall consult with the Maryland Coordinated Permitting Review Council, the Department of Legislative Services, the Maryland Association of Counties, and any other relevant departments or stakeholders in developing the report. The report shall be submitted by September 30, 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 for administrative purposes in the Maryland Department of Planning (MDP) until the department submits a report on permits that impact the business community. The committees request that MDP work in conjunction with the Maryland Coordinated Permitting Review Council, the Department of Legislative Services, the Maryland Association of Counties, and any other relevant departments or stakeholders to develop the report.

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Maryland Automobile Insurance Fund

	<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. Adopt the following narrative:					Concur	Adopt

Financial Statements for Insured and Uninsured Divisions: Annually, the Maryland Automobile Insurance Fund (Maryland Auto) provides end-of-year financial statements, including revenue, expenditure, and surplus figures for the closed-out, preceding year; estimates for the current year beginning at closeout; and projections for the immediate year ahead. Most revenue is derived from premiums in the Insured Division and a mandated appropriation of uninsured motorist fines under Section 17-106 of the Transportation Article for the Uninsured Division. However, both divisions derive revenue from investment dividends, which depend on investment portfolio decisions as well as stock market conditions. Comparisons of estimates to closeout and projections to end-of-year estimates suggest limited ability to forecast financial conditions for the full year. Given ongoing concerns about the financial stability of the agency and surplus levels in both divisions, the committees request updated financial statements for both divisions. The report should include the pro forma income statements for the calendar 2025 actuals and calendar 2026 projections, at the time of submission.

Information Request	Author	Due Date
Financial statements for Insured Division and Uninsured Division	Maryland Auto	July 31, 2026

2. Adopt the following narrative:					Concur	Adopt
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Insured Division Report: Due to inadequate ending surplus in calendar 2025, the Maryland Automobile Insurance Fund (Maryland Auto) is expected to require issuing another assessment. The Insured Division’s revenue is driven by premiums collected on insurance policies. The committees are requesting a report to monitor

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Maryland Automobile Insurance Fund

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the ongoing financial situation at Maryland Auto. The report should include data on premiums earned and expenditures. The report should also include data on gross written policies, policies in force, payment plans counts, and policy types. The report should cover the first two quarters of calendar 2026.

Information Request	Author	Due Date
Insured Division's premiums, expenditures, and policy information	Maryland Auto	October 1, 2026

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Maryland Insurance Administration

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

Insurance Tracking System Project Status: After significant delays beginning in calendar 2020, active development of the Insurance Tracking System Project is underway. The Maryland Insurance Administration (MIA) has begun Phase 2 of this ongoing project. The fiscal 2027 allowance includes \$8.7 million for continued Insurance Tracking System Project development. In order to continue monitoring this project and to be informed of any further delays or cost increases, the committees request that MIA submit initial and follow-up reports to update the committees, including:

- a summary of progress made on the project in the previous two quarters and projected tasks to completed in the following quarters, including a list of all identified project development benchmarks and target dates and actual completion dates for each major benchmark;
- actual project spending over the previous two quarters; and
- any updates to the estimated total project cost or anticipated project timeline.

Information Request	Author	Due Date
Insurance Tracking System Major Information Technology Development Project status	MIA	July 10, 2026 January 10, 2027

D80Z01

Maryland Insurance Administration

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2. Adopt the following narrative:

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Report on Affordable Care Act (ACA) Segregated Account Funding Data: The committees request that the Maryland Insurance Administration (MIA), in collaboration with the Prevention and Health Promotion Administration (PHPA) in the Maryland Department of Health, submit a report with data from insurers, nonprofit health services providers, and health maintenance organizations on segregated accounts established under the federal ACA. The report should include data from calendar 2025 on receipts, disbursements, ending balances, and interest for the segregated accounts.

Information Request	Author	Due Date
Report on ACA segregated account data	MIA PHPA	January 1, 2027

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Canal Place Preservation and Development Authority

	<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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Department of Information Technology

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1. Delete general funds for expedited projects in the Information Technology Investment Fund. This action will delete general funds set aside in fiscal 2027 for expedited funds considering the delay in finalizing criteria to define which Modernization Major Information Technology Development Projects are eligible to be determined as expedited projects, including a list of proposed eligible projects as an expedited project.	-\$3,000,000	GF	Concur	Reject	
2. Delete general funds for the Maryland Department of Health Medicaid Pharmacy Benefits Electronic Claims System Major Information Technology Development Project. This action will delete general funds in the Information Technology Investment Fund for this project. A separate recommendation authorizing a budget amendment to replace the deleted general funds with federal funds to account for expected federal fund participation of 90% of this project appears in M00Q01 – MDH – Medical Care Programs Administration.	-\$1,500,000	GF	Concur in part - Agency requests to reduce by 50% to \$750,000.	Modify, see below	

First House Modification

Delete general funds for the Maryland Department of Health Medicaid Pharmacy Benefits Electronic Claims System Major Information Technology Development Project and authorize a budget amendment to be processed to replace these funds with federal funds to account for the expected 90% federal	-\$1,250,000	GF	Concur in part - Agency requests to reduce by 50% to \$750,000.	Adopt	
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<p>fund match for this project. This action will delete general funds in the Information Technology Investment Fund for this project and authorize a budget amendment to be processed to replace these funds with federal funds.</p>						
3.	Delete general funds for the Department of Information Technology Statewide Permitting Platform Major Information Technology Development Project (MITDP) because the information technology project request for this MITDP was not submitted as required by § 3.5-308 of the State Finance and Procurement Article.	-\$500,000 GF		Disagree	Adopt	
4.	Increase turnover expectancy for 9 new positions in Program F50B04.01 to 25% to be consistent with budgeted turnover for new positions.	-\$440,151 GF		Concur	Adopt	
5.	Increase turnover expectancy for 2 new positions in Program F50B04.05 to 25% to be consistent with budgeted turnover for new positions.	-\$91,299 GF		Concur	Adopt	
6.	Adopt the following narrative:			Concur	Reject	

Report on Artificial Intelligence (AI) Implementation: In accordance with Chapter 496 of 2024, the Department of Information Technology (DoIT) published the State’s AI enablement strategy and AI study roadmap. The committees are interested in what efforts the State has taken to implement AI statewide. The committees request DoIT to submit a

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<p>report on its efforts to implement AI statewide in accordance with the State’s AI enablement strategy, including how DoIT prioritizes and focuses on the effective use of AI. The report should also include details on the findings of the AI study roadmap and plans to implement the findings of the various study topics.</p>					

Information Request	Author	Due Date
Report on AI implementation	DoIT	November 1, 2026

7. Adopt the following narrative: Concur Adopt

Report on Maryland Benefits: The Maryland Benefits, previously known as MD THINK, is a cloud-based platform that provides infrastructure, data, and application services to multiple State agencies. Maryland Benefits was transferred to the Department of Information Technology (DoIT) from the Department of Human Services (DHS) beginning in fiscal 2026 to support continued integration of multiple agencies and identify efficiencies for the platform. The shared platform and Eligibility and Enrollment (E&E) application were transferred to DoIT. Applications that are solely used by DHS, Child, Juvenile, and Adult Management System (CJAMS) and Child Support Management System (CSMS) are to remain with DHS. However, DHS reported that operational duties for CJAMS and CSMS are still integrated with the MD Benefits shared platform and are currently with DoIT. Both DoIT and DHS estimate separating the applications by the end of fiscal 2026. Additionally, Maryland Benefits encountered significant investment and implementation challenges before it was transferred to DoIT. The committees request DoIT to submit a report on the progress of the shared platform and E&E implementation by DoIT, the separation of CJAMS and CSMS applications from Maryland Benefits’ shared platform, costs, additional efficiencies identified, and estimated savings. The report should also include how procurements for different components of the platform are carried out and the possibility of identifying savings

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either through consolidation of multiple contracts or separating a single contract into multiple contracts.

Information Request	Author	Due Date
Report on Maryland Benefits	DoIT	December 1, 2026

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| 8. | Adopt the following narrative: | Disagree | Adopt |
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Information on Out-year Funding and Cost Estimates for Major Information Technology Development Projects (MITDP): Historically, the Department of Information Technology (DoIT) and the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) have submitted out-year funding and costs estimates for each MITDP split by fiscal years and fund sources in a separate MITDP appendix with the budget books. Although the Governor’s Fiscal 2027 Budget Book include a separate MITDP appendix, the appendix does not include information on the out-year funding and cost estimates split by fiscal years and fund sources. Additionally, MITDPs are primarily funded by general funds through the Information Technology Investment Fund, and the out-year funding information is required for the State’s general fund projections. The committees request that DoIT, in collaboration with DBM, include the out-year funding requirement and estimated cost for each MITDP split by fiscal years and fund sources in the MITDP appendix with the Governor’s Fiscal 2028 Budget Books.

Information Request	Author	Due Date
Information on out-year funding and cost estimates for MITDPs	DoIT DBM	With submission of the Governor’s Fiscal 2028 Budget Books

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Additional First House Action

9. Add the following section:

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Section 34 Artificial Intelligence Implementation

SECTION 34. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That \$250,000 of the general fund appropriation for the Department of Information Technology (DoIT) and \$250,000 of the general fund appropriation for the Department of General Services (DGS) may not be expended until DoIT and DGS submit a joint report to the budget committees on artificial intelligence (AI). The report shall include:

1. an update on the efforts the State has taken to implement AI statewide in accordance with the State’s enablement strategy;
2. details on how DoIT prioritizes and focuses on the effective use of AI;
3. details on the findings of the AI study roadmap, including the timeline and plans to implement the findings;
4. details on the development and implementation of competitive proof of concept procurement for AI systems;
5. details on the procurement of systems that employ AI; and
6. an update on the regular impact assessments of AI systems.

DoIT, in collaboration with DGS, shall submit the report to the budget committees by November 1, 2026, and the budget committees shall have 45 days from the date of the receipt of the report to review and comment. Funds restricted pending the receipt of a report may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund if the report is not submitted to the budget committees.

Explanation:

In accordance with Chapter 496 of 2024, DoIT published the State’s AI enablement strategy and AI study roadmap. Among other provisions, Chapter 496 also requires DoIT to develop and implement

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		competitive proof of concept procurement for AI systems and conduct regular impact assessments of AI systems. This language restricts funds pending submission of a joint report on AI implementation and procurement and impact assessments of AI systems.			

Information Request	Author	Due Date
Report on AI implementation	DoIT DGS	November 1, 2026

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10. Adopt the following narrative:

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Report on Agency Artificial Intelligence (AI) Utilization: The committees are interested in understanding how each Executive Branch agency uses AI and mitigates risks or challenges associated with AI use. The committees request the Department of Information Technology (DoIT), in coordination with each Executive Branch agency, submit a report on the utilization of artificial intelligence (AI) by each Executive Branch agency. Each Executive Branch agency shall submit a report to DoIT by October 1, 2026, and DoIT shall submit one report that provides a summary of the information for all agencies. Each agency report to DoIT shall include:

- a description of how the agency is using or piloting AI to improve service delivery, operational efficiency, or public outcomes; and
- a description of how the agency is identifying and addressing risks or challenges associated with AI use, including impacts on residents.

It is the intent of the budget committees that the report also be submitted to the Governor and the Joint Committee on Cybersecurity, Information Technology, and Biotechnology.

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Report on Agency AI Utilization		DoIT				
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Maryland Department of Transportation Overview

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1.						
Add the following language:			Concur		Adopt	
<u>Provided that it is the intent of the General Assembly that projects and funding levels appropriated for capital projects, as well as total estimated project costs within the Consolidated Transportation Program, shall be expended in accordance with the plan approved during the legislative session. The department shall prepare a report to notify the budget committees of the proposed changes in the event that the department modifies the program to:</u>						
1. <u>add a new project to the construction program or development and evaluation program meeting the definition of a "major project" under Section 2-103.1 of the Transportation Article that was not previously contained within a plan reviewed in a prior year by the General Assembly and will result in the need to expend funds in the current budget year; or</u>						
2. <u>change the scope of a project in the construction program or development and evaluation program meeting the definition of a "major project" under Section 2-103.1 of the Transportation Article that will result in an increase of more than 10% or \$1,000,000, whichever is greater, in the total project costs as reviewed by the General Assembly during a prior session.</u>						
<u>For each change, the report shall identify the project title, justification for adding the new project or modifying the scope of the existing project, current year funding levels, and the total project cost as approved by the General Assembly during the prior session compared with the proposed current year funding and total project cost estimate resulting from the project addition or change in scope.</u>						
<u>Further provided that notification of project additions, as outlined in paragraph (1) above; changes in the scope of a project, as outlined in paragraph (2) above; or moving projects from the development and evaluation program to the construction program shall be made to the General Assembly 45 days prior to the expenditure of funds or the submission of any contract for approval to the Board of Public Works.</u>						

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Maryland Department of Transportation Overview

	<u>Amount Change</u>	<u>Position Change</u>	<u>Agency Response Hearing Notes</u>	<u>Senate Decisions</u>	<u>House Decisions</u>
Explanation:	<p>This annual budget bill language requires the department to notify the budget committees of proposed changes to the transportation capital program that will add a new project that was not in the fiscal 2026 to 2031 Consolidated Transportation Program (CTP) or will increase a total project’s cost by more than 10% or \$1 million, due to a change in scope. Reports are to be submitted with the draft and final versions of the CTP with each using the 2026 session CTP as the basis for comparison. In addition, notification is required as needed throughout the budget year if certain changes to projects are made.</p>				
Information Request	Author	Due Date			
Capital budget changes from one CTP version to the next	Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT)	With draft CTP With final CTP			
Capital budget changes throughout the year	MDOT	45 days prior to the expenditure of funds or seeking Board of Public Works approval			

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MDOT The Secretary's Office

<u>Amount Change</u>	<u>Position Change</u>	<u>Agency Response Hearing Notes</u>	<u>Senate Decisions</u>	<u>House Decisions</u>
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1. Add the following language:	Concur		Adopt
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, provided that no more than \$7,201,128 of this appropriation may be expended for operating grants in aid, except for:

1. any additional special funds necessary to match unanticipated federal fund attainments; or
2. any proposed increase either to provide funds for a new grantee or to increase funds for an existing grantee.

Further provided that no expenditures in excess of \$7,201,128 may occur unless the department provides notification to the budget committees to justify the need for additional expenditures due to either item (1) or (2) above, and the committees provide review and comment or 45 days elapse from the date such notification is provided to the committees.

Explanation: This annual language caps the level of special funds provided for operating grants-in-aid. The cap may be increased to match unanticipated federal dollars or to provide new or expanded grant funding upon notification to the budget committees.

Information Request	Author	Due Date
Explanation of need for additional special funds for operating grants-in-aid	Maryland Department of Transportation	45 days prior to expenditure

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MDOT The Secretary's Office

<u>Amount</u> <u>Change</u>	<u>Position</u> <u>Change</u>	<u>Agency Response</u>	<u>Hearing Notes</u>	<u>Senate</u> <u>Decisions</u>	<u>House</u> <u>Decisions</u>
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Additional First House Action

2. Add the following language:

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, provided that \$500,000 of this appropriation made for the purpose of administrative expenses within The Secretary's Office may not be expended until the Maryland Department of Transportation and the Maryland Transportation Authority (MDTA) submit a report to the budget committees outlining the processes by which MDTA uses to resolve customer issues related to toll billing and collections. The report should include a discussion of the current processes that MDTA uses to resolve these disputes, including how it communicates with its customers and legislative offices engaging with the department on their behalf during the dispute resolution process to ensure that issues have been satisfactorily addressed. The report should also include a discussion of how these processes and communications can be improved so that customers and legislative offices engaging the department on their behalf remain updated throughout the dispute resolution process and so that resolutions are achieved in a timely manner.

The report shall be submitted on 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 be canceled if the report is not submitted to the budget committees.

Explanation: This language restricts funding pending a report on the processes used by MDTA to resolve toll billing and collections issues and how these processes and communications with customers can be improved.

Information Request	Author	Due Date
Report on toll billing and collection issues	Maryland Department of Transportation MDTA	November 1, 2026

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MDOT The Secretary's Office

<u>Amount Change</u>	<u>Position Change</u>	<u>Agency Response</u>	<u>Hearing Notes</u>	<u>Senate Decisions</u>	<u>House Decisions</u>
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Additional First House Action

3. Adopt the following narrative:

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Apprenticeships within the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT): The committees are interested in learning about apprenticeships within the MDOT modes. The committees request that the Secretary's Office (TSO) submit a report including the following information:

- existing registered apprenticeships within the MDOT modes, including contractors;
- workforce needs of the department and contractors that could be met by registered apprenticeships;
- any barriers to creating and expanding apprenticeships at MDOT or by contractors; and
- goals for scaling apprenticeships by occupation and MDOT mode.

Information Request	Author	Due Date
Report on apprenticeships in MDOT	TSO	December 1, 2026

Additional First House Action

4. Adopt the following narrative:

Adopt

Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Recertification: The committees are interested in the DBE recertification process being undertaken by the Department of Social and Economic Mobility (DoSEM) and request that DoSEM and the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) Secretary's Office (TSO) submit a report by

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September 1, 2026, providing an update on the recertification process. The report should include the number of DBE-certified vendors prior to the recertification process, the number of vendors that submitted application for recertification, how many of those vendors were recertified, how recertification was determined, and how many of the recertified vendors were previously certified as a Small Business Enterprise. The report should include any challenges that MDOT has faced due to the need of DBE recertification and the status of the U.S. Department of Transportation's approval on relaunching the DBE Program, including the establishment of new DBE participation goals.

Information Request

Author

Due Date

Report on DBE recertification
process

DoSEM
TSO

September 1, 2026

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MDOT Secretary’s Office PAYGO Capital

	<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. Add the following language:					Concur	Adopt
<p><u>, provided that no funds may be expended by the Secretary’s Office for any capital project or grant with a total project cost in excess of \$500,000 that is not currently included in the fiscal 2026 to 2031 Consolidated Transportation Program, except as outlined below:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>the Secretary shall notify the budget committees of any proposed capital project or grant with a total cost in excess of \$500,000, including the need and justification for the project and its total cost; and</u> 2. <u>the budget committees shall have 45 days to review and comment on the proposed capital project or grant.</u> 						

Explanation: This language provides legislative oversight of capital projects and grants exceeding \$500,000 that are not listed in the current Consolidated Transportation Program (CTP).

Information Request	Author	Due Date
Notification of the intent to fund a capital project or grant exceeding \$500,000 that is not listed in the current CTP	Maryland Department of Transportation	45 days prior to expenditure

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MDOT WMATA – Operating Budget

	<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		Adopt	

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MDOT WMATA – Capital Budget PAYGO

	<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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MDOT Debt Service Requirements

	<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. Add the following language:					Concur	Adopt
<p><u>Provided that Consolidated Transportation Bonds (CTB) may be issued in any amount, provided that the aggregate outstanding and unpaid balance of these bonds and bonds of prior issuances may not exceed \$3,372,325,000 as of June 30, 2027. The total aggregate outstanding and unpaid principal balance of nontraditional debt, defined as any debt instrument that is not a CTB or a Grant Anticipation Revenue Vehicle bond issued by the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT), exclusive of debt for the Purple Line Light Rail project, may not exceed \$819,205,000 as of June 30, 2027. The total aggregate outstanding and unpaid principal balance on debt for the Purple Line Light Rail project may not exceed \$2,506,531,397 as of June 30, 2027. Provided, however, that in addition to the limits established under this provision, MDOT may increase the aggregate outstanding unpaid and principal balance of CTB debt or nontraditional debt so long as:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><u>1. MDOT provides notice to the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee and the House Appropriations Committee stating the specific reason for the additional issuance and providing specific information regarding the proposed issuance, including information specifying the total amount of CTB debt or nontraditional debt that would be outstanding on June 30, 2027, and the total amount by which the fiscal 2027 debt service payment for all CTB debt or nontraditional debt would increase following the additional issuance; and</u><u>2. the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee and the House Appropriations Committee have 45 days to review and comment on the proposed additional issuance before the publication of a preliminary official statement. The Senate Budget and Taxation Committee and the House Appropriations Committee may hold a public hearing to discuss the proposed increase and shall signal their intent to hold a hearing within 45 days of receiving notice from MDOT.</u>						

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MDOT Debt Service Requirements

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Agency Response</u>	<u>Hearing Notes</u>	<u>Senate</u>	<u>House</u>
<u>Change</u>	<u>Change</u>			<u>Decisions</u>	<u>Decisions</u>

Explanation:

Section 3-202 of the Transportation Article requires the General Assembly to establish the maximum debt outstanding for CTB each year in the budget bill. The level is based on the outstanding debt as of June 30, 2025, plus projected debt to be issued during fiscal 2026 and 2027 in support of MDOT capital program. For nontraditional debt, this language limits the amount of debt outstanding at the end of fiscal 2027, exclusive of debt issued for the Purple Line Light Rail project, to the total amount that was outstanding from all previous nontraditional debt issuances as of December 31, 2025, plus anticipated issuances of \$130 million in new Baltimore/Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport Passenger Facility Charge Revenue Bonds in July 2026. Debt outstanding for the Purple Line Light Rail project is capped at the projected maximum debt outstanding level that will occur during the construction phase of the project. The language allows MDOT to increase the amount of CTB debt or nontraditional debt outstanding in fiscal 2027 by providing notification to the budget committees regarding the reason that the additional debt is required.

Information Request

Author

Due Date

Justification for increasing CTB debt or nontraditional debt outstanding

MDOT

45 days prior to publication of a preliminary official statement

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MDOT Debt Service Requirements

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

The Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) shall submit with its annual September and January financial forecasts, information on:

1. anticipated and actual nontraditional debt outstanding as of June 30 of each year; and
2. anticipated and actual debt service payments for each outstanding nontraditional debt issuance from fiscal 2026 through 2036.

Nontraditional debt is defined as any debt instrument that is not a Consolidated Transportation Bond or a Grant Anticipation Revenue Vehicle bond; such debt includes, but is not limited to, Certificates of Participation; debt backed by customer facility charges, passenger facility charges, or other revenues; and debt issued by the Maryland Economic Development Corporation or any other third party on behalf of MDOT.

Explanation: The budget committees are interested in monitoring the use of nontraditional debt by MDOT. The information provides the budget committees with additional information on the usage and annual costs of nontraditional debt.

Information Request	Author	Due Date
Nontraditional debt outstanding and anticipated debt service payments	MDOT	With the September financial forecast With the January financial forecast

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MDOT State Highway Administration

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

Federal Funding Reimbursements: A recent fiscal compliance audit questioned the State Highway Administration’s (SHA) accounting practice of recording federal funding for projects that have yet to be reimbursed and are not guaranteed due to expenditures exceeding the initial authorized amount. The committees request that SHA submit a report on the ongoing process of collecting these federal reimbursements for fiscal 2024 and 2025. The report should include:

- the initial authorized amounts;
- the amount of additional reimbursement SHA requested from the federal government;
- how much of the additional reimbursement SHA was able to obtain;
- how SHA covered the amounts not reimbursed by the federal government;
- and
- how this affected capital spending and planning for the agency.

Information Request	Author	Due Date
Report on the recovery of federal fund reimbursements	SHA	December 1, 2026

Additional First House Action

2. Adopt the following narrative: Adopt

Traffic Safety Plan: The committees request that the State Highway Administration (SHA) submit a comprehensive traffic safety plan for MD 410 between MD 500 and Route 1. The report should detail the sequence of actions needed to improve pedestrian safety, sidewalks, and street alignment and a timeline and estimated cost for completing these actions.

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MDOT State Highway Administration

		<u>Amount Change</u>	<u>Position Change</u>	<u>Agency Response</u>	<u>Hearing Notes</u>	<u>Senate Decisions</u>	<u>House Decisions</u>
Information Request	Author		Due Date				
Report on traffic safety plan for MD 410	SHA		December 1, 2026				

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MDOT Maryland Port Administration

	<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. Adopt the following narrative:			Concur		Adopt	

Howard Street Tunnel Quarterly Reporting: The committees are interested in monitoring the progress being made on the Howard Street Tunnel project as it nears completion and request that the Maryland Port Administration provide four quarterly reports on the status of the project, including percentage completion and any material changes to the project schedule or cost. The committees request that the first report be submitted by July 1, 2026, with subsequent reports submitted every three months thereafter.

Information Request	Author	Due Date
Status reports on the Howard Street Tunnel project	MPA	July 1, 2026 October 1, 2026 January 1, 2027 April 1, 2027

2. Adopt the following narrative:			Concur		Adopt	
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Clean Ports Program and Other Federal Grants Update: The committees are interested in monitoring the status, receipt, and use of federal grant funding awarded to the Maryland Port Administration (MPA). The committees request that MPA submit two reports on the status of expenditures of and activities related to the two grants that it was awarded under the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s Clean Ports Program, in addition to any other federal grants awarded to MPA for which a grant agreement is in place with federal agencies as of the date of the reports. The reports should include the total amount of federal reimbursements received by MPA through these grants as of the date of each report. The first report should be submitted July 15, 2026, and the second report should be submitted December 1, 2026.

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MDOT Maryland Port Administration PAYGO Capital

	<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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MDOT Motor Vehicle Administration

	<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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MDOT Motor Vehicle Administration PAYGO Capital

	<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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MDOT Maryland Transit Administration

	<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.	Delete 5 new apprenticeship positions (PIN J00H01904789P, J00H01904790P, J00H01904791P, J00H01904792P, and J00H01904793P) and related funding. The Maryland Transit Administration had 319 vacant positions as of January 1, 2026, and should reclassify 5 vacant positions instead of adding new positions.	-\$280,819	SF	Disagree	Reject	
2.	Adopt the following narrative:			Concur	Adopt	

Purple Line Status Reports: Given schedule delays and cost overruns associated with completing construction on the Purple Line light rail project, the committees request that the Maryland Transit Administration (MTA) submit six bimonthly construction status reports for the Purple Line to the committees. The status reports shall provide:

- the completion percentages for the project as a whole and for each major category of work, including (1) the overall project; (2) utility relocations; (3) civil design; (4) systems design; (5) construction possession of property acquisitions; (6) civil construction; (7) rail installation; (8) systems and station construction; (9) the Glenridge Operations and Maintenance Facility; (10) rail vehicles ready to ship; and (11) Capital Crescent Trail Construction;
- the running total amount expended for construction; and
- an explanation of any material change to the total construction cost estimate or construction schedule as set forth in the revised public-private partnership as amended to add Maryland Transit Solutions as the replacement design-build contractor for the project.

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MDOT Maryland Transit Administration

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Information Request	Author	Due Date
Reports on Purple Line construction progress	MTA	July 1, 2026, and bimonthly thereafter ending with the May 1, 2027 report

3. Adopt the following narrative: Concur Adopt

Red Line Project Status: The committees request that the Maryland Transit Administration (MTA) submit a report by September 1, 2026, on the current status of the Red Line project. The report should provide the next steps and an updated timeline for the project in light of the pause in the federal National Environmental Policy Act permitting process that went into effect on June 16, 2025. The report should include details on what project design and engineering activities are occurring during this pause, including the uses of funding included in the fiscal 2026 and 2027 MTA capital budget. The report should also include a discussion of future funding needs and projected funding sources for the construction phase of the project.

Information Request	Author	Due Date
Report on Red Line project status, timeline, and funding needs	MTA	September 1, 2026

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MDOT Maryland Transit Administration

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Additional First House Action

4. Add the following language:

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, provided that \$500,000 of this appropriation made for the purpose of agency administration may only be used to provide matching fund grants to partner entities selected by the Maryland Department of Transportation for Purple Line launch marketing in the three months before and three months after the opening of the Purple Line light rail, with the intention that funds not awarded to grantees in fiscal 2027 remain available for award in fiscal 2028. Funds not expended for this purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall be canceled.

Explanation:

This language restricts funding in the administrative budget of the Maryland Transit Administration for the purpose of providing matching fund grants to partner entities selected by the Maryland Department of Transportation for Purple Line launch marketing activities during the three months before and three months after the opening of the Purple Line light rail.

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MDOT Maryland Transit Admin PAYGO Capital

	<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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MDOT Maryland Aviation Administration

	<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	
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. provided that \$100,000 of this appropriation may not be expended until the Maryland Aviation Administration (MAA) submits a report that provides the noise abatement procedure plan for flight school traffic pattern for aircraft departing from runway 15 at Martin State Airport. This report shall include the following:

- (1) the impact of aircraft noise on communities near Martin State Airport;
- (2) any actions MAA is currently taking to address this issue; and
- (3) a timeline for implementing the noise abatement procedure.

This 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 for this report may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall be canceled if the report is not submitted.

Explanation:

The budget committees are interested in efforts that MAA is taking to mitigate the impact of aircraft noise on the lives of Marylanders. This language restricts funds pending receipt of a report from MAA outlining the noise abatement procedure for flight school traffic pattern at Martin State Airport.

Information Request

Author

Due Date

Report on noise abatement procedure at Martin State Airport

MAA

October 1, 2026

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MDOT MD Aviation Administration PAYGO Capital

	<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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Maryland Transportation Authority

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

Francis Scott Key Bridge Reconstruction Project: The committees are interested in following the progress being made on the reconstruction of the Francis Scott Key Bridge and request that the Maryland Transportation Authority (MDTA) provide two updates on the status of the project. The reports shall provide:

- the current status of design, engineering, federal permitting, preconstruction, and construction activities;
- the running total amount expended for the project;
- the current availability and status of seeking and receiving federal reimbursements for the project, including the total amount of federal funds that have been received; and
- any material changes to the project schedule or cost.

The committees request that the first report be submitted by July 1, 2026, and the second report be submitted by January 1, 2027.

Information Request	Author	Due Date
Status reports on the Francis Scott Key Bridge reconstruction project	MDTA	July 1, 2026 January 1, 2027

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Maryland Transportation Authority PAYGO Capital

	<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. Nonbudgeted.			Concur		Adopt	

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Department of Natural Resources

	<u>Amount Change</u>	<u>Position Change</u>	<u>Agency Response Hearing Notes</u>	<u>Senate Decisions</u>	<u>House Decisions</u>
1. Adopt the following narrative:			Concur in part - DNR proposes to incorporate this into the "Historical and Projected Chesapeake Bay Restoration Spending" report.	Reject	

Summary of Chesapeake Bay Restoration Spending: The committees request that the Department of Budget and Management (DBM), the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), and the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) provide a report on Chesapeake Bay restoration spending. The report shall be drafted subject to the concurrence of the Department of Legislative Services (DLS) in terms of both electronic format to be used and data to be included. The scope of the report is as follows: Chesapeake Bay restoration operating and capital expenditures by agency, fund type, and particular fund source based on programs that have over 50% of their activities directly related to Chesapeake Bay restoration for the fiscal 2026 actual, fiscal 2027 working appropriation, and fiscal 2028 allowance to be included as an appendix in the fiscal 2027 budget volumes and submitted electronically in disaggregated form to DLS.

Information Request	Author	Due Date
Summary of Chesapeake Bay restoration spending for programs that have over 50% of their activities directly related to Chesapeake Bay restoration	DBM DNR MDE	Fiscal 2028 budget submission

2. Adopt the following narrative:			Concur in part - DNR proposes a modified version including spending, status of outcomes, Whole Watershed Act funding report, and other Chesapeake Bay related issues/concerns.	Reject	
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Department of Natural Resources

<u>Amount Change</u>	<u>Position Change</u>	<u>Agency Response Hearing Notes</u>	<u>Senate Decisions</u>	<u>House Decisions</u>
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Historical and Projected Chesapeake Bay Restoration Spending: The committees are interested in the status of Chesapeake Bay restoration. Therefore, the committees request that the Maryland Department of Planning (MDP), the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), the Maryland Department of Agriculture (MDA), the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE), and the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) provide a report by December 1, 2026, on recent and projected Chesapeake Bay restoration spending and associated impacts and the overall framework to meet the calendar 2025 requirement of having all best management practices (BMP) in place to meet water quality standards for restoring the Chesapeake Bay. The report is requested to include the following:

- fiscal 2026 annual spending by fund, fund source, program, and State government agency; associated nutrient and sediment reductions; and the impact on living resources and ambient water quality criteria for dissolved oxygen, water clarity, and “chlorophyll a” for the Chesapeake Bay and its tidal tributaries to be submitted electronically in disaggregated form to the Department of Legislative Services (DLS);
- projected fiscal 2027 to 2028 annual spending by fund, fund source, program, and State government agency; associated nutrient and sediment reductions; and the impact on living resources and ambient water quality criteria for dissolved oxygen, water clarity, and “chlorophyll a” for the Chesapeake Bay and its tidal tributaries to be submitted electronically in disaggregated form to DLS;
- an overall framework discussing the needed regulations, revenues, laws, and administrative actions and their impacts on individuals, organizations, governments, and businesses by year from fiscal 2026 to 2027 on the way to reaching the calendar 2040 requirement of having all BMPs in place to meet water quality standards for restoring the Chesapeake Bay, to be both written in narrative form and tabulated in spreadsheet form that is submitted electronically in disaggregated form to DLS;
- an analysis of the various options for financing Chesapeake Bay restoration, including public-private partnerships, a regional financing

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Department of Natural Resources

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Agency Response</u>	<u>Hearing Notes</u>	<u>Senate</u>	<u>House</u>
<u>Change</u>	<u>Change</u>			<u>Decisions</u>	<u>Decisions</u>

General Assembly as part of the annual budget submission, but the Governor has not done so on a regular basis. Therefore, the committees request that the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) submit the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays 2010 Trust Fund annual work and expenditure plans with the fiscal 2028 budget submission.

Information Request	Author	Due Date
Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays 2010 Trust Fund annual work and expenditure plans	DNR	Fiscal 2028 budget submission

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| 4. | Adopt the following narrative: | Concur in part - DNR proposes to incorporate this into the "Historical and Projected Chesapeake Bay Spending Report." | Reject |
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Whole Watershed Act Funding Report: The committees recognize the importance of the communication process for successful implementation of the Whole Watershed Act. Therefore, the committees request that the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), in cooperation with its partner BayStat agencies, submit a report with the fiscal 2028 allowance describing the Whole Watershed Act funding by amount and source; the status of each project; the use of the fiscal 2027 and 2028 funding since the request for proposals is every five years; how projects will be funded over multiple years assuming uncertain appropriations to the Whole Watershed Fund each fiscal year; and preliminary outcomes of the projects selected, including State support provided to project sponsors, nutrient and sediment reductions, and any other relevant co-benefits. The report is requested to be submitted with the Governor’s fiscal 2028 budget submission.

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Department of Natural Resources

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Whole Watershed Act funding report	DNR			With the Governor’s fiscal 2028 budget submission		

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5. Add the following language:

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, provided that \$500,000 of this appropriation made for the purpose of administrative expenses may not be expended until the Department of Natural Resources submits a confirmatory letter to the budget committees on the completion of the Port of Deposit State Historical Park land transfer. The budget committees shall have 45 days from the date of the receipt of the confirmatory letter to review and comment. Funds restricted pending the receipt of the confirmatory letter data may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund if the confirmatory letter is not submitted to the budget committees.

Explanation: Chapter 39 of 2022 required the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to establish the Port of Deposit State Historical Park and required the Bainbridge Development Corporation to transfer a portion of the Bainbridge Naval Training Center site to DNR for the park by June 1, 2023. Subsequently, Chapter 602 of 2023 changed the date by which the Bainbridge Development Corporation must transfer a portion of the Bainbridge Naval Training Center site to DNR for the park – from June 1, 2023, to June 1, 2025. To date, the land has not been transferred. This action restricts funding pending the

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submission of a confirmatory letter on the completion of the Port of Deposit State Historical Park land transfer.

Information Request	Author	Due Date
Confirmatory letter on the completion of the Port of Deposit State Historical Park land transfer	DNR	30 days following the land transfer

Additional First House Action

6. Add the following section:

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Section 35 Deep Creek Watershed Management Plan Implementation Report Intent

SECTION 35. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That it is the intent of the General Assembly that the Department of Natural Resources, in collaboration with the Deep Creek Watershed Management Partnership and the Maryland Department of the Environment, produce a report on reactivating the implementation of the Deep Creek Watershed Management Plan initially adopted October 1, 2014, and amended March 7, 2016. Long-term monitoring has documented overall water quality to be generally good, but recent water quality trend analyses indicate areas showing signs of declining water quality and habitat conditions. Addressing these negative trends would sustain Deep Creek Lake and support the local workforce, infrastructure, and economy. The report shall include a review of the current gaps in implementation readiness and evaluate and recommend a prioritized, implementation-ready list of best management practices, credible planning-level cost estimates, and coordinated implementation and financing framework to support informed investments and near-term implementation decisions for the Deep Creek Watershed Management Plan. The report shall be submitted to the Western Maryland delegation by December 1, 2026.

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Explanation:	<p>This action expresses the General Assembly’s intent that the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), in collaboration with the Deep Creek Watershed Management Partnership and the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE), complete a report on what is needed to reactivate implementation of the Deep Creek Watershed Management Plan initially adopted October 1, 2014, and amended March 7, 2016.</p>				

Information Request	Author	Due Date
Deep Creek Watershed Management Plan reactivation report	DNR MDE	December 1, 2026

Additional First House Action

7. Adopt the following narrative: Adopt

Chesapeake Bay Restoration Reporting Requirements: The committees request that the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), the Department of Budget and Management (DBM), the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE), the Maryland Department of Agriculture (MDA), and the Maryland Department of Planning (MDP) submit information on Chesapeake Bay restoration spending. The information shall include the following and is requested to be submitted with the fiscal 2028 allowance.

- **Chesapeake Bay Restoration Spending Details:** The committees request that the agencies provide an electronic disaggregated spreadsheet to the Department of Legislative Services and include as an appendix in the fiscal 2028 budget volumes the following: Chesapeake Bay restoration operating and capital expenditures by agency; fund type; and

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particular fund source based on programs that have over 50% of their activities directly related to Chesapeake Bay restoration for the fiscal 2026 actual, fiscal 2027 working appropriation, and fiscal 2028 allowance.

- Chesapeake Bay Restoration Spending Policy:** The committees request that the agencies submit a report on the status of Maryland’s progress on each of the outcomes committed to in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement, with explanation of challenges and proposed next steps on those outcomes for which Maryland is behind schedule, Whole Watershed Act Fund implementation, and other Chesapeake Bay-related issues of interest or concern that the Administration should bring to the committees’ attention. The reporting on the Whole Watershed Act funding shall include the fiscal 2028 allowance describing the Whole Watershed Act funding by amount and source; the status of each project; the use of the fiscal 2027 and 2028 funding since the request for proposals is every five years; how projects will be funded over multiple years assuming uncertain appropriations to the Whole Watershed Fund each fiscal year; and preliminary outcomes of the projects selected, including State support provided to project sponsors, nutrient and sediment reductions, and any other relevant co-benefits.

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Chesapeake Bay restoration spending details spreadsheet and budget volumes appendix	DNR DBM	Fiscal 2028 allowance
Chesapeake Bay restoration spending policy	MDA MDE MDP	Fiscal 2028 allowance

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8. Adopt the following narrative:

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Efforts to Support Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation Industry Apprenticeships: The final report of the Maryland Outdoor Recreation Economic Commission, created by executive order on October 13, 2017, included the recommendation to enhance outdoor recreation workforce development and job creation opportunities in Maryland. Recommended steps towards this goal included identification of opportunities for outdoor recreation and historic preservation training and degree programs and to promote careers in the outdoor recreation industry in coordination with the Maryland Workforce Expressway. The commission also created the Office of Outdoor Recreation within the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) that continues to promote outdoor recreation in Maryland, including the creation of the Maryland Outdoor Recreation Business Directory. In addition, the Maryland Park Service operates the Maryland Conservation Corps in partnership with the Department of Service and Civic Innovation, and the Natural Resources Police operates the Maryland Natural Resources Police Cadet program. Therefore, the committees request that DNR submit a report detailing agency efforts, including those of the Office of Outdoor Recreation, to support apprenticeship programs within the natural resources and outdoor recreation industry. The report should identify existing natural resource and outdoor recreation apprenticeship programs, noting the positions supported by apprenticeships, as well as barriers to creating new apprenticeships and obstacles to scaling. Additionally, the report should provide details on the number of existing registered apprentices and timeline to scale by natural resources and outdoor recreation occupations; previous data on the number of participants in apprenticeship programs; and actions taken by DNR, or planned actions, to support these programs and offer additional apprenticeship opportunities.

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Efforts to support natural resources and outdoor recreation apprenticeships	DNR				December 1, 2026		

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Department of Agriculture

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1.	Reduce funding for the Leaders in Environmentally Engaged Farming program to level fund it with fiscal 2026. The final program parameters and a spending plan have not been submitted.	-\$400,000 GF	Disagree	- Reduction to the fiscal 2027 appropriation will stall momentum and limit the effectiveness of the program.	Adopt	
2.	Add the following language: <u>, provided that \$100,000 of this appropriation made for the purpose of general operating expenses in the Office of the Secretary – Executive Direction may not be expended until the Maryland Department of Agriculture (MDA), in coordination with the Department of General Services, submits a report to the budget committees certifying that MDA has taken the steps needed to address the two repeat audit findings in MDA’s March 2025 audit. The report shall include details about the steps needed to address Finding 3 and Finding 4 and the actual steps taken to address the findings, including the systems and processes implemented to address the findings and evidence of ongoing use of these systems and processes. 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 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.</u>		Disagree	- MDA worked collaboratively with the Office of Legislative Audits on identifying and addressing issues. Before the audit was published, MDA took proactive steps to rectify the findings.	Adopt	

Explanation:

MDA’s March 2025 audit included two repeat findings going back many years. Finding 3 (Product Registrations) has been commented upon in five preceding audit reports dating back to calendar 2007 and the lack of an independent supervisory review of product registrations has been commented on in three preceding audit

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			reports dating back to calendar 2013. Finding 4 (Equipment) concerning the lack of accountability and control over equipment has been commented on in 10 preceding audit reports dating back to 1990. This action restricts funding pending the submission of a report, in coordination with the Department of General Services (DGS), certifying all steps have been taken to address the repeat audit findings.		

Information Request

Author

Due Date

Report certifying all steps taken to address March 2025 repeat audit findings

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DGS

July 1, 2026

Additional First House Action

3. Adopt the following narrative:

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Efforts to Support Agricultural Industry Apprenticeships: The Maryland Department of Agriculture’s (MDA) mission is to provide leadership and support to agriculture and the citizens of Maryland by conducting regulatory, service, and educational activities that ensure consumer confidence, protect the environment, and promote agriculture. The Governor’s Intergovernmental Commission for Agriculture’s 2025 annual report notes the Labor, Education, and Development Subcommittee’s continuing discussion of ways to support the expansion of apprenticeship programs to create a pipeline for students to move into agricultural careers after graduation to support the needs for a broadened agricultural workforce and a more agriculturally educated generation. The subcommittee also recognized the importance of programs such as the Future Farmers of America and

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4H and the breadth of agricultural careers, both on-farm and agricultural support careers, and the varied education backgrounds supporting them. These education backgrounds include veterinary medicine, agricultural engineering, agronomy, and conservation. Therefore, the committees request that MDA submit a report detailing agency efforts, including those of the Rural Maryland Council through the Rural Maryland Prosperity Investment Fund, to support apprenticeship programs within the agriculture industry. The report should identify existing agricultural apprenticeship programs, noting the positions supported by apprenticeships, as well as barriers to creating new apprenticeships and obstacles to scaling. Additionally, the report should provide details on the number of existing registered apprentices and timeline to scale by agricultural occupation; previous data on the number participants in apprenticeship programs; and actions taken by MDA, or planned actions, to support these programs and offer additional apprenticeship opportunities.

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Efforts to support agricultural industry apprenticeships	MDA	December 1, 2026

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1.	Delete double-budgeted wastewater treatment plant operation and maintenance grants. The funding is already budgeted in Emergency and Support Services. Chapter 428 of 2004 (Water Pollution - State Waters - The Bay Restoration Fund) originally authorized the use of the Bay Restoration Fund for this purpose.	-\$11,100,000	SF	Concur	Adopt	
2.	Adopt the following narrative:			No response	Adopt	

Energy Use Intensity Costs and Alternatives Reporting for Building Energy Performance Standards: The General Assembly restricted funding in the Maryland Department of the Environment’s (MDE) fiscal 2024 operating budget pending the submission of a report on energy use intensity costs and alternatives to energy use intensity for meeting greenhouse gas emission targets. MDE could not submit this information during fiscal 2025 because it will not receive the underlying data that needs to be analyzed until June 30, 2026. Therefore, the budget committees request that MDE submit by December 1, 2026, a report on energy use intensity costs and alternatives to energy use intensity for meeting greenhouse gas emission targets, which shall include:

- an assessment of the energy use intensity requirement compliance cost to owners of covered buildings;
- a recommendation for an alternative compliance fee for energy use intensity on building owners, after taking into account any financial incentives offered to the covered building owners;
- an evaluation of mechanisms other than energy use intensity to meet greenhouse gas emission targets; and
- an economic feasibility study of meeting energy use intensity standards, which shall: consider factors including, but not limited to, building age, technological limitations, and limits of building resources; and include

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recommendations addressing covered buildings and underresourced buildings that, after considering all possible incentives, including avoided penalties and fees, would still result in building noncompliance with greenhouse gas emission regulations and targets.

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Energy use intensity costs and alternatives reporting for building energy performance standards

MDE

December 1, 2026

Additional First House Action

- 3. Add the following language:

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Further provided that \$500,000 of this appropriation made for the purpose of administrative expenses may not be expended until the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) submits a report to the budget committees evaluating and recommending options to standardize the interpretation and implementation of State septic system regulations and guidance across jurisdictions. The report shall be developed in consultation with stakeholders including local health departments, the development community, septic system installers and engineers, environmental stakeholders, and other relevant experts. The report shall include the following:

- 1. an examination of variations in how local environmental health officers interpret and apply MDE regulations and guidance, including identification of the statutory or regulatory basis for more restrictive local interpretations; a review of the justification for enhanced or intensive percolation testing and septic system requirements in certain jurisdictions, including but not limited to Howard County; and consideration of how

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Maryland Environmental Service

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1. Adopt the following narrative:			Concur		Adopt	

Maryland Environmental Service (MES) Funding Statement: The committees request that MES continue to provide a report on the following:

- undesignated, unrestricted net assets for fiscal 2026, 2027, and 2028 estimated and an explanation for any changes between each of these years, including revenues credited to and expenditures debited from the net assets;
- overhead rates for fiscal 2026, 2027, and 2028 estimated;
- project reserve fund status by beginning balance, approved retainage, funds withdrawn, and interest earned for fiscal 2026 and 2027 for the State Reimbursable Project Contingency Fund, the Eastern Correctional Institution Steam Turbine Contingency Fund, the Department of Natural Resources Project Contingency Fund, and any other project reserve funds created by MES, including the justification for any approved retainages or funds withdrawn in any project reserve fund during fiscal 2026 or 2027; and
- justification for the changes in reimbursable projected funding for fiscal 2026, 2027, or 2028 estimated.

The report should be submitted in coordination with the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) with the fiscal 2028 budget submission.

Information Request	Author	Due Date
MES funding statement	MES DBM	With the fiscal 2028 budget submission