
House Appropriations Committee

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Department of Budget and Management - Secretary

Committee Narrative

***Dedicated Purpose Account Accounting:** The committees request that the Comptroller of Maryland, in collaboration with the Department of Management (DBM), submit a report that identifies, for each funding reversion to the Dedicated Purpose Account (DPA) for fiscal 2021 through 2025, the purpose as expressed in the appropriating language to the extent practical and the budget amendment number that authorized the transfer of funds. It is the intent of the General Assembly that the Comptroller of Maryland, in annual fiscal year-end closeout reports beginning with the fiscal 2026 report, identify the budget amendment of origin for funds returned to the DPA or the budget bill purpose for which it was appropriated.*

<i>Information Request</i>	<i>Author</i>	<i>Due Date</i>
<i>DPA accounting</i>	<i>Comptroller of Maryland DBM</i>	<i>July 15, 2026</i>

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F10A01.01 Executive Direction

***Deficiency Appropriations, Guidelines, and Trends:** Deficiency appropriations have increased in recent years. The Department of Budget and Management (DBM) is responsible for monitoring potential shortfalls and approving deficiency appropriations for agency budgets. Therefore, the committees request that DBM submit a report on deficiency appropriations, guidelines, and trends. The report should discuss the policies and guidelines provided to agencies for requesting and receiving approval of deficiency appropriations. The report should also provide a comparison of deficiency appropriation trends from fiscal 2017 through 2026 that includes an analysis of growth trends.*

<i>Information Request</i>	<i>Author</i>	<i>Due Date</i>
<i>Deficiency appropriations, guidelines, and trends</i>	<i>DBM</i>	<i>September 1, 2026</i>

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F10A01.01 Executive Direction

Monitoring of Potential Shortfalls: *The budget committees are concerned with the large volume and cost of deficiency appropriations in recent years. The committees request that the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) submit a report describing ongoing efforts and past actions taken to monitor potential shortfalls in Executive Branch agencies and limit discretionary spending that might contribute to shortfalls. The report should include specific descriptions of efforts to address deficiencies that were repeated from the prior year and efforts to reduce or eliminate deficiencies in the future. The report should also address procedures for monitoring and alleviating shortfalls for specific entitlement programs, including:*

- *Assistance Payments;*
- *Foster Care payments;*
- *Medicaid provider reimbursements;*
- *Maryland Children’s Health Program provider reimbursements;*
- *Behavioral health provider reimbursements;*
- *Developmental disabilities provider reimbursements;*
- *Autism Waiver; and*
- *Child Care Scholarship.*

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<i>Monitoring of potential shortfalls</i>	<i>DBM</i>	<i>July 15, 2026</i>

Sections

Budget Amendment

SECTION XX. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Governor is authorized to process a fiscal 2027 budget amendment from the balance in the Strategic Energy Investment Fund (SEIF) to provide funding in the following amounts for the following purposes:

- (1) \$72,650,000 in program D13A13.06 Energy Efficiency and Conservation Programs, Low and Moderate Income Residential Sector within the Maryland Energy Administration (MEA) for the Residential Energy Equity Program for the purpose of heat pump installation and replacement for low- and moderate-income households;
- (2) \$23,750,000 in program D13A13.08 Renewable and Clean Energy Programs and Initiatives within MEA for the purpose of providing funding to the Maryland Clean Energy Center for the Climate Catalytic Capital Fund;
- (3) \$3,000,000 in program K00A12.05 Power Plant Assessment Program within the Department of Natural Resources for the purpose of supplemental funding to assist with the review of renewable and clean energy projects;
- (4) \$500,000 in program D13A13.08 Renewable and Clean Energy Programs and Initiatives within MEA for the purpose of a grant to Easton Utilities for an energy storage project; and
- (5) \$100,000 in program R75T00.01 Support for State Operated Institutions of Higher Education for R30B36 University System of Maryland Office for the purpose of conducting a study to evaluate the relationship between climate change, the availability and price of homeowner's insurance, and emergency disaster preparedness, contingent on the enactment of HB 1219 or SB 739 requiring the study and expanding the authorized uses of the SEIF to include a study.

Explanation: This section authorizes the Governor to appropriate funding through budget amendment from the SEIF for various purposes. One of these purposes is authorized only contingent on legislation requiring the study and legislation authorizing the use of funds for this purpose.