
Senate Budget and Taxation Committee

Additional Pages

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D24
Department of Social and Economic Mobility

Budget Amendment

D24A01.02 Office of Minority Business Enterprises

Add the following language to the special fund appropriation:

, 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 4 and 6 months. This language restricts funding until DoSEM submits a report to the budget committees 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

F10A
Department of Budget and Management Secretary

Budget Amendment

F10A01.01 Executive Direction

Further provided that \$500,000 of this appropriation made for the purpose of general administration may not be expended until the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) submits a confidential report on cybersecurity governance to the Joint Audit and Evaluation Committee, the Chair and Subcommittee Chairs of the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee, the Chair and Subcommittee Chairs of the House Appropriation Committee, and the Joint Committee on Cybersecurity, Information Technology and Biotechnology. The confidential report shall be produced in a manner prescribed by the State Chief Information Security Officer (SCISO) and include details from: the Maryland Department of Health, the Maryland Department of Transportation, the Department of Human Services, the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services, and the Maryland Department of State Police. In consultation with the SCISO, DBM shall compile the data received from each department and the University System of Maryland into a consolidated confidential report.

The report shall provide an update on implementation from each of the agencies of critical systems including:

information technology system access verification and dates of most recent review of all user access and related results;

malware protection, including procedures to ensure malware protection and the date of the most recent review of malware protection controls and the related results;

multi-factor authentication, including data of the most recent review of multi-factor authentication, and related results;

personally identifiable information (PII) protection for applications exceeding 5,000 unique records, procedures for ensuring PII encryption and the date of the most recent inventory and review of PII security; and

information technology service providers cloud activity, including procedures for ensuring external security assurances (System and Organization Controls (SOC) 2 Type 2 report) are obtained, the date of the most recent SOC 2 Type 2 report for each service provider and cloud service, and significant findings.

The report shall be submitted by December 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 submission 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.

It is the intent of the General Assembly that the report also be submitted concurrently to the Governor, the Chief of Staff, and Deputy Chief of Staff for the Governor.

Explanation: Given the rapidly increasing cybersecurity attacks, and the cost associated with those attacks, the budget committees are concerned with the status of cybersecurity protections in the State. This action requires DBM and SCISO to review protections for large State agencies and report on significant findings to relevant decision makers.

Information Request	Author	Due Date
Confidential cybersecurity governance report	DBM	December 15, 2026

F10A
Department of Budget and Management – Secretary

Budget Amendment

F10A01.01 Executive Direction

Further provided that, since six State agencies had repeat audit findings in calendar 2025 fiscal compliance reports issued by the Office of Legislative Audits (OLA) for certain repeat findings, \$250,000 of the appropriation made for the purpose of Executive Direction may not be expended until:

- (1) representatives from agencies with certain repeat audit findings in calendar 2024 have met with the State Chief Information Security Officer (SCISO) to identify and document a path for resolution of any outstanding issues, and the agency has taken corrective action with respect to the findings, including articulating any ongoing associated costs and a timeline for resolution if the corrective action is not complete;
- (2) SCISO submits a report to OLA by February 1, 2027, addressing corrective actions taken, a path and timeline for resolution of any outstanding issues, and any ongoing costs associated with corrective actions; and
- (3) a report is submitted to the budget committees and the Joint Audit and Evaluation Committee (JAEC) by OLA, no later than May 1, 2027, listing each repeat audit finding in accordance with item (1) that demonstrates the agencies’ commitment to correct each repeat audit finding.

The budget committees and JAEC shall have 45 days to review and comment from the date of the receipt of the report. General funds restricted pending the receipt of the report may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise and shall revert to the General Fund if the report is not submitted.

Explanation: Audit reports from calendar 2025 identified certain repeat audit findings in State agencies. This language requires that these agencies report their plans to remediate repeat audit findings to SCISO. SCISO should review these plans and report to OLA about these agencies’ plans. OLA should review the SCISO’s findings and report on the commitment to resolving these repeat findings to the budget committees and JAEC. The six State agencies are the Maryland Higher Education Commission, the Department of Human Services Local Department Operations, the Maryland Department of Labor Division of Workforce Development and Adult Learning, the Department of Juvenile Services, the Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration, and the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services Information Technology and Communications Division.

Information Request	Author	Due Date
Report on repeat audit findings	SCISO	February 1, 2027
	OLA	May 1, 2027

F10A
Department of Budget and Management – Secretary

Budget Amendment

F10A01.01 Executive Direction

Adopt the following narrative:

Apprenticeship Position Capacity Report: Recognizing the importance of registered apprenticeships as a potential talent pipeline for the State and the broad support for increasing the availability of registered apprenticeships, the budget committees request that the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) survey Executive Branch agencies to determine interest and capacity for establishing registered apprenticeship positions. The committees request that DBM submit a report identifying the number of additional regular positions each Executive Branch agency is interested in adding for apprenticeship positions and the classifications associated with those positions.

Information Request	Author	Due Date
Apprenticeship position capacity report	DBM	September 1, 2026

D21
Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy

Budget Amendment

D21A01.03 State Aid for Police Protection

Add the following language to the general fund appropriation:

Further provided that GOCPP may not distribute a law enforcement agency's share of this appropriation made for the purpose of State Aid for Police Protection funding until GOCPP confirms that the agency is compliant with State law related to immigration enforcement agreements. 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 \$124,142,960 in public safety aid through the State Aid for Police Protection Program (SAPP). Chapters 1 and 2 of 2026 prohibit the State, a unit of local government, a county sheriff, or any agency, officer, employee, or agent of the State or a unit of local government from entering into an immigration enforcement agreement. Any existing immigration enforcement agreement must be terminated on or before July 1, 2026. This language requires that SAPP funding be distributed to a law enforcement agency only after GOCPP confirms that agency is compliant with State law related to immigration enforcement agreements.