
**Senate Budget and Taxation Committee
Public Safety, Transportation, and
Environment Subcommittee**

Additional Pages

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C81C
Office of the Attorney General

Committee Narrative

C81C00.01 Legal Counsel and Advice

Adopt the following narrative:

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

| Information Request | Author | Due Dates |
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| FAU actions report | OAG | October 15, 2026 |

D21
Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy

Budget Amendment

D21A01.02 Local Law Enforcement Grants

Add the following language to the general fund appropriation:

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

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

- (10) sentencing outcomes of youth cases, such as the percentage that result in incarceration or committed treatment compared to the percentage that result in probation for adult court youth and juvenile court youth;
- (11) the number of youths charged as adults in fiscal 2023, 2024, and 2025 who were subsequently charged as adults within one, two, and three years;
- (12) the number of youths adjudicated delinquent in fiscal 2023, 2024, and 2025 who were subsequently charged as adults within one, two, and three years; and
- (13) the number of youths convicted as an adult in fiscal 2023, 2024, and 2025 who were subsequently charged as adults within one, two, and three years.

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

- (1) the youth had previously been arrested;
- (2) the youth had previously been convicted as an adult or adjudicated delinquent;
- (3) the youth was subsequently re-arrested within one, two, and three years;
- (4) the youth was the subject of a delinquency proceeding within the subsequent one, two, and three years and a breakdown of outcome or disposition of those delinquency proceedings;
- (5) the youth was the subject of a criminal proceeding with the subsequent one, two, and three years and a breakdown of outcome or disposition of those delinquency proceedings.

To the extent practicable, Baltimore City SAO shall report these measures for each year from fiscal 2023 through 2026. Where comparable statewide data is available, Baltimore City SAO shall analyze its trends to determine if there is anything unique or distinguishing about its practices. If requested information is not available, the report shall explain why the data is unavailable and identify the barriers that exist to the data collection and submission. The budget committees shall have 45 days from the date of the receipt of the report to review and comment. Funds restricted pending the receipt of a report may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund if the report is not submitted to the budget committees.

Explanation: This language restricts comprehensive violence prosecution grant funding to Baltimore City SAO through the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy until Baltimore City SAO submits a report on the outcomes of its prosecution of juveniles.

Information Request

Author

Due Date

Youth prosecution outcomes
report

Baltimore City SAO

October 1, 2026

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:

, provided that the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy (GOCPP) may not distribute a law enforcement agency's share of \$47,132,583 of this appropriation made for the purpose of the State Aid for Police Protection enhancement funding until the law enforcement agency attests to GOCPP that it is in compliance with the Maryland Sexual Assault Kit Initiative Victim Notification Protocol. That attestation shall specify whether the law enforcement agency provides information that is required by the protocol to the Sexual Assault Evidence Kit Funding and Policy Committee of the Office of the Attorney General and the Maryland Coalition Against Sexual Assault Sexual Assault Kit Victim Notification Project or their designee within 15 days of receipt of the information by the law enforcement agency. Funds not expended for this restricted purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund.

Explanation: The fiscal 2027 allowance includes enhanced public safety aid through the State Aid for Police Protection Program (SAPP). This language requires that a portion of enhanced SAPP funding be distributed to law enforcement agencies only after agencies attest that they are in compliance with the Maryland Sexual Assault Kit Initiative Victim Notification Protocol.

D40W01
Department of Planning

Budget Amendment

D40W01.01 Operations Division

Add the following language to the general fund appropriation:

, 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.

| Information Request | Author | Due Date |
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| Report on permits that impact the business community and metrics around permitting that should be included in the State’s Managing for Results performance review | MDP | September 30, 2026 |

D52
Maryland Department of Emergency Management

Committee Narrative

D52A01.01 Maryland Department of Emergency Management

Adopt the following narrative:

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

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

D52
Maryland Department of Energy Management

Committee Narrative

Adopt the following narrative:

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

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

D80Z01
Maryland Insurance Administration

Committee Narrative

Adopt the following narrative:

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 |
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| Report on ACA segregated account data | MIA PHPA | January 1, 2027 |

J00A01
The Secretary's Office
Maryland Department of Transportation

Budget Amendment

J00A01.01 Executive Direction

Add the following language to the special fund appropriation:

, 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 its 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. Fund 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 |
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| Report on toll billing and collection issues | Maryland Department of Transportation MDTA | November 1, 2026 |

J00A01
The Secretary's Office
Maryland Department of Transportation

Committee Narrative

Adopt the following narrative:

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 |
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| Report on apprenticeships in MDOT | TSO | December 1, 2026 |

J00A01
The Secretary's Office
Maryland Department of Transportation

Committee Narrative

Adopt the following narrative:

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 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 (SBE). The report should include any challenges 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 |
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| Report on DBE recertification process | DoSEM TSO | September 1, 2026 |

J00B01
State Highway Administration
Maryland Department of Transportation

Committee Narrative

Adopt the following narrative:

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.

| Information Request | Author | Due Date |
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| Report on traffic safety plan for MD 410 | SHA | December 1, 2026 |

J00I00
Maryland Aviation Administration
Maryland Department of Transportation

Budget Amendment

Add the following language to the special fund appropriation:

, 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 |
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| Report on noise abatement procedure at Martin State Airport | MAA | October 1, 2026 |

K00A
Department of Natural Resources

Budget Amendments

MARYLAND PARK SERVICE

K00A04.01 Statewide Operations

Add the following language to the general fund appropriation:

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

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

K00A
Department of Natural Resources

Committee Narrative

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

K00A01.01 Secretariat

Adopt the following narrative:

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.

| Information Request | Author | Due Date |
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| Efforts to support natural resources and outdoor recreation apprenticeships | DNR | December 1, 2026 |

K00A
Department of Natural Resources

Committee Narrative

WATERSHED AND CLIMATE SERVICES

K00A14.02 Watershed and Climate Services

Adopt the following narrative:

Chesapeake Bay Reporting Requirements: The committees request that the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Department of Budget and Management (DBM), Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE), Maryland Department of Agriculture (MDA), and 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 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 which 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 MDA MDE MDP | Fiscal 2028 allowance |
| Chesapeake Bay restoration spending policy | DNR DBM MDA MDE MDP | Fiscal 2028 allowance |

L00A
Department of Agriculture

Committee Narrative

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

L00A11.01 Executive Direction

Adopt the following narrative:

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 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.

| Information Request | Author | Due Date |
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| Efforts to support agricultural industry apprenticeships | MDA | December 1, 2026 |

Q00B
Corrections
Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services

Committee Narrative

Q00B01.01 General Administration

Adopt the following narrative:

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

- annual total of transgender individuals in each of the agency’s correctional facilities and pretrial detention centers by gender identity;
- annual totals of transgender individuals in each DPSCS correctional facility by housing placement category, including administrative segregation, disciplinary segregation, mental health unit, medical unit, dormitory, double cell, single cell, and all other housing placement categories, disaggregated by the gender of the housing placement and by the gender identity of the transgender individual;
- the number and share of transgender individuals placed in restrictive housing, disaggregated by reason for placement and compared to the cisgender population;
- annual average and median length of time transgender individuals spent in restrictive housing overall and disaggregated by reason for placement into restrictive housing compared to their cisgender peers for each DPSCS correctional facility;
- annual number of requests by transgender individuals to transfer housing assignments, disaggregated by type of housing transfer request (including but not limited to transfer to a different gendered unit or facility, transfer into or out of a medical or mental health unit or facility, or transfer into or out of restrictive confinement) and the outcomes of those requests;
- annual number of housing placement assessments for transgender individuals pursuant to DPSCS Executive Directive OPS.131.0001;

- annual number of requests by transgender individuals to receive gender-affirming care and the outcomes of those requests disaggregated by type of medical care;
- annual number of requests by individuals identified as vulnerable under Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Standard 115.41 and by transgender individuals for privacy in showers, bathrooms, and while changing clothing, and the outcomes of those requests;
- annual number of PREA complaints filed and investigated and the outcome for complaints made by transgender individuals compared to cisgender peers;
- annual number of complaints received, number of complaints that were investigated, and outcomes of each complaint for each correctional facility regarding violence, sexual abuse, harassment, discrimination against transgender individuals, other abuse, access to gender-affirming health care, and access to gendered commissary items;
- the number and dollar amount of settlements paid to transgender individuals during each fiscal year from fiscal 2023 to 2026;
- all policies regarding transgender individuals and/or gender dysphoria, including but not limited to intake procedures, identification of transgender individuals, provision of gender-affirming health care, housing assignment, safety from violence and sexual abuse, and access to gendered commissary items;
- a plan to issue guidelines that, at a minimum, are the equivalent of PREA Standard 115.42; and
- an analysis of whether the above DPSCS policies are being implemented and followed at each correctional facility and an analysis of the education and training that DPSCS staff receive regarding LGBTQ+ individuals, along with a discussion of any obstacles to implementation and compliance.

| Information Request | Author | Due Date |
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| Report on the treatment of transgender individuals | DPSCS | October 1, 2026 |

Q00B
Corrections
Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services

Committee Narrative

Q00B01.01 General Administration

Adopt the following narrative:

Reentry Passport Program Rollout: The Reentry Passport Program is expected to provide all previously incarcerated individuals with access to an online portal after release where they can store and retrieve critical documents like their Social Security card or their birth certificate. The program remains in the pilot phase, and more work is needed to be done by the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services (DPSCS) so that all returning citizens will have access to this service moving forward. The committees request that DPSCS submit a report by October 15, 2026, on the Reentry Passport Program rollout. The report should document the progress of expanding the program and future plans to fully implement the program, including:

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

Information Request

Author

Due Date

Report on the reentry passport program.

DPSCS

October 15, 2026

Q00C
Community Supervision
Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services

Budget Amendment

Q00C01.01 General Administration and Hearings

Add the following language to the general fund appropriation:

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

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

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

The report shall be submitted by November 15, 2026, and the budget committees shall have 45 days from the date of the receipt of the report to review and comment. Funds restricted pending the receipt of a report may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund if the report is not submitted to the budget committees.

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

Information Request

Author

Due Date

Report on geriatric and
medical parole

DPSCS

November 15, 2026

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

Committee Narrative

Q00T04.01 Chesapeake Detention Facility

Adopt the following narrative:

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

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

W00A
Department of State Police

Committee Narrative

W00A01.01 Office of the Superintendent

Adopt the following narrative:

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

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

| Information Request | Author | Due Date |
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| Report on registered apprenticeship opportunities | DSP | December 1, 2026 |

W00A
Department of State Police

Committee Narrative

MARYLAND STATE POLICE

W00A01.01 Office of the Superintendent

Adopt the following narrative:

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

| Information Request | Author | Due Date |
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| Report on workforce diversity strategies | DSP | October 1, 2026 |

Sections

Budget Amendments

Add the following section:

Section XX Deep Creek Watershed Management Plan Implementation Report Intent

Section XX. 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.

Explanation: 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.

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