

# Report of the Conference Committee on Senate Bill 282

## The Budget Bill

March 30, 2026

Mr. President,  
Members of the Senate:

Madame Speaker,  
Members of the House of Delegates:

The Conference Committee has reconciled the differences between the Senate and House versions of SB 282 and Supplemental Budget No. 1, in which the Senate made general fund reductions of \$741.5 million, including \$84.3 million contingent on the Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act (BRFA) of 2026, and general fund additions of \$186.2 million; and the House made general fund reductions of \$769.4 million, including \$101.3 million contingent on the BRFA, and general fund additions of \$200.6 million. The Conference Committee also received Supplemental Budget No. 2. In all, the Conference Committee made general fund reductions of \$803.1 million, including \$84.3 million associated with the BRFA, and general fund additions of \$263.8 million.

The Senate adopted 199 amendments to the budget bill including Supplemental Budget No. 1. The House subsequently adopted 57 amendments to the budget bill, as amended by the Senate. The Senate concurred with none of the House amendments. All of these amendments have been reconsidered, and actions, including those taken on Supplemental Budget No. 2, are indicated in the attached *Report of the Conference Committee*.

The total decrease in general fund spending is \$91 million (0.3%). The budget restores funds for disparity grants to local governments. The budget also adds funding to reduce the amount of fiscal 2027 cost containment actions in the Developmental Disabilities Administration and for other priorities including reducing the wait list for the Child Care Scholarship program, providing funding for the Western Maryland Economic Future Investment Fund, expanding prekindergarten capacity, and economic development initiatives. The budget meets the guidelines established by the Spending Affordability Committee in 2025.

The budget also makes significant investments to lower energy bills by directing funds for rate relief and increasing renewable energy and energy storage capacity. The budget also provides funds to address repeat audit findings and enhance State fiscal leadership capacity.

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The projected general fund balance at the close of fiscal 2027, given the legislative actions on the budget, is \$250 million. The Rainy Day Fund balance is \$2.2 billion. Together, this leaves more than \$2.4 billion in cash reserves, a prudent hedge against potential uncertainty.

In addition to the Conference Committee's actions pertaining to the budget, the final report of the committee is also attached. The Department of Legislative Services has also provided a separate document on the budget and the BRFA of 2026 with additional data.

Sincerely,



Guy Guzzone, Chair  
Senate Budget and Taxation Committee



Ben Barnes, Chair  
House Appropriations Committee

## **Report of the Conference Committee on Senate Bill 282**

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Mr. President,  
Madame Speaker,  
Members of the General Assembly of Maryland:

The Senate adopted 199 amendments to the original budget bill and Supplemental Budget No. 1.

The House adopted 57 amendments to the budget bill, as amended by the Senate.

The Senate rejected all of the House amendments and called for a Conference Committee.

The House refused to recede and agreed to a Conference Committee.

The budget was then referred to the Conference Committee.

### **Action of the Conference Committee**

The Conference Committee recommends:

1. The adoption of the following House amendments:

4, 6, 10, 13, 16, 17, 18, 19, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 34, 37, 42, 44, 45, 46, 49, 50, 51, 53, 54

2. The rejection of the following House amendments:

1, 5, 9, 11, 20, 22, 23, 24, 40, 41, 48, Floor Amendment SB0282/573227/1

3. The action indicated on the following House amendments:

<u>Adopt</u>	<u>Reject</u>	<u>Conference Committee Amendment</u>
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The Conference Committee also adopted two amendments on the supplemental budget.

Respectfully submitted,



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Guy Guzzone



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Ben Barnes



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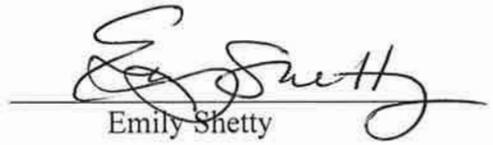
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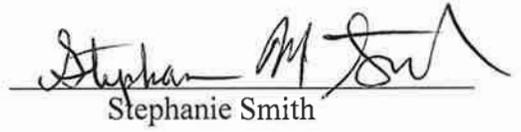
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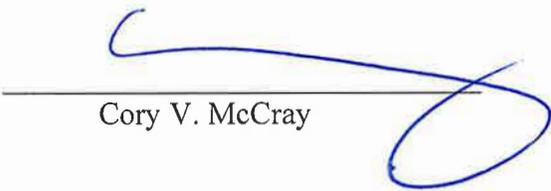
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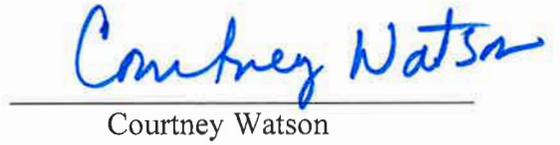
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**Senate/House Differences on SB 282**  
**House Amendments**

Budget Code	BRFA	Action Type	Fund	Senate Sub.	House Sub.	Report Page	Amd. No.	Description	Senate Change	House Change	Final Change	Conference Position
C00A0003		Reduction	GF	PST	PSA	2	1	Judiciary – Restores funding for 2 new positions in the St. Mary’s County Circuit Court.	-435,353	0	-435,353	Reject
C00A0010		Reduction	GF	PST	PSA	7	1 Cont.	Judiciary – Restores funding for 1 new position in the St. Mary’s County Circuit Court.	-74,318	0	-74,318	Included above
C00A0004		Reduction	GF	PST	PSA	3-4	2	Judiciary – Partially restores funding for District Court contractual employee salary increases.	-2,500,000	-1,250,000	0	Adopt House with modification to restore all funding for District Court contractual employee salary increases and take the Senate position for District Court travel reduction
C00A0004		Reduction	GF	PST	PSA	3-4	2 Cont.	Judiciary – Further reduces funding for District Court travel.	-75,000	-150,000	-75,000	Included above
C00A0012		Reduction	SF	PST	PSA	8	3	Judiciary – Further reduces funding for Major Information Technology Development Projects.	-5,000,000	-7,000,000	-6,000,000	Adopt House with modification to reduce funding by \$6.0 million
C80B0002		Reduction	GF	PST	PSA	11	4	OPD – Restores funding for personnel by restoring turnover rate in the Governor’s allowance.	-450,000	0	0	Adopt
C81C0001		Reduction	SF	PST	PSA	13	5	OAG – Restores funding for travel in the Legal Counsel and Advice Division.	-100,000	0	-100,000	Reject
C90G0001		Reduction	SF	PST	T&E	15-16	6	PSC – Restores funding for personnel by restoring turnover rate in the Governor’s allowance.	-350,000	0	0	Adopt
C96J0001		Lang.	SF	PST	PSA	17	7	UEF – Increases the amount restricted from \$100,000 to \$1,000,000 pending the receipt of a report on UEF operational needs and adds language requesting information on the solvency of UEF and the UEF board.				Adopt House with modification to restrict \$500,000 pending the receipt of report
D11A0401		Lang.	GF	HHS	HHR	20	8	ODHH – Strikes language restricting funds pending the receipt of a letter confirming the publishing of State sign language interpreter licensing requirements – status reports are requested through narrative instead.				Adopt House with modification to restrict funding until ODHH submits two reports on the status of interpreter licensing requirements
D11A0401		Lang.	GF	HHS	HHR	20-21	9	ODHH – Strikes language restricting funds pending the receipt of a report on vacant positions – the report is requested through narrative instead.				Reject
D11A0401		Reduction	GF	HHS	HHR	21	10	ODHH – Restores funding for 1 long-term vacant position.	-111,716	0	0	Adopt
D18A0103		Reduction	GF	EBA	EED	29	11	GOC – Deletes funding for the Baltimore City Children and Youth Fund grant due to the mandate’s expiration.	0	-2,000,000	0	Reject
D21A0101		Lang.	GF	PST	PSA	31	12	GOCPP – Adds language expressing intent that GOCPP provide the Maryland Coalition Against Sexual Assault with information contained in the sexual assault evidence kit reporting system so that the coalition can provide notification to, and otherwise support, survivors of sexual assault.				Adopt House with modification to detail information requested and frequency of notification
D21A0103		Lang.	GF	PST	PSA	35	13	GOCPP – Restricts \$6,000,000 of enhanced public safety aid to be used for grants to law enforcement agencies to encrypt their communications systems.				Adopt
D26A0703		Lang.	GF	HHS	HHR	39-40	14	MDOA – Restricts \$1,300,000 within the Naturally Occurring Retirement Communities program to be used only for grants to specified recipients and uses.				Reject House with modification to restrict funds in the Naturally Occurring Retirement Communities to be distributed in the same manner as fiscal 2026

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D28		Reduction	SF	#N/A	#N/A		15	MSA – Reduces funding for the Annual Maryland 5 Star at Fair Hill.	0	-1,750,000	0	Reject House with modifications to reduce funds for the Prince George's County Blue Line Corridor. These funds are added back for specific projects in Section 39
D28A0378		Reduction	SF	EBA	EED	44	15 Cont.	MSA – Reduces funding for the Prince George's County Blue Line Corridor.	0	0	-27,000,263	Included above
D40W0101		Lang.	GF	PST	T&E	47	16	MDP – Modifies language restricting funds pending a report on permits to include the Maryland Municipal League as a listed stakeholder.				Adopt
D40W0103		Lang.	GF	PST	T&E	48-49	17	MDP – Restricts \$150,000 pending a report on the possibility of applying a split-rate or land value tax adjacent to rail stations.				Adopt
D50H0105		Lang.	GF	HHS	PSA	52	18	Military Department – Decreases the amount restricted from \$500,000 to \$250,000 pending a report on Freestate ChalleNGe Academy reopening and facility renovations.				Adopt
D52A0102		Reduction	SF	PST	PSA	58	19	MDEM – Restores funding for 1 new position in the Maryland 911 Board.	-85,658	0	0	Adopt
D74A0101		Lang.	GF	PST	PSA	64	20	OCO – Restricts \$50,000 pending a report on MFR objectives and measures by replacing committee narrative adopted by the Senate requesting the same information.				Reject and instead request this information through committee narrative
F10A0101		Lang.	GF	B&T	APP	75-77	21	DBM – Strikes language restricting funds pending a confidential report on cybersecurity governance.				Adopt House with modification to restrict funds pending the receipt of a confidential report on cybersecurity from DoIT instead
I00A0101		Reduction	GF	B&T	PSA	96	22	DSCI – Deletes funding for 1 new position due to level participation in the Maryland Corps programs from Class 3 to Class 4.	0	-109,635	0	Reject
I00A0102		Reduction	GF	B&T	PSA	96-97	23	DSCI – Deletes funding for 9 new positions due to level participation in the Maryland Corps programs from Class 3 to Class 4.	0	-924,462	0	Reject
I00A0102		Reduction	GF	B&T	PSA	96-97	23 Cont.	DSCI – Reduces funding for grants supporting Maryland Corps.	0	-8,544,218	0	Included above
I00A0102		Reduction	SF	B&T	PSA	96-97	23 Cont.	DSCI – Reduces funding for grants supporting Maryland Corps.	0	-4,371,639	0	Included above
J00H0101		Lang.	SF	PST	T&E	110	24	MDOT – Strikes language restricting \$500,000 to be used to provide matching grants to partner entities selected by MDOT for Purple Line launch marketing activities.				Reject
J00H0101		Lang.	SF	PST	T&E	110-111	25	MDOT – Restricts \$150,000 pending a report on real-time audible and text-based announcement equipment in MTA vehicles.				Adopt House with modifications to make a technical amendment, restrict \$100,000 in Highway User Revenues to be used in a certain manner, and restrict funds pending the submission of reports on Purple Line crime prevention planning (MTA) and collection of toll debt (MDOT and MDTA)
J00H0101		Lang.	SF	PST	T&E	111-112	26	MDOT – Restricts \$150,000 pending a report on the Workgroup on Curb Space Management.				Adopt
K00A0401		Lang.	GF	PST	T&E	117-118	27	DNR – Strikes language restricting funds pending the submission of a confirmatory letter on the completion of the Port of Deposit State Historical Park land transfer – a status report is requested through narrative instead.				Adopt

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L00A1101		Lang.	GF	PST	T&E	123	28	MDA – Increases the amount restricted from \$100,000 to \$250,000 pending a report certifying that all steps have been taken to address repeat audit findings.				Adopt
L00A1504		Reduction	GF	PST	T&E	125	29	MDA – Partially restores funding for the Leaders in Environmentally Engaged Farming program.	-400,000	-200,000	-200,000	Adopt
M00M0101		Lang.	GF	HHS	HHR	146-148	30	MDH – Modifies language restricting funds pending the submission of quarterly spending data to require monthly reports and inclusion of additional data, including on dedicated hours.				Adopt
M00M0102		Lang.		HHS	HHR	153-154	31	MDH – Adds language to restrict DDA from reducing rates paid to providers in fiscal 2027 beyond the authorized cost containment actions as specified in the fiscal 2027 Budget Bill and requires DDA to continue providing services to individuals receiving State-only funded services in certain circumstances.				Adopt House with modification to specify the individuals who should continue receiving State-only funded services; modify language restricting funds pending cost containment reports to specify reporting requirements; and restrict funds pending a report on a rate increase for targeted case management services
M00M0102		Lang.		HHS	HHR	154-155	32	MDH – Adds language specifying the implementation of day-to-day administrative supports funded by DDA for participants in the self-directed services model.				Adopt House with modification to clarify that vendors may not provide day-to-day administrative supports
M00R0102		Lang.	SF	HHS	HHR	165-166	33	MDH – Increases the amount restricted from \$100,000 to \$250,000 pending a report on financial incentives for Medicare Advantage plans.				Adopt House with modification to change information request related to the implementation of financial incentives for Medicare Advantage plans
N00		Cut Lang.	FF	HHS	HHR	168	34	DHS – Restores funding for noncustodial parent employment and training contracts.	-679,639	0	0	Adopt
N00A0101		Cut Lang.	GF	HHS	HHR	169	35	DHS – Restores funding associated with the Constituent Services Call Center.	-991,414	0	-991,414	Reject House with modification to reduce only general funds associated with the Constituent Services Call Center
N00A0101		Cut Lang.	SF	HHS	HHR	169	35 Cont.	DHS – Restores funding associated with the Constituent Services Call Center.	-5,002,945	0	0	Included above
N00A0101		Cut Lang.	FF	HHS	HHR	169	35 Cont.	DHS – Restores funding associated with the Constituent Services Call Center.	-833,063	0	0	Included above
N00F0005		Reduction	GF	HHS	HHR	179	36	DHS – Restores funding associated with the Child, Juvenile, and Adult Management System and Child Support Management System applications.	-4,144,954	0	-2,144,954	Adopt House with amendment to adjust general and federal funds
N00F0005		Reduction	FF	HHS	HHR	179	36 Cont.	DHS – Restores funding associated with the Child, Juvenile, and Adult Management System and Child Support Management System applications.	-1,397,135	0	-722,997	Included above
N00I0004		Lang.	GF	HHS	HHR	187	37	DHS – Increases the amount restricted from \$100,000 to \$250,000 pending a report on Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program payment error rates.				Adopt
Q00S0208		Lang.	GF	PST	PSA	209-210	38	DPSCS – Restricts \$250,000 pending the receipt of a letter confirming that the inmate medical care contractor has responded to an average of 95% or more medical Administrative Remedy Procedures complaints and grievances over a three-month period.				Adopt House with modification to restrict funds pending the submission of a letter confirming the location of the women's prerelease facility (DGS) and a report on correctional industry programs and ways reentry outcomes can be improved

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R00A02		Lang.		EBA	EED	221	39	MSDE – Adds language prohibiting the transfer of funds budgeted for Aid to Education to any other program or purpose.				Adopt House with modification to the amount of the contingent reduction to the prekindergarten funding formula
R00A0255		Lang.		EBA	EED	225	40	MSDE – Strikes language expressing intent that public school counselors with National Board Certification are subject to the same salary increase schedule as public school teachers with the certification.				Reject
R62I0001		Lang.	GF	EBA	EED	239	41	MHEC – Increases the amount restricted from \$100,000 to \$200,000 pending a report providing information pertaining to a finding in the fiscal compliance audit.				Reject
R62I0048		Reduction	GF	EBA	EED	248	42	MHEC – Restores funding for Community College Promise Scholarship.	-1,000,000	0	0	Adopt
T00C0017	Yes	Cut Lang.	GF	EBA	EED	259	43	Commerce – Adds language to reduce funding for More Jobs for Marylanders program contingent on the enactment of legislation limiting the annual amount of final tax credit certificates that may be issued each year under the program to \$15 million.	0	-17,000,000	-17,000,000	Reject House with amendment to reduce funds from the budget directly
T00D0005		Reduction	GF	EBA	EED	260	44	Commerce – Restores funds for the Maryland State Arts Council.	-310,120	0	0	Adopt
T50T0101		Reduction	GF	EBA	EED	261	45	TEDCO – Reduces funding for a grant to the Baltimore Tech Hub Consortium.	0	-250,000	-250,000	Adopt
U00A0401		Lang.	GF	PST	T&E	262-263	46	MDE – Reduces the amount restricted from \$500,000 to \$250,000 pending a report on septic system regulations and guidance standardization.				Adopt
W00A0101		Lang.	GF	PST	PSA	270	47	DSP – Adds language expressing intent related to use the funds for the Maryland Sheriffs' Association to provide trainings to law enforcement agencies regarding immigration enforcement agreements.				Adopt House with modification to clarify the intent to use funds to provide trainings to law enforcement agencies, including trainings on immigration enforcement agreements
Y01A0301		Reduction	GF	EBA	EED	276	48	Commerce – Reduces funding for the Economic Development Opportunities Program Account (Sunny Day Fund).	0	-8,000,000	0	Reject
C80B0002		Reduction	GF	PST	PSA	277	49	OPD – Deficiency – Restores funds for information technology-related expenses.	-65,000	0	0	Adopt
N00A0101		Reduction	SF	HHS	HHR	282	50	DHS – Deficiency – Restores funding for the Constituent Services Call Center.	-7,468,454	0	0	Adopt
N00H0008		Reduction	SF	HHS	HHR	284	51	DHS – Deficiency – Restores funding for the Constituent Services Call Center.	-1,858,906	0	0	Adopt
Section		Addition	GF	B&T	APP	309-339	52	Section 39 – Adds funds for various purposes through legislative priorities.	131,992,623	146,366,692	209,631,692	Adopt House with modifications to alter and add new grants, add and modify language, transfer funds in DLS, and reduce funds in DGS
		Addition	SF	B&T	APP		52 Cont.	Delete funds for Montevue Project which will be funded in capital budget.	0	0	-3,000,000	Included above
Section		Addition	SF	B&T	APP	309-339	52 Cont.	Section 39 – Adds funds for various purposes through legislative priorities.	0	17,212,000	42,812,000	Included above
Section		Lang.	GF	B&T	APP	339-340	53	Section 41 – Strikes language restricting \$100,000 from each of the Office of the Comptroller and DBM pending the receipt of a report identifying each funding reversion to the Dedicated Purpose Account for fiscal 2021 through 2025.				Adopt

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Section		Lang.	GF	PST	PSA	340-341	54	Section 41 – Adds a section that expresses intent and restricts \$250,000 in funds from each of DSP and the Police Training and Correctional Standards Commission pending the submission of a joint report on the implementation of policies and requirements related to vetting procedures for police officers.				Adopt
Section		Lang.	SF	B&T	APP	343-344	55	Section 45 – Adds a section authorizing the Governor to appropriate funding through budget amendment for the Strategic Energy Investment Fund for various purposes.				Adopt House with modification to strike original Section 45 and replace with new section authorizing a certain budget amendment and creation of certain positions, modify a section previously added in a Floor Amendment regarding requirements for nonprofit organizations, and modify Section 38 to adjust added funding and establish a study
Section		Lang.		#N/A	#N/A	345	56	Technical amendment renumbering sections.				Adopt House with modification to make technical changes on language and renumber sections
Section		Lang.		#N/A	#N/A	385	573227/1	Adds a section restricting funds to nonprofit organizations unless they meet certain requirements.				Reject and instead adopt modified language regarding nonprofit organizations discussed under Amendment 55 to clarify requirements for exempt organizations
D28A03.41		Lang.		N/A	N/A		CCSA1	Supplemental No. 2 – Adds the Maryland Cycling Classic to the list of grantees for the Major Sports and Entertainment Event Fund.				Adopt
Y01A02.01		Reduction		N/A	N/A		CCSA2	Supplemental No. 2 – Deletes placeholder funds for legislative priorities.			-47,950,000	Adopt

## Acronym List

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APP: House Appropriations Committee  
B&T: Senate Budget and Taxation Committee  
BRFA: Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act  
Commerce: Department of Commerce  
DBM: Department of Budget and Management  
DDA: Developmental Disabilities Administration  
DGS: Department of General Services  
DHS: Department of Human Services  
DLS: Department of Legislative Services  
DNR: Department of Natural Resources  
DoIT: Department of Information Technology  
DPSCS: Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services  
DSCI: Department of Service and Civic Innovation  
DSP: Department of State Police  
EBA: Education, Business and Administration Subcommittee  
EED: Education and Economic Development Subcommittee  
FF: federal fund  
GOC: Governor's Office for Children  
GOCPP: Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy  
GF: general fund  
HHS: Health and Human Services Subcommittee  
HHR: Health and Social Services  
MDA: Maryland Department of Agriculture  
MDE: Maryland Department of the Environment  
MDEM: Maryland Department of Emergency Management  
MDH: Maryland Department of Health  
MDOA: Maryland Department of Aging  
MDOT: Maryland Department of Transportation  
MDP: Maryland Department of Planning  
MHEC: Maryland Higher Education Commission  
MSA: Maryland Stadium Authority  
MTA: Maryland Transit Administration  
MSDE: Maryland State Department of Education  
OAG: Office of the Attorney General  
OCO: Office of Correctional Ombudsman  
ODHH: Office of Deaf and Hard of Hearing  
OPD: Office of the Public Defender  
PSA: Public Safety and Administration Subcommittee  
PSC: Public Service Commission  
PST: Public Safety, Transportation, and Environment Subcommittee  
SF: special fund  
SHA: State Highway Administration  
TEDCO: Maryland Technology Development Corporation  
T&E: Transportation and the Environment Subcommittee  
UEF: Uninsured Employers' Fund

## Conference Committee Amendments

### Conference Committee Amendment No. 1

On page 4 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading Judiciary, in program C00A00.04 District Court, adopt Amendment 2, and in line 7 strike “288,177,190” and substitute “289,502,190”.

### Conference Committee Amendment No. 2

On page 5 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading Judiciary, in program C00A00.12 Major Information Technology Development Projects, adopt Amendment 3, and in line 5 strike “11,370,000” and substitute “12,370,000”.

### Conference Committee Amendment No. 3

On page 10 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading Uninsured Employers’ Fund, in program C96J00.01 General Administration, adopt Amendment 7, and in line 7 strike “\$1,000,000” and substitute “\$500,000”.

### Conference Committee Amendment No. 4

On page 13 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading Office of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, in program D11A04.01 Executive Direction, adopt Amendment 8, and on page 14, in line 13 following “~~committees.~~” insert “, provided that \$50,000 of this appropriation made for the purpose of executive direction may not be expended until the Office of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing submits two reports to the budget committees on the development and implementation of licensing requirements for sign language interpreters. The first report shall include concerns raised during the public comment period that necessitated the pause in regulation development, any statutory changes recommended by the Governor’s working group, progress toward establishing State sign language licensing requirements and projected timeline for publishing the requirements; and an updated timeline for availability of the licensing portal for public use. The second report shall provide updates on the progress toward establishing State sign language licensing requirements and the projected timeline for publishing the requirements, and an updated timeline for availability of the licensing portal for public use. The first report shall cover the requested information as of May 31, 2026, and be submitted by July 1, 2026, and the second report shall include information as of November 30, 2026, and be submitted by December 15, 2026. The budget committees shall have 45 days from the date of the receipt of the second 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 reports are not submitted to the budget committees.”.

## Conference Committee Amendments

### Conference Committee Amendment No. 5

On page 21 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading Administrative Headquarters, in program D21A01.01 Administrative Headquarters, adopt Amendment 12, and in line 19 following “with” insert “all pertinent”; and in line 26 following “kit” insert “. This information shall be provided monthly and shall include, but not be limited to, the following: searchable documents with case numbers, tracking numbers, and the testing status of sexual assault evidence kits.”.

### Conference Committee Amendment No. 6

On page 30 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading Department of Aging, in program D26A07.03 Community Services, reject Amendment 14, and in line 26 following “Appropriation” insert “. provided that \$1,300,000 of this appropriation made for the purpose of grants through the Naturally Occurring Retirement Communities (NORC) program shall be distributed to the same grant recipients and in the same amounts as the NORC grants provided in fiscal 2026. 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.”.

### Conference Committee Amendment No. 7

On page 33 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading Maryland Stadium Authority, in program D28A03.78 Major Sports and Entertainment Event Program Fund, reject Amendment 15; and in program D28A03.77 Prince George’s County Blue Line Corridor Facility Fund, in line 16 strike “27,000,263” and substitute “0”.

### Conference Committee Amendment No. 8

On page 55 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading Office of the Secretary, in program F10A01.01 Executive Direction, adopt Amendment 21, and on page 62, under the heading Office of Information Technology, in program F50B04.02 Security, in line 14 following “Appropriation” insert “. provided that \$500,000 of this appropriation made for the purpose of general administration may not be expended until the Department of Information Technology (DoIT) 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 Appropriations 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, DoIT shall compile the data received from each department and the University System of Maryland into a consolidated confidential report.

## Conference Committee Amendments

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

- (1) information technology system access verification and dates of most recent review of all user access and related results;
- (2) malware protection, including procedures to ensure malware protection and the date of the most recent review of malware protection controls and the related results;
- (3) multi-factor authentication, including data of the most recent review of multi-factor authentication, and related results;
- (4) 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
- (5) 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.”

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On page 78 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading Maryland Transit Administration, in program J00H01.01 Transit Administration, adopt Amendment 25, and on page 79 strike beginning with “revert” in line 39 down through “Fund” in line 40 and substitute “be canceled”; and in line 41 following “committees.” insert “Further provided that \$100,000 of this appropriation made for the purpose of administrative expenses may not be expended until the Maryland Transit Administration (MTA) submits a report to the budget committees on a Purple Line station area crime prevention plan. The report shall be submitted by March 1, 2027, 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.”; and on page 73, under the heading The Secretary’s Office, in program J00A01.01 Executive Direction, in line 8 following “committees” insert “. Further provided that \$250,000 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 (MDOT) and the Maryland

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Transportation Authority (MDTA) submit a report to the budget committees on MDTA's ongoing efforts to collect outstanding tolls incurred at MDTA facilities. The report shall include:

- (1) the current amounts of outstanding tolls and related fines, fees, and interest owed from in-state and out-of-state motorists, delineated by motorists' state of residence, and a breakdown of the portion of that total that has been outstanding for six months or less, six months to one year, one to three years, and three years or more;
- (2) the amount of outstanding tolls that MDTA was successful in collecting since January 1, 2026, delineated by motorists' state of residence; and
- (3) updates on the status of the establishment of reciprocity agreements with Pennsylvania and neighboring states, the procurement of a third-party debt collector, and any other strategies that MDTA is using to collect outstanding toll debt.

The report shall be submitted on October 1, 2026, and the budget committees shall have 45 days from the date of the receipt of the report to review and comment. Funds restricted pending the receipt of a report may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall be canceled if the report is not submitted to the budget committees.”; and on page 77, under the heading State Highway Administration, in program J00B01.05 County and Municipality Funds, in line 11 following “Appropriation” insert “, provided that \$100,000 of this appropriation made for the purpose of providing a grant to Baltimore City may be used only for traffic calming at the intersection of Walther Avenue and Echodale Avenue in Baltimore City. Funds not expended for this restricted purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall be canceled.”.

### Conference Committee Amendment No. 10

On page 127 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading Developmental Disabilities Administration, in program M00M01.02 Community Services, adopt Amendment 31, and on page 128, in line 16 following “applied” insert “, submitted all requested documentation, and completed the waiver application process”; and on page 124, in program M00M01.01 Program Direction, in line 7 strike “a” and substitute “two”; and in line 8 strike “report” and substitute “reports”; and in line 9 strike “provides” and substitute “provide”; and in line 11 strike “report” and substitute “reports”; and on page 125, strike beginning with “The” in line 30 down through “committees” in line 38 and substitute “The first report shall be submitted by December 1, 2026, and the second report shall be submitted by April 1, 2027. The budget committees shall have 45 days from the date of the receipt of each report to review and comment. The funds may be released in \$25,000 increments following the submission of each report. Funds restricted pending receipt of these reports may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund if the reports are not submitted to the budget committees.”.

Further provided that \$100,000 of this appropriation made for the purpose of administration may not be expended until the Maryland Department of Health submits a report to the budget

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committees on a proposed rate increase for targeted case management service providers in the Developmental Disabilities Administration Community Services program based on labor and administrative costs. The report shall be submitted by October 1, 2026, and the budget committees shall have 45 days from the date of the receipt of the report to review and comment. Funds restricted pending receipt of the report may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund if the report is not submitted to the budget committees.

Further provided that it is the intent of the General Assembly that the Governor’s proposed budget for fiscal 2028 includes a rate increase for targeted case management services.”.

### Conference Committee Amendment No. 11

On page 128 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading Developmental Disabilities Administration, in program M00M01.02 Community Services, adopt Amendment 32, and on page 129, in line 2 strike “or vendor”.

### Conference Committee Amendment No. 12

On page 137 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading Health Regulatory Commissions, in program M00R01.02 Health Services Cost Review Commission, adopt Amendment 33, and in line 20 strike beginning with “details” down through “implemented” in line 23 and substitute “implementation plans and reports on MA policy submitted by the multi-agency regulatory working group for the AHEAD model to the Governor”.

### Conference Committee Amendment No. 13

On page 140 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading Office of the Secretary, in program N00A01.01 Office of the Secretary, reject Amendment 35, and strike beginning with “\$6,827,422” in line 10 down through “funds” in line 13 and substitute “\$991,414 in general funds”.

### Conference Committee Amendment No. 14

On page 149 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading Office of Technology for Human Services, in program N00F00.05 Maryland (MD) Benefits – Office of Technology for Human

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Services, adopt Amendment 36, and in line 12 strike “24,095,717” and substitute “21,950,763”; and in line 16 strike “6,633,157” and substitute “5,910,160”, and strike “30,734,721” and substitute “27,866,770”.

### Conference Committee Amendment No. 15

On page 175 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading Division of Correction – East Region, in program Q00S02.08 Eastern Correctional Institution, adopt Amendment 38, and on page 68 under the heading Office of Real Estate, in program H00E01.01 Real Estate Management, in line 11 following “Appropriation” insert “, provided that \$500,000 of this appropriation made for the purpose of real estate management may not be expended until the Department of General Services (DGS) submits a letter to the budget committees confirming the department has identified the location of the prerelease unit for female incarcerated individuals as required by Chapter 16 of 2021. The letter shall also confirm that DGS is proceeding with the planning and design of the identified location of the prerelease facility. The letter shall specify the planned facility’s capacity, including whether that capacity is expected to be sufficient to accommodate the entire female prerelease population, and the anticipated timeline for the project. The letter shall be submitted within 30 days of the department selecting the location of the prerelease facility for incarcerated female individuals and proceeding with the first phase of the project at that location. The budget committees shall have 45 days from the date of the receipt of the letter to review and comment. Funds restricted pending the receipt of the letter may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund if the letter is not submitted to the budget committees.”; and on page 170, under the heading Division of Correction – Headquarters, in program Q00B01.01 General Administration, in line 33 following “Appropriation” insert “, provided that \$150,000 of this appropriation made for the purpose of general administration may not be expended for that purpose and instead may be used only to conduct a comprehensive study, in collaboration with the University of Maryland, College Park (UMCP), examining correctional industry programs in Maine, Ohio, Kansas, and California. The study shall include recommendations on ways for Maryland Correctional Enterprises to improve reentry outcomes for incarcerated individuals returning to society. The Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services (DPSCS) shall submit a report to the budget committees by December 1, 2026, with findings and recommendations from the study. It is the intent of the General Assembly that DPSCS and UMCP submit a final report on the study, including findings and recommendations, to the Governor and budget committees by December 1, 2027. 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.”.

### Conference Committee Amendment No. 16

On page 183 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading Aid to Education, adopt Amendment 39, and on page 184, in program R00A02.06 Prekindergarten, in line 5 strike “\$3,602,296” and substitute “\$3,343,967”.

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### Conference Committee Amendment No. 17

On page 228 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading Business Attraction and Special Projects, in program T00C00.17 More Jobs for Marylanders Tax Credit Reserve, reject Amendment 43, and in line 1 strike “20,000,000” and substitute “3,000,000”; and in line 2 strike “32,000,000” and substitute “15,000,000”.

### Conference Committee Amendment No. 18

On page 238 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading Maryland State Police, in program W00A01.01 Office of the Superintendent, adopt Amendment 47, and in line 11 following “agencies” strike “related to” and substitute “, including training on”.

### Conference Committee Amendment No. 19

On page 358 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading Section 39, adopt Amendment 52, and on page 359, in line 19 following “County.” insert “Further provided that MDOT shall submit a report to the budget committees by June 1, 2027, including the following: data on the pilot bus route daily and monthly ridership, including a profile of riders and trip purpose; cost effectiveness; including cost per passenger trip, on-time performance and average travel times; access to jobs along the pilot bus route and related economic impact; and a comparison of the pilot bus route to other commuter bus routes in Maryland.”; and on page 362, in line 23 following “formula funding.” insert “Further provided that these funds shall not be considered by the Maryland State Arts Council in the determination of any grant amount provided by the Maryland State Arts Council to the organization.”; and on page 362, in line 26 strike “\$500,000” and substitute “\$2,000,000”; and on page 363, in line 1 following “funding.” insert “Further provided that these funds shall not be considered by the Maryland State Arts Council in the determination of any grant amount provided by the Maryland State Arts Council to the organization.”; and on page 364, in line 9 strike “\$1,000,000” and substitute “\$500,000”; and on page 364 in line 35 following “formula funding.” insert “Further provided that these funds shall not be considered by the Maryland State Arts Council in the determination of any grant amount provided by the Maryland State Arts Council to the organization.”; and on page 365, in line 5 following “Inc.” insert “Further provided that at least \$250,000 of this added appropriation shall be used for a study of facility needs by the Maryland Stadium Authority.”; and on page 365, in line 7 following “formula funding.” insert “Further provided that these funds shall not be considered by the Maryland State Arts Council in the determination of any grant amount provided by the Maryland State Arts Council to the organization.”; and on page 366, in line 1 strike “\$250,000” and substitute “\$300,000”; and on page 366, in line 9 strike “Economic Action Maryland” and substitute “Maryland Consumer Rights Coalition”; and on page 366, in line 13 strike “\$250,000” and substitute “\$300,000”; and on page 366, in line 34 strike beginning with “providing a grant” down through “initiatives.” in line 35 and substitute “providing the Maryland Department of Health funding for dementia healthcare provider education initiatives.”; and on page 366, in line 38 strike “\$250,000” and substitute “\$400,000”; and on page 367, in line 5 strike

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“Development” and substitute “Redevelopment”; and on page 367, in line 10 strike “fiscal 2027”; and on page 369, in line 7 following “formula funding.” insert “Further provided that these funds shall not be considered by the Maryland State Arts Council in the determination of any grant amount provided by the Maryland State Arts Council to the organization.”; and on page 370, in line 15, strike “\$100,000” and substitute “\$200,000”; and on page 370, in line 18 strike “a regional artificial intelligence workforce platform” and substitute “the Talent Capital Initiative”; and on page 372, in line 35 following “formula funding.” insert “Further provided that these funds shall not be considered by the Maryland State Arts Council in the determination of any grant amount provided by the Maryland State Arts Council to the organization.”; and on page 373, in line 19 strike “\$50,000” and substitute “\$150,000”; and on page 374, in line 2 following “funding.” insert “Further provided that these funds shall not be considered by the Maryland State Arts Council in the determination of any grant amount provided by the Maryland State Arts Council to the organization.”; and on page 375, in line 38 following “Fund;” strike “and”; and on page 376, in line 21 strike beginning with “\$1,400,000” down through “canceled;” in line 26 and substitute “\$100,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program P00G01.07 Workforce Development within the Maryland Department of Labor for the purpose of providing a grant to Consult Lemonade to support technology workforce development for underrepresented communities. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;”; and on page 377, in line 31 strike beginning with “\$300,000” down through “General Fund;” in line 35 and substitute “\$800,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program D15A05.05 Governor’s Office of Community Initiatives within Executive Department – Boards, Commissions and Offices for the purpose of providing funds for the Governor’s Office of Immigrant Affairs to provide immigrant services in rural areas. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;”; and on page 378, in line 20 strike “Western Maryland Health Clinic” and substitute “Women’s Health Center of Maryland for the purpose of expanding access to care and clinical capacity.”; and on page 382, in line 34 following “Fund;” strike “and”; and on page 382, in line 40 following “Fund” strike “.” and substitute “;”

(170) \$27,000,000 in special funds from the State Lottery Fund are added within the Maryland Stadium Authority for the following uses:

- (a) \$18,000,000 to the appropriation for program D28A03.41 General Administration for the purpose of a grant to the Maryland Economic Development Corporation (MEDCO) for the purpose of a mixed use development that includes a soccer stadium at the University of Maryland, College Park. It is the intent of the General Assembly that any project developed using these funds include a mixed use portion and that it will operate 363 days of the year and complement the growth of College Park and Prince George’s County. It is the intent of the General Assembly that the project receive private sector investment of at least \$40 million in project costs; \$4,000,000 to the appropriation for program D28A03.41 General Administration for the purpose of a grant to The Velocity Companies along the Blue Line corridor for infrastructure improvements and economic development;

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- (b) \$2,000,000 to the appropriation for program D28A03.41 General Administration for the purpose of a grant to Atlantic Pacific Companies to support the Addison Park Development Project;
- (c) \$1,500,000 to the appropriation for program D28A03.41 General Administration for the purpose of a grant to the Prince George’s County Redevelopment Authority to support Artspace in Mount Rainier;
- (d) \$750,000 to the appropriation for program D28A03.41 General Administration for a grant to the Town of Colmar Manor for the Colmar Manor Community Center and Town Hall; and
- (e) \$750,000 to the appropriation for program D28A03.41 General Administration for the purpose of a grant to the Town of Cottage City for converting a firehouse to a community outreach center;

(171) \$5,000,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program M00M01.02 Community Services within the Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) within the Maryland Department of Health for the purpose of a contract for data analytics support and tool development to ensure financial and programmatic efficiency. DDA shall review the plans for the contract with stakeholder groups and engage stakeholders in a discussion of any systemic findings and policy changes under consideration as a result of the contract. DDA shall submit quarterly reports beginning July 1, 2026, on the status of the contract, ongoing activities, and stakeholder engagement. Stakeholder participants should include Community Services program participants, family members, community service providers, coordinators of community services, and direct support professionals. Engagement shall occur through existing DDA advisory and stakeholder bodies, including but not limited to the Maryland Integrated Disability Services Executive Council, the Coordinators of Community Services Community of Practice, the Rate Review Advisory Group, and the Waiver Advisory Committee. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;

(172) \$2,750,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program D60A10.01 Archives within the State Archives for the purpose of supplementing funding for the State Archives. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;

(173) \$2,000,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program L00A12.20 Maryland Agricultural and Resource-Based Industry Development Corporation within the Maryland Department of Agriculture for the purpose of funding the Maryland Seafood Industry Financial Assistance Fund to provide financial assistance, including loans, to commercial watermen and small businesses in the seafood industry, contingent on the enactment of SB 558 or HB 1599 creating the Maryland Seafood Industry Financial Assistance Fund. Funds not expended for this

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added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;

(174) \$550,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program R11A11.02 Aid to Libraries within the Maryland State Library Agency for the purpose of providing a grant to the Enoch Pratt Free Library. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;

(175) \$500,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program M00R01.02 Health Services Cost Review Commission within the Health Regulatory Commissions within the Maryland Department of Health for the purpose of providing a grant to the Chesapeake Regional Information System for our Patients to be distributed to DrFirst. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;

(176) \$500,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program M00Q01.09 Office of Eligibility Services within the Medical Care Programs Administration within the Maryland Department of Health for the purpose of providing funding for navigators to assist individuals applying for and renewing Medicaid and Maryland Children's Health Program coverage. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;

(177) \$500,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program D21A01.01 Administrative Headquarters within the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy for the purpose of providing a grant to Dieter's Close Quarters Defense, Inc. to support a program for children. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;

(178) \$500,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program T50T01.01 Technology Development, Transfer and Commercialization within the Maryland Technology Development Corporation for the purpose of a grant to the Baltimore Tech Hub Consortium to support its Regional Innovation Office. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;

(179) \$420,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program T50T01.01 Technology Development, Transfer and Commercialization within the Maryland Technology Development Corporation for the purpose of a grant to UpSurge Baltimore for the UpRise program. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;

(180) \$300,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program J00H01.01 Transit Administration within the Maryland Transit Administration within the Maryland Department of Transportation for the purpose of providing a grant to the Baltimore Development Corporation for a study related to transit-oriented development. Funds not expended for this added purpose

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may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;

(181) \$300,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program P00G01.07 Workforce Development and Adult Learning within the Maryland Department of Labor for the purpose of activities to support the implementation of the Workforce Pell Grant Program contingent on the enactment of SB 509 establishing requirements related to the Workforce Pell Grant program. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;

(182) \$280,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program K00A04.01 Statewide Operations within the Department of Natural Resources for the purpose of conducting a comprehensive park master plan for the proposed Gwynns Falls State Park that will define the park boundaries and engage citizens in the planning. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;

(183) \$250,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for S00A24.01 Neighborhood Revitalization within the Department of Housing and Community Development for the purpose of providing a grant to the Howard County Housing Commission for the Artists Flats project. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;

(184) \$250,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program R62I00.05 The Senator John A. Cade Funding Formula within the Maryland Higher Education Commission for the purpose of a grant to Prince George's County to study the feasibility of establishing an Aerospace Aviation program at Prince George's Community College. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;

(185) \$250,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program T00D00.07 Baltimore Symphony Orchestra within the Department of Commerce for the purpose of providing a grant to the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra for Music for Maryland. Further provided that these funds shall not be considered by the Maryland State Arts Council in the determination of any grant amount provided by the Maryland State Arts Council to the organization. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;

(186) \$150,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program R15P00.04 Content Enterprises within the Maryland Public Broadcasting Commission (MPBC) for the purpose of a documentary about Ludwig "Lou Davis" Davidsburg. Further provided that it is the intent of the General Assembly that MPBC supplement the appropriation for this purpose with funds and resources from non-State sources, including nonprofit grants and pro-bono services. Funds not

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expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;

(187) \$150,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program D91A01.01 General Administration within the West North Avenue Development Authority for the purpose of providing a grant to the Baltimore Arts Realty Corporation to support its Smart Garments Center. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;

(188) \$100,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program D05E01.11 Miscellaneous Grants to Local Governments for the purpose of a grant to the Montgomery County Department of Recreation for a new recreation center. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;

(189) \$100,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program D26A07.03 Community Services within the Maryland Department of Aging for the purpose of providing a grant to Comprehensive Housing Assistance, Inc. for the Senior Villages Program. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;

(190) \$75,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program D26A07.03 Community Services within the Maryland Department of Aging for the purpose of providing a grant to Senior Family Supports. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;

(191) \$50,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation of N00I00.07 Office of Grants Management within the Family Investment Administration within the Department of Human Services for the purpose of increasing the grant to Roberta's House. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;

(192) \$20,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program D05E01.10 Miscellaneous Grants to Private Nonprofit Groups within the Board of Public Works for the purpose of providing a grant to Team Thrill Youth Sports Organization Inc. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;

(193) \$10,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program D05E01.10 Miscellaneous Grants to Private Nonprofit Groups within the Board of Public Works for the purpose of providing a grant to Leader Breeders Inc. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;

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(194) \$4,000,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program H00H01.03 Miscellaneous Grants – Capital Appropriation within the Department of General Services for the purpose of providing a grant to Revolutionary VP, Inc. for a new production studio. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund; and

(195) \$42,210,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for S00A24.02 Neighborhood Revitalization – Capital Appropriation within the Department of Housing and Community Development for the purpose of the Baltimore Vacants Reinvestment Initiative.”; and on page 2 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading Department of Legislative Services, in program B75A01.04 Office of Operations and Support Services, in line 21 following “Appropriation” insert “, provided that \$833,856 in general funds and 5.0 positions are added to this appropriation for the purpose of creating and funding 2.0 human resources positions and 3.0 information technology positions”; and on page 2, in program B75A01.05 Office of Legislative Audits, in line 23 following “Appropriation” insert “, provided that this appropriation shall be reduced by \$833,856 in general funds and 5.0 positions shall be abolished”; and on page 69 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading Business Enterprise Administration, in program H00H01.03 Miscellaneous Grants – Capital, in line 12 strike “57,571,000” and substitute “54,571,000”.

### Conference Committee Amendment No. 20

On page 384 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading Section 45, adopt Amendment 55, and in line 34 strike beginning with “SECTION 45.” Down through “study.” on page 385 in line 15 and substitute “SECTION 45. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Governor is authorized to process a fiscal 2027 budget amendment of up to \$5,000,000 in special funds available from an assessment authorized under Section 2-110 of the Public Utilities Article for the costs and expenses associated with the Strategic Energy Planning Office. The Governor is also authorized to create up to 9.0 regular positions for the Strategic Energy Planning Office. It is the intent of the General Assembly that the Department of Budget and Management notify the Public Service Commission by no later than June 15, 2026, of the amount of appropriation that will be included in the authorized budget amendment.

SECTION 46. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That no funds may be provided to a nonprofit organization through Section 1 of this Act unless:

- (1) for a nonprofit organization receiving a grant from a State agency or institution of higher education, the nonprofit organization:
  - (i) provides evidence that it is current on its registration status with the Maryland Secretary of State at the time the grant agreement is signed;
  - (ii) provides evidence that it is an exempt organization that is complying with any filing requirements of the Maryland Secretary of State related to exempt organizations; or

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- (iii) certifies to that State agency or institution of higher education that it is not required to register or file as an exempt organization with the Maryland Secretary of State because it does not solicit charitable contributions in Maryland; or
- (2) for a nonprofit organization receiving funding from a State agency or institution of higher education, the nonprofit organization:
- (i) provides evidence that it is current on its registration status with the Maryland Secretary of State at the time of signing of a new contract and at least once a year upon completion of its annual registration process;
  - (ii) provides evidence that it is an exempt organization that is complying with any filing requirements of the Maryland Secretary of State related to exempt organizations; or
  - (iii) certifies to that State agency or institution of higher education that it is not required to register or file as an exempt organization with the Maryland Secretary of State because it does not solicit charitable contributions in Maryland.”; and on page 356 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading Section 38, in line 13 strike “\$36,800,000” and substitute “\$38,000,000”; and on page 356, in line 20 strike “\$10,000,000” and substitute “\$9,850,000”; and on page 356 of the Committee Reprint, in line 22 following “HVAC upgrades” insert “in Baltimore City”; and on page 356 of the Committee Reprint, strike beginning with “\$1,200,000” in line 33 down through “canceled.” on page 357 in line 1 and substitute “\$150,000 in special funds from the SEIF ACP revenue or Account is added to the appropriation for E00A08.01 Office of Policy, Public Works and Investment, The Office of Public Engagement and Communications, General Accounting within the Comptroller of Maryland for the purpose of conducting a comprehensive study of the HVAC systems in four 21st Century School Buildings in Baltimore City experiencing chronic operational challenges, including Arlington Elementary, Arundel Elementary, Govans Elementary, and Pimlico Elementary/Middle. As part of the study, the Comptroller shall provide an assessment of the root causes of the failures, recommendations for remediation, and a cost analysis. The study shall examine the specific design, installation, operations and maintenance issues contributing to system failures, classroom discomfort, and emergency closures. The Comptroller shall submit a report to the budget committees by December 1, 2026, detailing the findings, including cost estimates for repairs and recommendations for improvement. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise and shall be canceled.”

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On page 385 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading Section 46, adopt Amendment 56, and in line 16 following “SECTION” strike “46.” and substitute “47.”; and on page 385, in line 22 following “SECTION” strike “47.” and substitute “48.”; and on page 116 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading Behavioral Health Administration, in program M00L01.02 Community Services, in line 38 following “program M00L01.02.” insert “The budget committees shall have 45 days from the date of the receipt of the fiscal 2028 budget submission to review and comment. Funds restricted pending submission of the fiscal 2028 budget may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund if the provider reimbursements for the uninsured and underinsured population are not budgeted in a separate program in the fiscal 2028 budget submission.”; and on page 147 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading Social Services Administration, in program N00B00.04 General Administration – State, in line 27 strike “pending the receipt of data” and substitute “pending the submission of a letter”.

### Conference Committee Supplemental Budget Amendment No. 1

On page 6 of Supplemental Budget No. 2, under the heading Maryland Stadium Authority, in Item 16, program D28A03.41 General Administration, following “Hill” insert “and the Maryland Cycling Classic”.

### Conference Committee Supplemental Budget Amendment No. 2

On page 18 of Supplemental Budget No. 2, under the heading State Reserve Fund, in Item 68, program Y01A02.01 Dedicated Purpose Account, strike each occurrence of “47,950,000” and substitute “0”; and on page 19, in Amendment No. 4, following ““4,000,000”” strike beginning with “, and in” down through ““47,950,000”.” and substitute “.”.