

SENATE BILL 284

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By: **The President (By Request – Administration)**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act of 2026**

3 FOR the purpose of altering or repealing certain required appropriations; authorizing and
4 requiring the use of certain funds for certain purposes; altering the composition of
5 certain funds; authorizing the transfer of certain funds; authorizing, requiring, or
6 altering the distribution of certain revenue; altering the Senator John A. Cade
7 Funding Formula for community colleges; altering the calculation for State aid to
8 Baltimore City Community College; altering the program of State aid to private
9 nonprofit institutions of higher education known as the Joseph A. Sellinger Program;
10 ~~requiring certain counties to reimburse the Maryland Department of Health for a~~
11 ~~certain percentage of the costs associated with establishing certain assisted~~
12 ~~outpatient treatment programs;~~ authorizing the Secretary of Health to establish the
13 retention period for prescription monitoring data and naloxone medication data
14 through regulation by repealing the 3-year retention requirement in statute;
15 altering eligibility for certain programs; requiring, for certain fiscal years, the
16 Comptroller to pay grants in a certain amount to certain counties; requiring the
17 Executive Director of the Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention and Policy, the
18 Secretary of Budget and Management, and the Comptroller to take certain actions
19 related to the noncompliance of a county or qualifying municipality with certain
20 State laws; requiring the Governor to publish certain budget books online instead of
21 providing the books; altering the amount that county governments are required to
22 pay toward the retirement costs for certain local employees; specifying an amount
23 that the Maryland Department of Labor is required to reimburse a certain Local
24 Reserve Account; ~~requiring that a motor vehicle be at least a certain number of years~~

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.

Italics indicate opposite chamber/conference committee amendments.



~~old in order to be eligible for registration as a historic motor vehicle;~~ providing certain modifications to federal adjusted gross income of an individual or federal taxable income of a corporation for Maryland income tax purposes relating to certain depreciation deductions allowed under the federal income tax; increasing for a certain tax year, and reducing for a certain tax year, the total amount of the Student Loan Debt Relief Tax Credits that the Maryland Higher Education Commission may certify; altering the total amount of final income tax certificates under the More Jobs for Marylanders Program that the Department of Commerce may issue each fiscal year; providing that benefits under the More Jobs for Marylanders Program may not be claimed on or after a certain date; altering a requirement that the Maryland Department of Health apply to participate in a certain program for a certain fiscal year; ~~altering a requirement that the Maryland Department of Health apply to participate in a certain program for a certain fiscal year;~~ delaying the effective date of certain provisions of law related to hotel rental taxes; and generally relating to the financing of State and local government.

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BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Agriculture

Section 2–1901(a)(1) and (3) and (b), ~~10–401(a), (d), and (e), and 10–402(a)~~

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2016 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Agriculture

Section 2–1901(e) ~~and 10–407(d)~~

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2016 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Economic Development

Section 5–1901(a)(1) and (2) and (b) ~~and 13–601(a) and (e)~~

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2024 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Economic Development

Section 5–1901(g)(1) and (3)(iii) ~~and 6–804 and 13–611(b)(3)~~

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2024 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Education

Section 2–305(b) ~~and 7–414.1(a), (b), and (f)(1) and (5), 7–414.1(a), (b), and (f)(1) and (5), and 7–447.1(p)(1) and (3)~~

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2025 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Education

1 Section ~~2-305(g), 7-414.1(f)(4), and 7-447.1(p)(9)(vi)~~ and, 7-1A-01(l), and
 2 7-414.1(f)(4)
 3 Annotated Code of Maryland
 4 (2025 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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5 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
 6 Article – Education
 7 Section 11-602(a) and (c), 16-305(a), (b)(1) and (11), and (c)(3), 16-512(a) and (b)(2),
 8 17-101, 17-104(d), ~~18-3602(a) and (b)~~, 18-3701(a) and (f), and 18-3802(a) and
 9 (b)
 10 Annotated Code of Maryland
 11 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 13 Article – Education
 14 Section 11-602(j), 16-305(d), 16-512(b)(1)(xiii) and (xiv), 17-104(a), ~~18-3605,~~
 15 18-3704, and 18-3806
 16 Annotated Code of Maryland
 17 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

18 BY adding to
 19 Article – Education
 20 Section 16-512(b)(1)(xv) and (xvi)
 21 Annotated Code of Maryland
 22 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

23 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
 24 Article – Health – General
 25 Section 5-626(a), (b), and (c) and, ~~10-6A-03(a) and (b)~~, 21-2A-02(a), and
 26 21-2A-04(a) and (b)(1) and (9)
 27 Annotated Code of Maryland
 28 (2023 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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29 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 30 Article – Health – General
 31 Section 5-626(g), ~~10-6A-03(e)~~, and 13-1015, and 21-2A-04(b)(8)
 32 Annotated Code of Maryland
 33 (2023 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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34 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
 35 Article – Health Occupations
 36 Section 14-207(a) and 17-206(a)
 37 Annotated Code of Maryland
 38 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

39 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 40 Article – Health Occupations

- 1 Section 14–207(e)(1) and 17–206(d)(1)
 2 Annotated Code of Maryland
 3 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)
- 4 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
 5 Article – Labor and Employment
 6 Section 11–603(a)(1) and (3) and 11–1501(a) and (f)
 7 Annotated Code of Maryland
 8 (2025 Replacement Volume)
- 9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 10 Article – Labor and Employment
 11 Section 11–603(g) and 11–1506
 12 Annotated Code of Maryland
 13 (2025 Replacement Volume)
- 14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 15 Article – Local Government
 16 Section ~~16–501(a)~~ and 16–505
 17 Annotated Code of Maryland
 18 (2013 Volume and 2025 Supplement)
- ~~19 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
 20 Article – Local Government
 21 Section 16–501(b)
 22 Annotated Code of Maryland
 23 (2013 Volume and 2025 Supplement)~~
- 24 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
 25 Article – Local Government
 26 Section 20–403(a), (b)(1) and (2), and (c)(1) and 20–434(a), (b), and (d)(1)
 27 Annotated Code of Maryland
 28 (2013 Volume and 2025 Supplement)
 29 (As enacted by Chapter 638 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2025)
- 30 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 31 Article – Local Government
 32 Section 20–403(d) and 20–434(e)
 33 Annotated Code of Maryland
 34 (2013 Volume and 2025 Supplement)
 35 (As enacted by Chapter 638 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2025)
- ~~36 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
 37 Article – Natural Resources
 38 Section 5–903(a)(1)
 39 Annotated Code of Maryland
 40 (2023 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)~~

- 1 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
2 Article – Natural Resources
3 Section ~~5-903(a)(2)(i) and (i) and 8-709(c)~~ 5-903(i)
4 Annotated Code of Maryland
5 (2023 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)
- 6 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
7 Article – Public Safety
8 Section ~~4-308(a) and (b)(1)~~ 4-501(a), (e), and (k), 4-503(a), and 4-504(a) through (c)
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)
- 11 ~~BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
12 Article – Public Safety
13 Section ~~1-308(b)(2)(x) and (xi)~~
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)~~
- 16 BY adding to
17 Article – Public Safety
18 Section ~~1-308(b)(2)(xii)~~ 4-510
19 Annotated Code of Maryland
20 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)
- 21 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
22 Article – State Finance and Procurement
23 Section ~~5A-303(a)(1) and (30) and (d)(1), (2)(i), and (4)(i) and (ii)1., 7-115(a)~~
24 5A-330(a)(1) through (5), (8), and (9), (b)(1) and (2), and (c)(1), (3), and (5),
25 7-311(a) and (b), and 7-317(a), (g)(1), and (i) 7-317(a), (g)(1), and (i), and
26 7-330(b)
27 Annotated Code of Maryland
28 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)
- 29 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
30 Article – State Finance and Procurement
31 Section ~~5A-303(d)(4)(iv), 7-115(b)~~ 5A-330(c)(6) and (h), 7-311(e), and 7-317(g)(6)
32 and (h) 7-317(g)(6) and (h), and 7-330(g) and (k)
33 Annotated Code of Maryland
34 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)
- 35 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
36 Article – State Government
37 Section 9-20B-02, 9-20B-05(a), 21-201(a), (c), (d), and (h), and 21-205(a)(1)
38 Annotated Code of Maryland
39 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

- 1 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 2 Article – State Government
 3 Section 9–120(b)(1)(iv), 9–20B–03, 9–20B–05(f)(13), (g)(3), and (i)(1), and
 4 21–205(c)(1)
 5 Annotated Code of Maryland
 6 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)
- 7 BY adding to
 8 Article – State Government
 9 Section 9–20B–05(i)(5) and (6)
 10 Annotated Code of Maryland
 11 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)
- 12 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
 13 Article – State Personnel and Pensions
 14 Section 21–304(a) and (b)(1), (4)(i) and (iii), and (5)
 15 Annotated Code of Maryland
 16 (2024 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)
- 17 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 18 Article – State Personnel and Pensions
 19 Section 21–304(b)(6)
 20 Annotated Code of Maryland
 21 (2024 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)
- 22 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
 23 Article – Tax – General
 24 Section 2–606(b) and 10–740(a), (b), and (i)
 25 Annotated Code of Maryland
 26 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)
- 27 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 28 Article – Tax – General
 29 Section 2–606(i) and 10–210.1, 10–210.1, and 10–740(e) and (g) 10–740(c) and (g),
 30 and 10–741
 31 Annotated Code of Maryland
 32 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)
- 33 ~~BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,~~
 34 ~~Article – Tax – Property~~
 35 ~~Section 13–209(a), (b), (e), and (h) 13–209(h)~~
 36 ~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~
 37 ~~(2019 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)~~
- 38 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 39 Article – Tax – Property
 40 Section 13–209(e), (d), and (g)(3) 13–209(g)(3)

1 Annotated Code of Maryland
2 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

3 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
4 Article – Transportation
5 Section 13–955(a) and (e) and 17–106(a) through (d) and (e)(1) and 17–106(a), (b),
6 (e), (d), and (e)(1)
7 Annotated Code of Maryland
8 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article – Transportation
11 Section ~~13–936 and~~ 13–955(f) and 17–106(e)(2) and 17–106(e)(2)
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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14 ~~BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,~~
15 ~~Chapter 275 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2023~~
16 ~~Section 2~~

17 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
18 Chapter 638 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2025
19 Section 2

20 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
21 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

22 **Article – Agriculture**

23 2–1901.

24 (a) (1) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

25 (3) “Program” means the Maryland Healthy Soils Program.

26 (b) There is a Maryland Healthy Soils Program.

27 (e) **(1)** In each of fiscal years 2024 through [2028] **2026**, the Governor shall
28 include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of at least \$500,000 for the Program.

29 **(2) IN EACH OF FISCAL YEARS 2027 AND 2028, THE GOVERNOR SHALL**
30 **INCLUDE IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET BILL AN APPROPRIATION OF AT LEAST \$400,000**
31 **FOR THE PROGRAM.**

32 ~~10–401.~~

33 (a) ~~In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.~~

~~(d) "Native Plant Specialist" means the University of Maryland Extension agent hired under § 10-403 of this subtitle.~~

~~(e) "Program" means the Maryland Native Plants Program.~~

~~10-402.~~

~~(a) There is a Maryland Native Plants Program.~~

~~10-407.~~

~~(d) For fiscal year 2025 and [each fiscal year thereafter] FISCAL YEAR 2026, the Governor shall include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of \$150,000 for the University of Maryland Extension to hire one extension agent as a Native Plant Specialist and \$100,000 for the Department to hire staff to administer the Program.~~

Article – Economic Development

5-1901.

(a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

(2) "Fund" means the Cannabis Business Assistance Fund.

(b) There is a Cannabis Business Assistance Fund.

(g) (1) Subject to paragraph (2) of this subsection, the Fund may be used only for:

(i) grants or loans to small, minority-owned, or women-owned businesses for:

1. license application assistance for participation in the adult-use cannabis industry;

2. assistance with the operating or capital expenses of a business participating in the adult-use cannabis industry; or

3. targeted training to support participation in the adult-use cannabis industry;

(ii) grants to historically black colleges and universities for cannabis-related programs and business development organizations, including incubators, to train and assist small, minority, and women business owners and entrepreneurs seeking to become licensed to participate in the adult-use cannabis industry; [and]

(III) FOR FISCAL YEARS 2027 THROUGH 2029, OPERATING COSTS UP TO \$5,000,000 OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC MOBILITY; AND

~~[(iii)] (IV) the administrative costs of the Fund.~~

(3) In order to award grants and loans in accordance with paragraph (1) of this subsection, the Department shall develop partnerships with:

(iii) the [Governor's] Office of Small, Minority, and Women Business Affairs.

~~13-601.~~

~~(a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.~~

~~(e) "Council" means the Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland.~~

~~13-611.~~

~~(b) (3) (i) The Governor shall include in the State budget for the following fiscal year an appropriation to partially support the Council.~~

~~(ii) 1. A. For [fiscal year 2024 and each fiscal year thereafter] FISCAL YEARS 2024 THROUGH 2026, the Governor shall include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of \$1,000,000 to the Council from the Cigarette Restitution Fund established under § 7-317 of the State Finance and Procurement Article.~~

~~B. FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER, THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET BILL AN APPROPRIATION OF \$700,000 TO THE COUNCIL FROM THE CIGARETTE RESTITUTION FUND ESTABLISHED UNDER § 7-317 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE.~~

~~2. The Council shall use funds appropriated from the Cigarette Restitution Fund for the purpose of funding the activities of the Southern Maryland Agricultural Development Commission.~~

~~3. The appropriation required under subsubparagraph 1 of this subparagraph shall be in addition to, and may not supplant, any funding appropriated to the Council.~~

Article – Education

2-305.

(b) (1) There is a Lacrosse Opportunities Program in the Department.

1 (2) The purpose of the Lacrosse Opportunities Program is to increase
2 opportunities for minority students to participate in lacrosse in their communities.

3 (g) For fiscal year 2014 and each fiscal year thereafter, the Governor [shall] MAY
4 include in the annual budget submission at least \$40,000 for the Lacrosse Opportunities
5 Program.

6 7-1A-01.

7 (l) “Tier II child” means a child:

8 (1) Who is 4 years old;

9 (2) (i) In fiscal year 2026, whose family income is more than 300% but
10 not more than 360% of the federal poverty level; [and]

11 (ii) IN FISCAL YEAR 2027, WHOSE FAMILY INCOME IS MORE
12 THAN 300% BUT NOT MORE THAN 450% OF THE FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL; AND

13 (iii) In fiscal year [2027] 2028 and in each fiscal year thereafter,
14 whose family income is more than 300% but not more than 600% of the federal poverty
15 level; and

16 (3) Whose family chooses to enroll the child in full-day prekindergarten.

17 ~~7-447.1.~~

18 (p) (1) ~~In this subsection, “Fund” means the Coordinated Community Support~~
19 ~~Partnership Fund.~~

20 (3) ~~The purpose of the Fund is to support the delivery of services and~~
21 ~~supports provided to students to meet their holistic behavioral health needs and address~~
22 ~~other related challenges.~~

23 (9) ~~The Governor shall include in the annual budget bill the following~~
24 ~~appropriations for the Fund:~~

25 (vi) ~~[\$100,000,000] \$80,000,000 in fiscal year 2027 and each fiscal~~
26 ~~year thereafter.~~

27 11-602.

28 (a) In this section, “Fund” means the Legal Representation Fund for Title IX
29 Proceedings.

1 (c) The purpose of the Fund is to provide funds for reasonable costs and attorney’s
2 fees for students provided with counsel under § 11–601 of this subtitle.

3 (j) Beginning in fiscal year 2021, the Governor shall include in the annual budget
4 bill an appropriation of at least \$250,000 to the [Fund] PROGRAM.

5 16–305.

6 (a) The formula used for the distribution of funds to the community colleges in
7 the State shall be known as the Senator John A. Cade Funding Formula.

8 (b) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

9 (11) “State share” means the amount of money for community college
10 operating funds to be provided each fiscal year to a board by the State.

11 (c) (3) Subject to subsection (d) of this section, the total State share for each
12 board shall be the sum of:

13 (i) The base costs component; and

14 (ii) The size factor component.

15 (d) **(1)** In each fiscal year, in order for a board to receive an increase in the
16 State share of support, the county share, in the aggregate, that supports the community
17 college or colleges shall equal or exceed the aggregate amount of operating fund
18 appropriations made to the board by the county or all of the counties supporting the college
19 in the previous fiscal year.

20 **(2) FOR FISCAL YEARS 2027 THROUGH 2029, THE STATE SHARE, AS**
21 **DETERMINED UNDER SUBSECTION (C)(3) OF THIS SECTION, MAY NOT EXCEED AN**
22 **INCREASE OF 3% OVER THE STATE SHARE PROVIDED TO EACH COMMUNITY**
23 **COLLEGE IN THE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING FISCAL YEAR.**

24 16–512.

25 (a) In this section, “State Funds per full–time equivalent student appropriation
26 to the 4–year public institutions of higher education” has the meaning stated in §
27 17–104(a)(1) of this article.

28 (b) (1) The total State operating fund per full–time equivalent student
29 appropriated to Baltimore City Community College for each fiscal year other than fiscal
30 year 2013, as requested by the Governor shall be:

31 (xiii) In fiscal year 2022, not less than an amount equal to 66.5% of the
32 State’s General Fund appropriation per full–time equivalent student to the 4–year public

1 institutions of higher education in the State as designated by the Commission for the
 2 purpose of administering the Joseph A. Sellinger Program under Title 17 of this article in
 3 the same fiscal year; [and]

4 (xiv) In fiscal [year 2023 and each fiscal year thereafter] **YEARS 2023**
 5 **THROUGH 2026**, not less than an amount equal to 68.5% of the State Funds per full-time
 6 equivalent student appropriation to the 4-year public institutions of higher education in
 7 the State as designated by the Commission for the purpose of administering the Joseph A.
 8 Sellinger Program under Title 17 of this article; ~~AND~~

9 (xv) ~~IN FISCAL YEAR 2027 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER~~
 10 **YEARS 2027 THROUGH 2029**, NOT LESS THAN AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO **67.5%** OF THE
 11 **STATE FUNDS PER FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT STUDENT APPROPRIATION TO THE**
 12 **4-YEAR PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE STATE AS**
 13 **DESIGNATED BY THE COMMISSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADMINISTERING THE**
 14 **JOSEPH A. SELLINGER PROGRAM UNDER TITLE 17 OF THIS ARTICLE; AND**

15 (xvi) **IN FISCAL YEAR 2030 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER,**
 16 **NOT LESS THAN AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO 68.5% OF THE STATE FUNDS PER FULL-TIME**
 17 **EQUIVALENT STUDENT APPROPRIATION TO THE 4-YEAR PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF**
 18 **HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE STATE AS DESIGNATED BY THE COMMISSION FOR THE**
 19 **PURPOSE OF ADMINISTERING THE JOSEPH A. SELLINGER PROGRAM UNDER TITLE**
 20 **17 OF THIS ARTICLE.**

21 (2) For purposes of this subsection, the State Funds per full-time
 22 equivalent student appropriation to the 4-year public institutions of higher education in
 23 the State for a fiscal year shall include:

24 (i) Noncapital appropriations from the Higher Education
 25 Investment Fund; and

26 (ii) Appropriations, regardless of where they are budgeted,
 27 designated for the general operation of 4-year public institutions of higher education in the
 28 State, including personnel-related appropriations.

29 17-101.

30 There is a program of State aid to private nonprofit institutions of higher education
 31 known as the Joseph A. Sellinger Program.

32 17-104.

33 (a) (1) (i) In this subsection, “State Funds per full-time equivalent student
 34 appropriation to the 4-year public institutions of higher education” shall be calculated in
 35 accordance with this paragraph using the General Fund and Higher Education Investment
 36 Fund actual expenditures for the second previous fiscal year.

1 (ii) The total number of full-time equivalent students is based on
2 credit hour production for the second previous fiscal year.

3 (iii) The number of undergraduate full-time equivalent students
4 shall be calculated using total undergraduate credit hour production divided by 30.

5 (iv) 1. Except as provided in subsubparagraph 2 of this
6 subparagraph, the number of graduate full-time equivalent students shall be calculated
7 based on a methodology agreed to by the University System of Maryland Office, Morgan
8 State University, and St. Mary's College of Maryland, in consultation with the Commission.

9 2. If a methodology is not agreed to on or before September
10 16, 2024, the Commission shall determine the methodology used to calculate the number
11 of graduate full-time equivalent students.

12 (v) The Commission shall certify the number of full-time equivalent
13 students for each institution on or before October 1 each year.

14 (2) (I) **[In] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS**
15 **PARAGRAPH, IN** fiscal year 2025 and each fiscal year thereafter, the Maryland Higher
16 Education Commission shall compute the amount of the annual apportionment for each
17 institution that qualifies under this subtitle by multiplying the number of full-time
18 equivalent undergraduate students enrolled at the institution during the fall semester of
19 the fiscal year preceding the fiscal year for which the aid apportionment is made, as
20 determined by the Maryland Higher Education Commission, by an amount not less than
21 16.1% of the State Funds per full-time equivalent student appropriation to the 4-year
22 public institutions of higher education in this State.

23 (II) **IN EACH OF FISCAL YEARS 2027 THROUGH 2029, THE**
24 **ANNUAL APPORTIONMENT FOR EACH INSTITUTION THAT QUALIFIES UNDER THIS**
25 **SUBTITLE IS:**

26 1. **CAPITOL TECHNOLOGY UNIVERSITY – \$914,981;**

27 2. **GOUCHER COLLEGE – \$3,168,940;**

28 3. **HOOD COLLEGE – \$3,611,811;**

29 4. **JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY – \$20,554,298;**

30 5. **LOYOLA UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND – \$12,550,328;**

31 6. **MARYLAND INSTITUTE COLLEGE OF ART –**
32 **\$3,745,718;**

- 1 7. **MCDANIEL COLLEGE – \$5,945,264;**
- 2 8. **MOUNT ST. MARY’S UNIVERSITY – \$5,476,872;**
- 3 9. **NOTRE DAME OF MARYLAND UNIVERSITY –**
4 **\$2,037,187;**
- 5 10. **ST. JOHN’S COLLEGE – \$1,701,410;**
- 6 11. **STEVENSON UNIVERSITY – \$9,206,521;**
- 7 12. **WASHINGTON ADVENTIST UNIVERSITY – \$1,367,650;**
- 8 **AND**
- 9 13. **WASHINGTON COLLEGE – \$3,041,744.**

10 (d) For purposes of this section, the State’s General Fund appropriation per
11 full-time equivalent student to the 4-year public institutions of higher education in the
12 State for a fiscal year shall include:

13 (1) Noncapital appropriations from the Higher Education Investment
14 Fund; and

15 (2) Appropriations, regardless of where they are budgeted, designated for
16 the general operation of 4-year public institutions of higher education in the State,
17 including personnel-related appropriations.

18 ~~18-3602.~~

19 ~~(a) There is a program of Maryland Community College Promise Scholarships in~~
20 ~~the State that are awarded under this subtitle.~~

21 ~~(b) The purpose of the program is to provide tuition assistance for students to~~
22 ~~attend a community college in the State.~~

23 ~~18-3605.~~

24 ~~(a) Through fiscal year 2025, the Governor shall include an annual appropriation~~
25 ~~of at least \$15,000,000 in the State budget for the Commission to disburse Maryland~~
26 ~~Community College Promise Scholarships under this subtitle.~~

27 ~~(b) For fiscal year 2026 [and each fiscal year thereafter], the Governor shall~~
28 ~~include an annual appropriation of at least \$13,500,000 in the State budget for the~~
29 ~~Commission to disburse Maryland Community College Promise Scholarships under this~~
30 ~~subtitle.~~

~~(c) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER, THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE AN ANNUAL APPROPRIATION OF AT LEAST \$12,500,000 IN THE STATE BUDGET FOR THE COMMISSION TO DISBURSE MARYLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE PROMISE SCHOLARSHIPS UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.~~

18-3701.

(a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

(f) "Program" means the Maryland Loan Assistance Repayment Program for Police Officers and Probation Agents.

18-3704.

(a) For fiscal year 2025, the Governor shall include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of at least \$500,000 for the Program.

(b) For fiscal year 2026 [and each fiscal year thereafter], the Governor shall include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of at least \$2,000,000 for the Program.

(c) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER, THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET BILL AN APPROPRIATION OF AT LEAST \$500,000 FOR THE PROGRAM.

18-3802.

(a) There is a Maryland Police Officers and Probation Agents Scholarship Program.

(b) The purpose of the program is to provide tuition assistance for students who are:

(1) Attending an eligible institution and enrolled in a degree program that would further the student's intent to become a police officer or probation agent after graduation; or

(2) Employed as a police officer or probation agent, attending an eligible institution, and enrolled in a degree program that would further the police officer's or probation officer's career.

18-3806.

(a) For fiscal year 2025, the Governor shall include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of at least \$500,000 to the Commission to award scholarships under this subtitle.

1 (b) For fiscal year 2026 [and each fiscal year thereafter], the Governor shall
 2 include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of at least \$2,000,000 to the Commission
 3 to award scholarships under this subtitle.

4 (c) **FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER, THE**
 5 **GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET BILL AN APPROPRIATION OF**
 6 **AT LEAST \$500,000 TO THE COMMISSION TO AWARD SCHOLARSHIPS UNDER THIS**
 7 **SUBTITLE.**

8 Article – Health – General

9 5–626.

10 (a) In this section, “Fund” means the Advance Directive Program Fund.

11 (b) There is an Advance Directive Program Fund.

12 (c) The purpose of the Fund is to provide funding to carry out the purposes of the
 13 Advance Directive Program established under § 5–620 of this subtitle.

14 (g) (1) [Money] **EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS**
 15 **SUBSECTION, MONEY** in the Fund may be used only to carry out the purposes of the
 16 Advance Directive Program established under § 5–620 of this subtitle.

17 (2) **IN FISCAL YEAR 2027 ONLY, \$1,000,000 OF THE FUND MAY BE**
 18 **USED FOR MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH QUALITY INITIATIVES IN THE**
 19 **DEPARTMENT.**

20 ~~10-6A-03.~~

21 (a) (1) ~~On or before July 1, 2026, a county may establish an assisted outpatient~~
 22 ~~treatment program in accordance with this subtitle.~~

23 (2) ~~A county may partner with another county to establish an assisted~~
 24 ~~outpatient treatment program.~~

25 (b) ~~An assisted outpatient treatment program established under subsection (a) of~~
 26 ~~this section shall be approved and overseen by the county’s local behavioral health~~
 27 ~~authority or core service agency.~~

28 (e) (1) ~~On or before July 1, 2026, the Department shall establish an assisted~~
 29 ~~outpatient treatment program in any county that does not opt to establish an assisted~~
 30 ~~outpatient treatment program.~~

1 ~~(2) A COUNTY IN WHICH THE DEPARTMENT IS REQUIRED TO~~
2 ~~ESTABLISH AN ASSISTED OUTPATIENT TREATMENT PROGRAM SHALL REIMBURSE~~
3 ~~THE DEPARTMENT;~~

4 ~~(I) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2028, FOR 25% OF THE STATE SHARE OF~~
5 ~~ASSOCIATED COSTS;~~

6 ~~(II) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2029, FOR 50% OF THE STATE SHARE OF~~
7 ~~ASSOCIATED COSTS;~~

8 ~~(III) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2030, FOR 75% OF THE STATE SHARE OF~~
9 ~~ASSOCIATED COSTS; AND~~

10 ~~(IV) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2031, FOR 100% OF THE STATE SHARE OF~~
11 ~~ASSOCIATED COSTS.~~

12 13–1015.

13 (a) For fiscal year 2011 and fiscal year 2012, the Governor shall include at least
14 \$6,000,000 in the annual budget in appropriations for activities aimed at reducing tobacco
15 use in Maryland as recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention,
16 including:

17 (1) Media campaigns aimed at reducing smoking initiation and
18 encouraging smokers to quit smoking;

19 (2) Media campaigns educating the public about the dangers of secondhand
20 smoke exposure;

21 (3) Enforcement of existing laws banning the sale or distribution of tobacco
22 products to individuals under the age of 21 years;

23 (4) Promotion and implementation of smoking cessation programs; and

24 (5) Implementation of school-based tobacco education programs.

25 (b) (1) For fiscal years 2013 through 2021, the Governor shall include at least
26 \$10,000,000 in the annual budget in appropriations for the purposes described in
27 subsection (a) of this section.

28 (2) For fiscal [year 2022 and each fiscal year thereafter] **YEARS 2022**
29 **THROUGH 2026**, the Governor shall include at least \$18,250,000 in the annual budget in
30 appropriations for the purposes described in subsection (a) of this section.

1 17-206.

2 (a) There is a State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists Fund.

3 (d) (1) **(I)** [The] **EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS**
4 **PARAGRAPH, THE** Fund shall be used to cover the actual documented direct and indirect
5 costs of fulfilling the statutory and regulatory duties of the Board as provided by the
6 provisions of this article.

7 **(II) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027 ONLY, \$500,000 OF THE FUND**
8 **BALANCE MAY BE USED TO SUPPORT PROGRAMS IN THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH**
9 **ADMINISTRATION OF THE DEPARTMENT.**

10 **Article – Labor and Employment**

11 11-603.

12 (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

13 (3) “Program” means the Public Safety Apprenticeship Program.

14 (g) **(1)** For fiscal [year 2021 and each fiscal year thereafter] **YEARS 2021**
15 **THROUGH 2025**, the Governor shall include in the State budget an appropriation of at
16 least \$750,000 for the Program to:

17 [(1)] **(I)** provide grants to eligible public safety agencies; and

18 [(2)] **(II)** cover the administrative costs of operating the Program.

19 **(2) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER,**
20 **THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE STATE BUDGET AN APPROPRIATION OF AT**
21 **LEAST \$390,000 FOR THE PROGRAM TO:**

22 **(I) PROVIDE GRANTS TO ELIGIBLE PUBLIC SAFETY AGENCIES;**
23 **AND**

24 **(II) COVER THE ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS OF OPERATING THE**
25 **PROGRAM.**

26 11-1501.

27 (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

28 (f) “Program” means the Career Pathways for Health Care Workers Program.

1 11-1506.

2 (a) (1) Through fiscal year 2024, the Governor shall include in the annual
3 budget bill an appropriation of at least \$1,000,000 for the Program.

4 (2) For fiscal [year] YEARS 2025 and [each fiscal year thereafter] **2026**,
5 the Governor shall include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of at least \$500,000
6 for the Program.

7 **(3) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER,**
8 **THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET BILL AN APPROPRIATION**
9 **OF AT LEAST \$350,000 FOR THE PROGRAM.**

10 (b) Appropriations and expenditures made for the purpose of implementing the
11 Program, including the use of any funds received by a person under any component of the
12 Program, are subject to audit by the Office of Legislative Audits as provided in § 2-1220 of
13 the State Government Article.

14 Article – Local Government

15 ~~16-501.~~

16 ~~(a) (1) Subject to subsection (e) of this section AND EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN~~
17 ~~PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, for each fiscal year, the Comptroller shall pay to~~
18 ~~an eligible county a grant in the amount determined under subsection (e)(3) of this section.~~

19 ~~(2) IN EACH OF FISCAL YEARS 2027 THROUGH 2029, THE~~
20 ~~COMPTROLLER SHALL PAY TO THE FOLLOWING COUNTIES AND BALTIMORE CITY~~
21 ~~THE FOLLOWING AMOUNTS IN QUARTERLY PAYMENTS:~~

22 ~~(I) ALLEGANY COUNTY \$7,298,505;~~

23 ~~(II) BALTIMORE CITY \$79,051,790;~~

24 ~~(III) CAROLINE COUNTY \$3,894,753;~~

25 ~~(IV) DORCHESTER COUNTY \$4,159,010;~~

26 ~~(V) GARRETT COUNTY \$2,047,408;~~

27 ~~(VI) PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY \$56,889,464;~~

28 ~~(VII) SOMERSET COUNTY \$7,251,732;~~

29 ~~(VIII) WASHINGTON COUNTY \$2,507,251; AND~~

~~(IX) WICOMICO COUNTY — \$13,502,951.~~

~~(b) A county may not receive a grant under subsection (a) of this section if any of the county's income tax rates were less than 2.6%:~~

~~(1) for the taxable year that ended in the second prior fiscal year; or~~

~~(2) for any subsequent taxable year through the taxable year that ends in the current fiscal year.~~

16–505.

(a) **(1)** For each of fiscal years 2025 [through 2028] **AND 2026**, the Governor shall include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of \$500,000 to the Prince George's County Office of the County Executive to be used for the Prince George's County Reentry Employment Incentive Program under § 10–334 of the Prince George's County Code.

(2) FOR EACH OF FISCAL YEARS 2027 AND 2028, THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE BUDGET BILL AN APPROPRIATION OF \$350,000 TO THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO BE USED FOR THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY REENTRY EMPLOYMENT INCENTIVE PROGRAM UNDER § 10–334 OF THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY CODE.

(b) The funds provided under this section shall be supplemental to, and may not supplant, funds otherwise available for reentry employment incentives in Prince George's County.

~~Article — Natural Resources~~

~~§ 709.~~

~~(c) (1) (I) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, for fiscal year 2026 [and each fiscal year thereafter], the Department shall distribute at least \$250,000 from the Waterway Improvement Fund to a statewide Maryland-based historic preservation nonprofit organization with demonstrated experience in grantmaking.~~

~~(H) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, FOR FISCAL YEAR 2029 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DISTRIBUTE AT LEAST \$250,000 FROM THE WATERWAY IMPROVEMENT FUND TO A STATEWIDE MARYLAND-BASED HISTORIC PRESERVATION NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION WITH DEMONSTRATED EXPERIENCE IN GRANTMAKING.~~

~~(2) A nonprofit organization shall use any funds received under this subsection to establish, operate, and administer a maritime heritage competitive grant program to provide grants to nonprofit organizations in the State and instrumentalities of~~

~~the State, counties, or municipalities engaged in maritime heritage preservation, interpretation, or conservation.~~

~~(3) On or before November 30 each year, a nonprofit organization that receives funds under this subsection shall submit a report to the Department on the guidelines, promotion, selection, recipients, and impact of the organization's competitive grant program.~~

Article - Public Safety

~~1-308.~~

~~(a) There is a 9-1-1 Trust Fund.~~

~~(b) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection and subject to § 1-309.1 of this subtitle, the purposes of the 9-1-1 Trust Fund are to:~~

~~(i) reimburse counties for the cost of enhancing a 9-1-1 system;~~

~~(ii) pay contractors in accordance with § 1-306(b)(12) of this subtitle;~~

~~and~~

~~(iii) fund the coordinator position and staff to handle the increased duties related to wireless enhanced 9-1-1 service under § 1-305 of this subtitle, as an administrative cost.~~

~~(2) Subject to paragraph (3) of this subsection, in addition to the purposes described under paragraph (1) of this subsection, the purposes of the 9-1-1 Trust Fund include funding:~~

~~(x) costs of telecommunications cardiopulmonary resuscitation training; [and]~~

~~(xi) costs related to the operation of the 9-8-8 suicide prevention hotline that may be shared with 9-1-1 activities, including software interfaces and joint training; AND~~

~~(XII) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER, PROGRAM OPERATIONS OF THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT.~~

~~4-501.~~

(a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

1 (e) “Executive Director” means the Executive Director of the Governor’s Office of
2 Crime Prevention and Policy.

3 (k) “Qualifying municipality” means a municipality that:

4 (1) (i) has expenditures for police protection that exceed \$5,000; and

5 (ii) employs at least one full-time qualified police officer; or

6 (2) (i) has expenditures for police protection that exceed \$80,000; and

7 (ii) employs at least two part-time qualified police officers from a
8 county police department or county sheriff’s department.

9 4–503.

10 (a) There is a State Aid for Police Protection Fund.

11 4–504.

12 (a) The Executive Director shall administer the Fund.

13 (b) The Executive Director shall:

14 (1) certify to the Comptroller, counties, and qualifying municipalities the
15 amount of payments under this subtitle to the counties and qualifying municipalities; and

16 (2) adopt regulations and require reports that are necessary to certify the
17 amounts.

18 (c) In administering the Fund, the Executive Director shall:

19 (1) make a continuing effort to establish standards of police protection
20 adequate to the various local situations; and

21 (2) subject to § 2–1257 of the State Government Article, report periodically
22 to the General Assembly on progress in establishing and meeting those standards,
23 including the payment amounts certified under subsection (b) of this section and any other
24 relevant fiscal information.

25 4–510.

26 **(A) IN THIS SECTION, “IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT AGREEMENT” HAS**
27 **THE MEANING STATED IN § 5–104.1 OF THE CRIMINAL PROCEDURE ARTICLE.**

28 **(B) IF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FINDS THAT A COUNTY OR QUALIFYING**
29 **MUNICIPALITY IS NOT COMPLYING WITH STATE LAW RELATED TO IMMIGRATION**

1 ENFORCEMENT AGREEMENTS, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SHALL NOTIFY THE
 2 COUNTY OR QUALIFYING MUNICIPALITY OF THE NONCOMPLIANCE.

3 (C) IF A COUNTY OR QUALIFYING MUNICIPALITY DISPUTES THE FINDING IN
 4 THE NOTICE ISSUED UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION WITHIN 30 DAYS
 5 AFTER THE ISSUANCE OF THE NOTICE, THE DISPUTE SHALL BE PROMPTLY
 6 REFERRED TO THE SECRETARY OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT, WHO SHALL MAKE
 7 A FINAL DETERMINATION.

8 (D) ON RECEIPT OF CERTIFICATION OF NONCOMPLIANCE BY THE
 9 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OR THE SECRETARY OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT, THE
 10 COMPTROLLER SHALL SUSPEND, UNTIL NOTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE IS
 11 RECEIVED, PAYMENT OF:

12 (1) ANY FUNDS DUE THE COUNTY OR QUALIFYING MUNICIPALITY FOR
 13 THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR UNDER § 4-506 OF THIS SUBTITLE; AND

14 (2) ANY ENHANCED OR DISCRETIONARY FUNDING FOR POLICE
 15 PROTECTION DUE THE COUNTY OR QUALIFYING MUNICIPALITY FOR THE CURRENT
 16 FISCAL YEAR.

17 Article – State Finance and Procurement

18 ~~5A-303.~~

19 ~~(a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.~~

20 ~~(30) “Small commercial project” means a rehabilitation of a structure if:~~

21 ~~(i) the qualified rehabilitation expenditures do not exceed \$500,000;~~

22 ~~and~~

23 ~~(ii) 1. the structure is primarily used for commercial,~~
 24 ~~income producing purposes;~~

25 ~~2. the structure:~~

26 ~~A. is a residential unit in a consecutive series of similar~~
 27 ~~residential units that are arranged in a row, side by side; and~~

28 ~~B. is sold as part of a development project for exclusive~~
 29 ~~occupancy to, and occupied by, the resident;~~

30 ~~3. the structure is a targeted project; or~~

1 ~~4. the structure is a condominium or cooperative project and~~
 2 ~~the rehabilitation targets only the common elements of the condominium or cooperative~~
 3 ~~project.~~

4 ~~(d) (1) (i) In this subsection the following words have the meanings~~
 5 ~~indicated.~~

6 ~~(ii) "Reserve Fund" means the Historic Revitalization Tax Credit~~
 7 ~~Reserve Fund established under paragraph (2) of this subsection.~~

8 ~~(iii) "Trust Account" means the Small Commercial Project Trust~~
 9 ~~Account established under paragraph (4) of this subsection.~~

10 ~~(2) (i) There is a Historic Revitalization Tax Credit Reserve Fund that~~
 11 ~~is a continuing, nonlapsing special fund that is not subject to § 7-302 of this article.~~

12 ~~(4) (i) Within the Reserve Fund, there is a Small Commercial Project~~
 13 ~~Trust Account.~~

14 ~~(ii) 1. The Trust Account is established for the issuance of tax~~
 15 ~~credit certificates for small commercial projects.~~

16 ~~(iv) 1. For each of fiscal years 2024 through [2031] 2026, the~~
 17 ~~Governor shall include in the budget bill an appropriation to the Trust Account of at least~~
 18 ~~\$2,000,000.~~

19 ~~2. FOR EACH OF FISCAL YEARS 2027 THROUGH 2031,~~
 20 ~~THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE BUDGET BILL AN APPROPRIATION TO THE~~
 21 ~~TRUST ACCOUNT OF AT LEAST \$500,000.~~

22 5A-330.

23 (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

24 (2) "AAHP Grant Fund" means the African American Heritage
 25 Preservation Grant Fund of the Trust.

26 (3) "African American Heritage Grant" means a grant made under the
 27 Program for an African American Heritage Preservation Project or that is an African
 28 American Heritage Preservation Noncapital Grant.

29 (4) "African American Heritage Preservation Noncapital Grant" means a
 30 grant awarded under this section for the purpose of preserving or sharing African American
 31 history or culture in the State.

32 (5) "African American Heritage Preservation Project" means a capital
 33 project that:

1 (i) preserves buildings, communities, and sites of historical and
2 cultural importance to the African American experience in the State; and

3 (ii) is for:

4 1. the acquisition of land or buildings; or

5 2. the construction or improvement of land or buildings.

6 (8) “Program” means the African American Heritage Preservation
7 Program.

8 (9) “Secretary” means the Secretary of Planning.

9 (b) (1) There is an African American Heritage Preservation Program in the
10 Trust.

11 (2) The purpose of the Program is to identify and preserve buildings,
12 communities, and sites of historical and cultural importance to the African American
13 experience in the State.

14 (c) (1) There is an African American Heritage Preservation Grant Fund in the
15 Trust.

16 (3) The AAHP Grant Fund may be used only for African American Heritage
17 Grants.

18 (5) The AAHP Grant Fund consists of:

19 (i) money appropriated in the State budget to the Program;

20 (ii) investment earnings of the AAHP Grant Fund;

21 (iii) grants and donations to the AAHP Grant Fund;

22 (iv) any other money from any other source accepted for the benefit
23 of the AAHP Grant Fund; and

24 (v) money received from the sale of State general obligation bonds.

25 (6) For each fiscal year, the Governor shall include in the annual operating
26 or capital budget an appropriation of \$5,000,000 to the AAHP Grant Fund **TO BE USED**
27 **FOR AFRICAN AMERICAN HERITAGE PRESERVATION PROJECTS.**

28 (h) (1) The Secretary shall:

1 (i) review each grant application submitted under subsection (d) or
2 (g) of this section and the recommendations of the Trust and the Commission;

3 (ii) consider:

4 1. the applications and recommendations under the criteria
5 set forth in subsection (f)(2) of this section; and

6 2. if the grant was submitted under subsection (g) of this
7 section, the nature of the emergency; and

8 (iii) subject to paragraphs (2) and (3) of this subsection, make the
9 final decision to award the grant or deny the application.

10 (2) Subject to paragraph (3)(ii) of this subsection, the Secretary may award
11 a grant under the Program funded by money received under subsection [(c)(5)(i), (ii), (iv),
12 or (v)] (C)(5)(II), (IV), OR (V) of this section only for an African American Heritage
13 Preservation Project.

14 (3) (i) The Secretary may award a grant funded by money received
15 under subsection (c)(5)(iii) of this section as an African American Heritage Preservation
16 Noncapital Grant.

17 (ii) If, after the award of all eligible grants under subparagraph (i)
18 of this paragraph have been made, there is additional money in the AAHP Grant Fund
19 received under subsection (c)(5)(iii) of this section, the Secretary may award a grant funded
20 by money received under subsection (c)(5)(iii) of this section for an African American
21 Heritage Preservation Project.

22 (4) **THE SECRETARY MAY AWARD A GRANT UNDER THE PROGRAM AS**
23 **AN AFRICAN AMERICAN HERITAGE PRESERVATION NONCAPITAL GRANT FROM**
24 **THE MONEY RECEIVED UNDER SUBSECTION (C)(5)(I) OF THIS SECTION, IF THE**
25 **AMOUNT RECEIVED IS MORE THAN THE \$5,000,000 REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION**
26 **(C)(6) OF THIS SECTION.**

27 ~~7-115.~~

28 ~~(a) On submission of the budget bill to the presiding officers of the General~~
29 ~~Assembly, the Governor shall provide the supporting material specified in this section.~~

30 ~~(b) The Governor shall [provide] PUBLISH ONLINE budget books that include the~~
31 ~~information required in this section.~~

32 7-311.

33 (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

1 (2) “Account” means the Revenue Stabilization Account.

2 (3) “Estimated General Fund revenues” means the estimated General
3 Fund revenues for a fiscal year stated in the report of the Board of Revenue Estimates
4 submitted to the Governor under § 6–106 of this article in December preceding the fiscal
5 year.

6 (4) “Unappropriated General Fund surplus” does not include the amount
7 of nonwithholding income tax revenues that exceed the capped estimate determined under
8 § 6–104(e) of this article.

9 (b) (1) The Revenue Stabilization Account is established to retain State
10 revenues for future needs and reduce the need for future tax increases by moderating
11 revenue growth.

12 (2) It is the goal of the State that 10% of estimated General Fund revenues
13 in each fiscal year be retained in the Account.

14 (e) (1) Except as provided in subsection (f) of this section, for each fiscal year,
15 except fiscal [year 2026] **YEARS 2026 AND 2027:**

16 (i) if the Account balance is below 3% of the estimated General Fund
17 revenues for that fiscal year, the Governor shall include in the budget bill an appropriation
18 to the Account equal to at least \$100,000,000; and

19 (ii) if the Account balance is at least 3% but less than 7.5% of the
20 estimated General Fund revenues for that fiscal year, the Governor shall include in the
21 budget bill an appropriation to the Account equal to at least the lesser of \$50,000,000 or
22 whatever amount is required for the Account balance to exceed 7.5% of the estimated
23 General Fund revenues for that fiscal year.

24 (2) At the end of fiscal year 2020 and each fiscal year thereafter, if the
25 amount of nonwithholding income tax revenues exceeds the capped estimate determined
26 under § 6–104(e) of this article, the State Comptroller shall distribute funds as provided in
27 § 7–329(c) and (d) of this subtitle.

28 7–317.

29 (a) There is a Cigarette Restitution Fund.

30 (g) (1) Amounts may only be expended from the Fund through appropriations
31 in the State budget bill as provided in this subsection.

32 (6) (I) **THIS PARAGRAPH DOES NOT APPLY TO FISCAL YEAR 2027.**

1 (II) For each of fiscal years 2025 through 2029, the Governor shall
2 include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of \$8,000,000 to the Maryland
3 Community Health Resources Commission Fund.

4 (h) (1) The Fund shall include a separate account consisting of payments
5 received by the State as a result of litigation by participating manufacturers related to the
6 State's diligent enforcement of Title 16, Subtitle 4 of the Business Regulation Article.

7 (2) (i) Except as provided in [subparagraph (ii)] **SUBPARAGRAPHS (II)**
8 **AND (III)** of this paragraph, distributions from the separate account may be used only to
9 supplant the General Fund appropriation to the historically black colleges and universities
10 required under [§ 15–126] **§ 15–128** of the Education Article.

11 (ii) For fiscal year 2026 only, distributions from the separate account
12 may be used to support Medicaid expenses.

13 **(III) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027 ONLY, ANY AMOUNT THAT IS**
14 **DISTRIBUTED FROM THE SEPARATE ACCOUNT THAT IS IN EXCESS OF THE FIRST**
15 **\$35,000,000 DISTRIBUTED MAY REMAIN IN THE ACCOUNT OR BE USED FOR**
16 **PURPOSES OTHER THAN SUPPLANTING THE GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATION TO**
17 **THE HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES REQUIRED UNDER §**
18 **15–128 OF THE EDUCATION ARTICLE.**

19 (i) (1) The Fund shall include a separate account consisting of payments
20 received by the State from any judgment, settlement, penalty, offer of compromise, or any
21 other enforcement action related to the sale and marketing of electronic smoking devices.

22 (2) Distributions from the separate account established under paragraph
23 (1) of this subsection may be used, consistent with any other provision of State law, to
24 supplement the General Fund appropriations designated for programs under subsection (f)
25 of this section with the purpose of reducing the use of tobacco products by individuals under
26 the age of 21 years.

27 7–330.

28 (b) There is a Fiscal Responsibility Fund.

29 (g) (1) Except as provided in [paragraph] PARAGRAPHS (2) AND (3) of this
30 subsection, the Fund may be used only to provide pay-as-you-go capital funds for:

31 (i) public school construction and public school capital improvement
32 projects, in accordance with Title 5, Subtitle 3 of the Education Article;

33 (ii) capital projects at public community colleges; and

1 (iii) capital projects at four-year public institutions of higher
2 education.

3 (2) For fiscal year 2023 only, money in the Fund shall be used to provide,
4 beginning July 1, 2022, a cost-of-living adjustment of up to 4.5% for permanent employees
5 in the Executive Branch of State government who are in a bargaining unit that is
6 represented by the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees,
7 AFL-CIO, excluding a bargaining unit represented by the American Federation of State,
8 County and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO Local 1859.

9 (3) **FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026 ONLY, MONEY IN THE FUND MAY BE USED**
10 **FOR MAJOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS, AS DEFINED IN**
11 **§ 3.5-301(K) OF THIS ARTICLE, THAT ARE FUNDED BY THE INFORMATION**
12 **TECHNOLOGY INVESTMENT FUND ESTABLISHED UNDER § 3.5-309 OF THIS**
13 **ARTICLE.**

14 (k) **[At] EXCEPT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 APPROPRIATION DESCRIBED**
15 **IN SUBSECTION (G)(3) OF THIS SECTION, AT the end of a fiscal year, the unspent balance**
16 **of each appropriation that was made for that fiscal year from the Fund reverts to the Fund.**

17 Article – State Government

18 9-120.

19 (b) (1) By the end of the month following collection, the Comptroller shall
20 deposit, cause to be deposited, or pay:

21 (iv) after June 30, 2021, into the Racing and Community
22 Development Financing Fund established under § 10-657.2 of the Economic Development
23 Article from the money that remains in the State Lottery Fund, after the distribution under
24 subsection (a) of this section[.]:

25 **1. FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026, AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO**
26 **\$13,400,000; AND**

27 **2. FOR EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER, an amount**
28 **equal to at least \$17,000,000 [in each fiscal year] until the bonds issued for a racing facility**
29 **have matured;**

30 9-20B-02.

31 There is a Maryland Strategic Energy Investment Program in the Maryland Energy
32 Administration.

33 9-20B-03.

1 The purpose of the Program is to decrease energy demand and increase energy
2 supply to promote affordable, reliable, and clean energy **AND TO STRENGTHEN THE**
3 **STATE'S CLIMATE MITIGATION AND CLIMATE RESILIENCY** to fuel Maryland's future
4 prosperity.

5 9–20B–05.

6 (a) There is a Maryland Strategic Energy Investment Fund.

7 (f) The Administration shall use the Fund:

8 (13) notwithstanding subsection (g) of this section, to pay costs associated
9 with:

10 (I) the Air and Radiation Administration within the Department of
11 the Environment; ~~AND~~

12 (II) **THE POWER PLANT RESEARCH PROGRAM WITHIN THE**
13 **DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, INCLUDING TO SUPPORT**
14 **ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATES OF PUBLIC**
15 **CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY ASSOCIATED WITH POWER PLANT CONSTRUCTION AS**
16 **REQUIRED UNDER § 3–306 OF THE NATURAL RESOURCES ARTICLE; AND**

17 (III) **THE ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW PROGRAM WITHIN THE**
18 **DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, INCLUDING TO SUPPORT THE REVIEW OF**
19 **NATURAL RESOURCE IMPACTS OF PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS ON STATE**
20 **AND PRIVATE LANDS; and**

21 (g) Proceeds received by the Fund from the sale of allowances under § 2–1002(g)
22 of the Environment Article shall be allocated as follows:

23 (3) at least 20% shall be credited to a renewable and clean energy programs
24 account for:

25 (i) renewable and clean energy programs and initiatives;

26 (ii) energy–related public education and outreach; [and]

27 (iii) climate change and resiliency programs; [and]

28 (IV) **PROGRAMS AND APPLICABLE INITIATIVES RELATED TO**
29 **STATE CLIMATE CHANGE MITIGATION AND CLIMATE CHANGE RESILIENCY EFFORTS;**
30 **AND**

(V) NOTWITHSTANDING § 9-20B-03 OF THIS SUBTITLE, PROGRAMS AND APPLICABLE INITIATIVES RELATED TO RESILIENCY EFFORTS DEFINED AND IMPLEMENTED BY THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, INCLUDING THE ANNUAL REPORT BY THE OFFICE OF RESILIENCE REQUIRED UNDER § 14-1203 OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY ARTICLE; AND

(i) (1) Except as provided in paragraphs [(2), (3), and (4)] **(2) THROUGH (6)** of this subsection, compliance fees paid under § 7-705(b) of the Public Utilities Article may be used only to make loans and grants to support the creation of new Tier 1 renewable energy sources in the State that are owned by or directly benefit:

(i) low- to moderate-income communities located in a census tract with an average median income at or below 80% of the average median income for the State; or

(ii) overburdened or underserved communities, as defined in § 1-701 of the Environment Article.

(5) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027 ONLY, COMPLIANCE FEES PAID UNDER §§ 7-705(B) AND 7-705(B)(2)(I)2 OF THE PUBLIC UTILITIES ARTICLE SHALL BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR THE FOLLOWING:

~~(I) \$70,000,000 TO THE MARYLAND ENERGY ADMINISTRATION TO PROVIDE GAP FINANCING FOR AT RISK, LARGE SCALE CLEAN ENERGY PROJECTS;~~

~~(II) \$10,000,000 TO THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION TO CONDUCT RESEARCH INTO GRID ENHANCING TECHNOLOGIES AND ADVANCED TRANSMISSION TECHNOLOGIES;~~

~~(III) \$5,000,000 TO THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION FOR GRANTS TO UTILITY COMPANIES TO CONSTRUCT OR MODIFY TRANSMISSION FACILITIES THAT INCORPORATE GRID ENHANCING AND ADVANCED TRANSMISSION TECHNOLOGIES;~~

~~(IV) \$10,000,000 TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO ESTABLISH A PROCESS, ESTABLISH A MODEL LEASING FRAMEWORK, AND CREATE SAFETY GUIDELINES FOR RIGHT OF WAY FOR TRANSMISSION INFRASTRUCTURE;~~

~~(V) \$25,000,000 TO THE DEDICATED PURPOSE ACCOUNT FOR RESOURCE PLANNING RELATED TO IMPLEMENTATION OF CHAPTER 19 OF THE ACTS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE 2025 SPECIAL SESSION; AND~~

1 ~~(VI)~~ **\$42,000,000 TO THE DEDICATED PURPOSE ACCOUNT TO BE**
 2 **MADE AVAILABLE FOR HIGHER EDUCATION RESEARCH GRANTS IN ANY RESEARCH**
 3 **FIELD AND NOT LIMITED TO ENERGY-RELATED RESEARCH.**

4 **(6) FOR FISCAL YEARS 2027 THROUGH 2031, COMPLIANCE FEES PAID**
 5 **UNDER § 7-705 OF THE PUBLIC UTILITIES ARTICLE AND DEPOSITED INTO THE**
 6 **FUND MAY BE USED FOR GRANTS OR LOANS TO SUPPORT THE CREATION OF NEW**
 7 **TIER 1 RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCES IN THE STATE.**

8 21-201.

9 (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

10 (c) “Corps participant” means an individual who participates in the Program.

11 (d) “Department” means the Department of Service and Civic Innovation.

12 (h) “Program” means the Maryland Corps Program.

13 21-205.

14 (a) (1) There is a Young Adult Service Year Option Pathway in the Program.

15 (c) (1) The Department shall set targets for participation in the YA Pathway
 16 under this section, including:

17 (i) 200 corps participants in ~~the first year of implementation~~
 18 **FISCAL YEAR 2024;**

19 (ii) 750 corps participants in ~~the third year of implementation~~
 20 **FISCAL YEAR 2026;**

21 (iii) [1,500] ~~1,100~~ **750** corps participants in ~~the fourth year of~~
 22 ~~implementation~~ **FISCAL YEAR 2027;** [and]

23 (iv) [2,000] ~~1,550~~ **1,100** corps participants in ~~the fifth year of~~
 24 ~~implementation~~ **FISCAL YEAR 2028; AND**

25 (v) ~~2,000~~ **1,550** CORPS PARTICIPANTS IN ~~THE SIXTH YEAR OF~~
 26 ~~IMPLEMENTATION~~ **FISCAL YEAR 2029; AND**

27 (VI) **2,000 CORPS PARTICIPANTS IN FISCAL YEAR 2030 AND EACH**
 28 **FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER.**

1 21-304.

2 (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

3 (2) With respect to local employees, “aggregate annual earnable
4 compensation” means the total annual earnable compensation payable by a local employer
5 to all of its local employees, calculated as of June 30 of the second prior fiscal year before
6 the fiscal year for which the calculation is made under this section, adjusted by any
7 actuarial assumed salary increases that were used in the actuarial valuation prepared
8 under § 21-125(b) of this title for the immediate prior fiscal year.

9 (3) “Local employee” means a member of the Teachers’ Retirement System
10 or the Teachers’ Pension System who is an employee of a day school in the State under the
11 authority and supervision of a county board of education or the Baltimore City Board of
12 School Commissioners, employed as:

- 13 (i) a clerk;
- 14 (ii) a helping teacher;
- 15 (iii) a principal;
- 16 (iv) a superintendent;
- 17 (v) a supervisor; or
- 18 (vi) a teacher.

19 (4) “Local employer” means a county board of education or the Baltimore
20 City Board of School Commissioners.

21 (5) “State member” does not include a member on whose behalf a
22 participating governmental unit is required to make an employer contribution under §
23 21-305 or § 21-306 of this subtitle.

24 (6) “Total employer contribution for local employees” means that portion of
25 the employer contribution calculated under subsection (b) of this section that is attributable
26 to all local employees.

27 (b) (1) Subject to paragraphs (4) and (5) of this subsection, each fiscal year, on
28 behalf of the State members of each State system, the State shall pay to the appropriate
29 accumulation fund an amount equal to or greater than the sum of the amount, if any,
30 required to be included in the budget bill under § 3-501(c)(2)(ii) of this article and the
31 product of multiplying:

(i) the aggregate annual earnable compensation of the State members of that State system; and

(ii) the sum of the normal contribution rate and the accrued liability contribution rate for State members of that State system, as determined under this section.

(4) (i) Subject to § 21–309.1 of this subtitle, beginning on July 1, 2012, and each fiscal year thereafter, each local employer shall pay to the appropriate accumulation fund an amount equal to the local share of the total employer contribution for local employees as provided in this paragraph.

(iii) Beginning in fiscal year 2017, each local employer shall pay to the Board of Trustees its local share equal to the normal contribution rate for the Teachers’ Retirement System and the Teachers’ Pension System multiplied by the aggregate annual earnable compensation of the local employees of that local employer.

(5) Except as provided in paragraph (6) of this subsection, the difference between the total employer contribution for local employees and the local share of the total employer contribution for all local employees shall be the obligation of the State.

(6) (i) Subject to § 21–309.2 of this subtitle and as provided under subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph, beginning in fiscal year [2026] **2027**, each county government shall pay to the Board of Trustees the following amounts:

County		
Government		
Allegany	[754,195]	1,139,988
Anne Arundel.....	[9,738,875]	13,344,016
Baltimore City	[8,802,114]	12,041,167
Baltimore	[10,352,112]	15,122,563
Calvert	[1,647,480]	2,284,705
Caroline.....	[561,645]	785,750
Carroll	[2,624,055]	3,661,920
Cecil.....	[1,327,122]	1,963,691
Charles.....	[2,786,366]	3,900,924
Dorchester.....	[590,506]	794,625
Frederick.....	[5,925,608]	7,899,429
Garrett	[269,208]	428,865
Harford.....	[3,685,077]	5,297,751
Howard.....	[6,830,167]	9,696,329
Kent.....	[165,489]	255,179
Montgomery	[20,861,475]	28,754,528
Prince George’s	[13,000,062]	18,675,337
Queen Anne’s	[691,279]	973,835

1	St. Mary's.....	[1,562,014]	2,205,319
2	Somerset	[314,066]	442,575
3	Talbot	[452,957]	651,179
4	Washington.....	[2,397,889]	3,279,909
5	Wicomico	[1,704,888]	2,379,362
6	Worcester	[699,872]	1,049,543

7 (ii) 1. For fiscal year 2026, each county government shall pay to
8 the Board of Trustees on or before January 1, 2026, the amount required under
9 subparagraph (i) of this paragraph.

10 2. Beginning in fiscal year 2027, each county government
11 shall pay to the Board of Trustees on or before each September 1 the amount required under
12 subparagraph (i) of this paragraph.

13 (iii) Each fiscal year, the amounts paid under subparagraph (i) of this
14 paragraph shall reduce the obligations of the State with respect to the Teachers' Pension
15 System and the Teachers' Retirement System by the same amounts.

16 Article – Tax – General

17 2–606.

18 (b) (1) In June of each year, from current collections, the Comptroller shall
19 reserve an amount of unallocated revenue that the Comptroller estimates will be claimed
20 on returns and refunded to taxpayers within 3 years of the date the income tax return was
21 due to be filed, and distribute to each county, municipal corporation, and special taxing
22 district a pro rata share of the balance of the unallocated individual income tax revenue.

23 (2) The Comptroller shall adjust the amount distributed under paragraph
24 (1) of this subsection to a county, municipal corporation, or special taxing district to allow
25 for the proportionate part of tax claim payments for a prior calendar year made after a
26 distribution is made to the county, municipal corporation, or special taxing district for that
27 year.

28 (i) (1) On or before [July 31, 2025] **JUNE 1, ~~2025~~ 2026**, the Comptroller shall
29 distribute \$37,300,000 from the Local Reserve Account established to comply with this
30 section to the [Division of Paid Leave within the Maryland Department of Labor]
31 **GENERAL FUND OF THE STATE.**

32 (2) The Maryland Department of Labor shall reimburse the Local Reserve
33 Account **\$37,300,000** within 2 years after contributions into the Department's Family and
34 Medical Leave Insurance Fund begin.

35 Article – Tax – Property

1 13-209.

2 ~~(a) (1) Before any other distribution under this section, in any fiscal year that~~
3 ~~bonds secured by a pledge of the State transfer tax are outstanding, the revenue from the~~
4 ~~transfer tax shall be used to pay, as and when due, the principal of and interest on the~~
5 ~~bonds.~~

6 ~~(2) The Department shall deduct the cost of administering the transfer tax~~
7 ~~from the taxes collected under this title and credit those revenues to the fund established~~
8 ~~under § 1-203.3 of the Corporations and Associations Article.~~

9 ~~(3) Except as provided in paragraph (4) of this subsection, after deducting~~
10 ~~the revenues required under paragraphs (1) and (2) of this subsection, the revenue from~~
11 ~~transfer tax is payable to the Comptroller for deposit in a special fund.~~

12 ~~(4) In any fiscal year in which transfer tax revenue is used to pay debt~~
13 ~~service on outstanding bonds under paragraph (1) of this subsection, the distribution of~~
14 ~~revenues in the special fund under this section and as specified in § 5-903(a)(2)(i)1A of the~~
15 ~~Natural Resources Article, for State land acquisition, or to the Agricultural Land~~
16 ~~Preservation Fund to the extent any debt service is attributable to that Fund, shall be~~
17 ~~reduced by an amount equal to the debt service for the fiscal year.~~

18 ~~(b) For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2002 and for subsequent fiscal years, up~~
19 ~~to 3% of the revenues in the special fund may be appropriated in the State budget for~~
20 ~~salaries and related expenses in the Departments of General Services and Natural~~
21 ~~Resources and in the Department of Planning necessary to administer Title 5, Subtitle 9 of~~
22 ~~the Natural Resources Article (Program Open Space).~~

23 ~~(c) (1) Subject to subsection (c) of this section, of the balance of the revenue in~~
24 ~~the special fund, not required under subsection (b) of this section:~~

25 ~~(i) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2002, \$47,268,585 shall be~~
26 ~~allocated to the General Fund of the State and the remainder shall be allocated as provided~~
27 ~~in subsection (d) of this section;~~

28 ~~(ii) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2003, \$102,833,860 shall be~~
29 ~~allocated to the General Fund of the State and the remainder shall be allocated as provided~~
30 ~~in the State budget;~~

31 ~~(iii) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2004, \$147,374,444 shall be~~
32 ~~allocated to the General Fund of the State, and the remainder shall be allocated as provided~~
33 ~~in the State budget; and~~

34 ~~(iv) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2005, \$68,223,132 shall be~~
35 ~~allocated to the General Fund of the State and the remainder shall be allocated as provided~~
36 ~~in subsection (d) of this section.~~

~~(2) Subject to subsection (c) of this section, for the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2006 and each subsequent fiscal year, the balance of the revenue in the special fund, not required under subsection (b) of this section shall be allocated as provided in subsection (d) of this section.~~

~~(3) (i) Subject to subsection (c) of this section, for fiscal years 2026 through 2029, of the balance of the revenue in the special fund not required under subsection (b) of this section, \$25,000,000 shall be allocated to the General Fund of the State and the remainder shall be allocated as provided in PARAGRAPH (4) OF THIS SUBSECTION AND subsection (d) of this section.~~

~~(ii) For each of fiscal years 2026 through 2029, the allocation required under subparagraph (i) of this paragraph shall reduce the amount allocated for Program Open Space land acquisition purposes identified in subsection (d)(1)(ii) of this section and § 5-903(a)(2)(i)1A of the Natural Resources Article, the Agricultural Land Preservation Fund identified in subsection (d)(2) of this section, and the Rural Legacy Program identified in subsection (d)(3) of this section and § 5-903(a)(2)(iii) of the Natural Resources Article by an amount that is proportional to the amount of revenue each program is estimated to receive for the fiscal year.~~

~~(4) (I) IN ADDITION TO THE GENERAL FUND ALLOCATION UNDER PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION AND SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (E) OF THIS SECTION, FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027 ONLY, OF THE BALANCE OF THE REVENUE IN THE SPECIAL FUND NOT REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, \$71,743,156 SHALL BE ALLOCATED TO THE GENERAL FUND OF THE STATE AND THE REMAINDER SHALL BE ALLOCATED AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION.~~

~~(II) THE AMOUNT ALLOCATED UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL REDUCE THE AMOUNT ALLOCATED FOR THE FOLLOWING PROGRAMS AND FUNDS:~~

~~1. PROGRAM OPEN SPACE (LOCAL) FUNDS IDENTIFIED IN §§ 5-903(A)(2)(II)2E AND (B)(1) AND 5-905(B)(7) OF THE NATURAL RESOURCES ARTICLE BY \$49,586,156;~~

~~2. RURAL LEGACY PROGRAM FUNDS IDENTIFIED IN SUBSECTION (D)(3) OF THIS SECTION AND § 9-503(A)(2)(III) OF THE NATURAL RESOURCES ARTICLE BY \$13,400,000; AND~~

~~3. FUNDS FOR THE NATURAL RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT FUND IDENTIFIED FOR THE PURPOSES SPECIFIED IN § 5-903(C)(1) OF THE NATURAL RESOURCES ARTICLE.~~

1 ~~(H) THE ALLOCATIONS REDUCED UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (H)~~
2 ~~OF THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL BE REPLACED WITH GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS.~~

3 ~~(d) Subject to subsections (d-1) and (e) of this section, for the fiscal year beginning~~
4 ~~July 1, 2002 and for each subsequent fiscal year, the balance of the revenue in the special~~
5 ~~fund, not required under subsection (b) of this section and not allocated to the General Fund~~
6 ~~under subsection (e)(1) [and], (3), AND (4) of this section shall be allocated in the State~~
7 ~~budget as follows:~~

8 ~~(1) (i) 75.15% for the purposes specified in Title 5, Subtitle 9 of the~~
9 ~~Natural Resources Article (Program Open Space); and~~

10 ~~(ii) an additional 1% for Program Open Space, for land acquisition~~
11 ~~purposes as specified in § 5-903(a)(2) of the Natural Resources Article;~~

12 ~~(2) 17.05% for the Agricultural Land Preservation Fund established under~~
13 ~~§ 2-505 of the Agriculture Article;~~

14 ~~(3) 5% for the Rural Legacy Program established under § 5-9A-01 of the~~
15 ~~Natural Resources Article; and~~

16 ~~(4) 1.8% for the Heritage Conservation Fund established under § 5-1501~~
17 ~~of the Natural Resources Article.~~

18 ~~(e) The sums allocated in subsection (d) of this section may not revert to the~~
19 ~~General Fund of the State.~~

20 (g) (3) (i) 1. For fiscal year 2023, the Governor shall include in the
21 annual budget bill a General Fund appropriation in the amount of \$2,500,000 to the
22 Maryland Agricultural and Resource-Based Industry Development Corporation for the
23 Next Generation Farmland Acquisition Program authorized under § 10-523(a)(3)(ii) of the
24 Economic Development Article.

25 2. For fiscal year 2025 only, the Governor shall include in the
26 annual budget bill a General Fund appropriation in the amount of \$2,735,000 to the
27 Maryland Agricultural and Resource-Based Industry Development Corporation
28 established under Title 10, Subtitle 5 of the Economic Development Article to be used as
29 follows:

30 A. \$2,300,000 to support the Corporation's rural business
31 loan programs and small matching grant programs; and

32 B. \$435,000 for grants and near-equity investments to:

33 I. support the creation or expansion of agricultural product
34 aggregation and storage sites; and

1 II. facilitate participation in the Certified Local Farm and
2 Fish Program.

3 3. A. For each of fiscal years 2024, 2025, AND 2026, [and
4 2027,] the Governor shall include in the annual budget bill a General Fund appropriation
5 of \$500,000 to the Urban Agriculture Water and Power Infrastructure Grant Fund
6 established under § 2–2103 of the Agriculture Article.

7 **B. FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027, THE GOVERNOR SHALL**
8 **INCLUDE IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET BILL A GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATION OF**
9 **\$400,000 TO THE URBAN AGRICULTURE WATER AND POWER INFRASTRUCTURE**
10 **GRANT FUND ESTABLISHED UNDER § 2–2103 OF THE AGRICULTURE ARTICLE.**

11 (ii) The appropriations required under subparagraph (i) of this
12 paragraph:

13 1. are not subject to the provisions of subsections (a), (b), (c),
14 and (f) of this section;

15 2. shall be allocated as provided in subsection (d) of this
16 section and § 5–903 of the Natural Resources Article; and

17 3. shall be reduced by the amount of any appropriation from
18 the General Fund to the special fund that:

19 A. exceeds the required appropriation under this paragraph;
20 and

21 B. is identified as an appropriation for reimbursement under
22 this paragraph.

23 ~~(h) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (3) of this subsection, if an~~
24 ~~appropriation or a transfer from the special fund to the General Fund occurs after the fiscal~~
25 ~~year ending June 30, 2018, the Governor shall include in the annual budget bills for each~~
26 ~~of the 3 successive fiscal years following the fiscal year in which a transfer is made a~~
27 ~~General Fund appropriation to the special fund equal to one third of the cumulative~~
28 ~~amount of the appropriation or transfer from the special fund to the General Fund for the~~
29 ~~applicable fiscal year.~~

30 ~~(2) The appropriation required under paragraph (1) of this subsection:~~

31 ~~(i) represents reimbursement for the cumulative amount of any~~
32 ~~appropriation or transfer from the special fund to the General Fund for the applicable fiscal~~
33 ~~year;~~

(6) The Volunteer Company Assistance Fund in accordance with the provisions of Title 8, Subtitle 2 of the Public Safety Article.

(f) For fiscal years 2025 [and 2026] **THROUGH 2029**, the money in the Fund may be used to support general operations of the Department of State Police, Special Operations Bureau, Aviation Command.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

~~Article – Education~~

~~7-414.1.~~

~~(a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.~~

~~(2) “Fund” means the Driver Education in Public High Schools Fund.~~

~~(3) “Program” means the Driver Education in Public High Schools Grant Program.~~

~~(b) There is a Driver Education in Public High Schools Grant Program in the Department.~~

~~(f) (1) There is a Driver Education in Public High Schools Fund.~~

~~(4) The Fund consists of:~~

~~(i) Money received by the Fund from fines for vehicle security lapses under § 17-106 of the Transportation Article; and~~

~~(ii) Any other] money from any [other] source accepted for the benefit of the Fund.~~

~~(5) The Fund may be used only for:~~

~~(i) Providing grants under the Program; and~~

~~(ii) Administrative costs of the Program.~~

Article – Education

7-414.1.

(a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

(2) “Fund” means the Driver Education in Public High Schools Fund.

~~C. 0.2% OF THE FUNDS OR \$200,000, WHICHEVER IS GREATER, SHALL BE APPROPRIATED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING TO OPERATE AND MAINTAIN THE JEFFERSON PATTERSON PARK AND MUSEUM.~~

~~2. Except as otherwise provided in this section, any funds the General Assembly appropriates to the State under this subsection shall be used only for land acquisition projects.~~

(i) (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section or the allocation formulas in § 13–209 of the Tax – Property Article and subject to paragraph (2) of this subsection, the Governor may transfer to the Department funds from the Program Open Space State land acquisition balance if:

(i) The balance is more than \$80,000,000 at the end of a given fiscal year; and

(ii) The Department’s existing special fund sources are insufficient to cover existing salaries for permanent, classified positions responsible for operating and maintaining lands administered and managed by the Department.

(2) After a fund transfer under paragraph (1) of this subsection, the remaining balance must be at least \$80,000,000.

(3) (i) The Department may use any amount of the transferred funds as a one–time fiscal year expenditure for:

1. Operation and maintenance of lands administered and managed by the Department;

2. Administrative expenses related to land acquired by the Department under Program Open Space; or

3. Law enforcement activities, services, salaries, and related expenses of the Natural Resources Police.

(ii) The Department may transfer any amount of the transferred funds to the Forest or Park Reserve Fund established under § 5–212 of this title.

(4) Any fund transfer made under this subsection supplements rather than supplants any other funding for operation, maintenance, and administration of lands administered and managed by the Department regardless of the source of the other funding.

(5) FOR PURPOSES OF THE FUND TRANSFER ALLOWED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION, THE BALANCE OF THE HERITAGE CONSERVATION FUND

1 ESTABLISHED UNDER § 5-1501 OF THIS TITLE AND ANY OTHER FUNDS
2 APPROPRIATED TO PROGRAM OPEN SPACE (STATESIDE) SHALL BE INCLUDED AS
3 PART OF THE PROGRAM OPEN SPACE STATE LAND ACQUISITION BALANCE.

4 ~~Article—Transportation~~

5 ~~17-106.~~

6 ~~(a) If the required security for any vehicle lapses at any time, the registration of~~
7 ~~that vehicle:~~

8 ~~(1) Is suspended automatically as of the date of the lapse effective not later~~
9 ~~than 60 days after notification to the Administration that the lapse has occurred; and~~

10 ~~(2) Remains suspended until:~~

11 ~~(i) The required security is replaced and the vehicle owner submits~~
12 ~~evidence of replaced security on a form as prescribed by the Administration and certified~~
13 ~~by an insurer or insurance producer; and~~

14 ~~(ii) Any uninsured motorist penalty fee assessed is paid to the~~
15 ~~Administration.~~

16 ~~(b) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, each insurer or~~
17 ~~other provider of required security immediately shall notify the Administration~~
18 ~~electronically of those terminations or other lapses that are final.~~

19 ~~(2) Each insurer or other provider of required security for a vehicle~~
20 ~~registered as a Class B (for hire) vehicle under Title 13 of this article shall notify the~~
21 ~~Administration within 45 days after a termination or other lapse that is final and occurs~~
22 ~~anytime after the required security is issued or provided.~~

23 ~~(c) On receipt of a notice under subsection (b) of this section, the Administration~~
24 ~~shall:~~

25 ~~(1) Make a reasonable effort to notify the owner of the vehicle that his~~
26 ~~registration has been suspended; and~~

27 ~~(2) Provide electronically the information contained in the notice of the~~
28 ~~suspension to the Uninsured Division of the Maryland Automobile Insurance Fund.~~

29 ~~(d) (1) Within 48 hours after an owner is notified by the Administration of the~~
30 ~~suspension of registration, the owner shall surrender all evidences of that registration to~~
31 ~~the Administration.~~

32 ~~(2) If the owner fails to surrender the evidences of registration within the~~
33 ~~48-hour period, the Administration:~~

1 (i) ~~Shall attempt to recover from the owner the evidences of~~
2 ~~registration; and~~

3 (ii) ~~May suspend his license to drive until he returns to the Motor~~
4 ~~Vehicle Administration the evidences of registration.~~

5 (3) ~~The Administration may enter into contracts with private parties to~~
6 ~~procure the services of independent agents to assist in the recovery of the evidences of~~
7 ~~registration as authorized in paragraph (2) of this subsection.~~

8 (e) (1) (i) 1. ~~Except as provided in subparagraphs (iv) and (v) of this~~
9 ~~paragraph, in addition to any other penalty provided for in the Maryland Vehicle Law, if~~
10 ~~the required security for a vehicle terminates or otherwise lapses during its registration~~
11 ~~year, the Administration may assess the owner of the vehicle with a penalty of \$200 for~~
12 ~~each vehicle without the required security for a period of 1 to 30 days.~~

13 2. ~~If a fine is assessed, beginning on the 31st day the fine~~
14 ~~shall increase by a rate of \$7 for each day.~~

15 (ii) ~~Each period during which the required security for a vehicle~~
16 ~~terminates or otherwise lapses shall constitute a separate violation.~~

17 (iii) ~~The penalty imposed under this subsection may not exceed~~
18 ~~\$3,500 for each violation in a 12-month period.~~

19 (iv) ~~The Administration may not assess a penalty under this~~
20 ~~subsection if:~~

21 1. ~~The registration plates of the vehicle are returned to the~~
22 ~~Administration within 10 days after the termination or lapse of the required security, as~~
23 ~~shown by the records of the Administration; and~~

24 2. A. ~~The certificate of title for the vehicle has been~~
25 ~~transferred to a new owner;~~

26 B. ~~The registered owner has moved out of state and the~~
27 ~~registration plates are returned by mail;~~

28 C. ~~A salvage certificate has been issued for the vehicle; or~~

29 D. ~~A licensed dealer has taken possession of the vehicle with~~
30 ~~an obligation to return the registration plates.~~

31 (v) ~~Before the Administration may assess a penalty under this~~
32 ~~subsection, the Administration shall first verify that the registration plates for the vehicle~~

1 ~~were not returned to the Administration within 10 days after the termination or lapse of~~
2 ~~the required security.~~

3 ~~(2) (i) Except as provided under paragraph (3) of this subsection, a~~
4 ~~penalty assessed under this subsection shall be paid as follows:~~

5 ~~1. 70% to be allocated as provided in subparagraph (ii) of this~~
6 ~~paragraph; and~~

7 ~~2. 30% to the Administration, which may be used by the~~
8 ~~Administration, subject to subsection (f) of this section, to provide funding for contracts~~
9 ~~with independent agents to assist in the recovery of evidences of registration as authorized~~
10 ~~in subsection (d)(3) of this section.~~

11 ~~(ii) For each fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2014, the~~
12 ~~percentage of the penalties specified under subparagraph (i)1 of this paragraph shall be~~
13 ~~allocated among the Safe Schools Fund, the Vehicle Theft Prevention Fund, the Maryland~~
14 ~~Automobile Insurance Fund, [the Driver Education in Public High Schools Fund,] the~~
15 ~~State Aided Institutions Field Trip Fund, and the General Fund as follows:~~

16 ~~1. \$600,000 to the Safe Schools Fund;~~

17 ~~2. \$2,000,000 to the Vehicle Theft Prevention Fund;~~

18 ~~3. The amounts specified under subparagraph (iii) of this~~
19 ~~paragraph to the Maryland Automobile Insurance Fund;~~

20 ~~4. [\$2,000,000 to the Driver Education in Public High~~
21 ~~Schools Fund;~~

22 ~~5.] \$600,000 to the State Aided Institutions Field Trip Fund;~~
23 ~~and~~

24 ~~[6.] 5. The balance to the General Fund.~~

25 ~~(iii) 1. Except for fiscal year 2024 and except as provided under~~
26 ~~subsubparagraph 3 of this subparagraph, the amount distributed to the Maryland~~
27 ~~Automobile Insurance Fund under subparagraph (ii)3 of this paragraph shall equal the~~
28 ~~amount distributed to the Maryland Automobile Insurance Fund in the prior fiscal year~~
29 ~~under the provisions of this paragraph adjusted by the change for the calendar year~~
30 ~~preceding the fiscal year in the Consumer Price Index - All Urban Consumers - Medical~~
31 ~~Care as published by the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics.~~

32 ~~2. For fiscal year 2024, the amount distributed to the~~
33 ~~Maryland Automobile Insurance Fund under subparagraph (ii)3 of this paragraph shall~~
34 ~~equal the amount distributed to the Maryland Automobile Insurance Fund in the prior~~
35 ~~fiscal year under the provisions of this paragraph adjusted by the change for the calendar~~

~~1 year preceding the fiscal year in the Consumer Price Index—All Urban Consumers—
2 Medical Care as published by the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics plus an
3 additional \$2,000,000.~~

~~4 3. For fiscal year 2025, the amount distributed to the
5 Maryland Automobile Insurance Fund under subparagraph (ii)3 of this paragraph shall
6 equal the amount distributed to the Maryland Automobile Insurance Fund calculated in
7 accordance with subsubparagraph 1 of this subparagraph.~~

~~8 A. Plus an additional \$3,000,000 dedicated to the exclusive
9 use of the Uninsured Division, which shall become part of the base amount used to calculate
10 the amount distributed under subsubparagraph 1 of this subparagraph in subsequent fiscal
11 years; but~~

~~12 B. Excluding the \$2,000,000 distributed to the Fund in fiscal
13 year 2024.~~

Article – Transportation

17–106.

(a) If the required security for any vehicle lapses at any time, the registration of
17 that vehicle:

(1) Is suspended automatically as of the date of the lapse effective not later
19 than 60 days after notification to the Administration that the lapse has occurred; and

(2) Remains suspended until:

(i) The required security is replaced and the vehicle owner submits
22 evidence of replaced security on a form as prescribed by the Administration and certified by
23 an insurer or insurance producer; and

(ii) Any uninsured motorist penalty fee assessed is paid to the
25 Administration.

(b) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, each insurer or
27 other provider of required security immediately shall notify the Administration
28 electronically of those terminations or other lapses that are final.

(2) Each insurer or other provider of required security for a vehicle
30 registered as a Class B (for hire) vehicle under Title 13 of this article shall notify the
31 Administration within 45 days after a termination or other lapse that is final and occurs
32 anytime after the required security is issued or provided.

(c) On receipt of a notice under subsection (b) of this section, the Administration
34 shall:

1 (1) Make a reasonable effort to notify the owner of the vehicle that his
2 registration has been suspended; and

3 (2) Provide electronically the information contained in the notice of the
4 suspension to the Uninsured Division of the Maryland Automobile Insurance Fund.

5 (d) (1) Within 48 hours after an owner is notified by the Administration of the
6 suspension of registration, the owner shall surrender all evidences of that registration to the
7 Administration.

8 (2) If the owner fails to surrender the evidences of registration within the
9 48-hour period, the Administration:

10 (i) Shall attempt to recover from the owner the evidences of
11 registration; and

12 (ii) May suspend his license to drive until he returns to the Motor
13 Vehicle Administration the evidences of registration.

14 (3) The Administration may enter into contracts with private parties to
15 procure the services of independent agents to assist in the recovery of the evidences of
16 registration as authorized in paragraph (2) of this subsection.

17 (e) (1) (i) 1. Except as provided in subparagraphs (iv) and (v) of this
18 paragraph, in addition to any other penalty provided for in the Maryland Vehicle Law, if
19 the required security for a vehicle terminates or otherwise lapses during its registration year,
20 the Administration may assess the owner of the vehicle with a penalty of \$200 for each
21 vehicle without the required security for a period of 1 to 30 days.

22 2. If a fine is assessed, beginning on the 31st day the fine shall
23 increase by a rate of \$7 for each day.

24 (ii) Each period during which the required security for a vehicle
25 terminates or otherwise lapses shall constitute a separate violation.

26 (iii) The penalty imposed under this subsection may not exceed \$3,500
27 for each violation in a 12-month period.

28 (iv) The Administration may not assess a penalty under this
29 subsection if:

30 1. The registration plates of the vehicle are returned to the
31 Administration within 10 days after the termination or lapse of the required security, as
32 shown by the records of the Administration; and

1 2. A. The certificate of title for the vehicle has been
2 transferred to a new owner;

3 B. The registered owner has moved out-of-state and the
4 registration plates are returned by mail;

5 C. A salvage certificate has been issued for the vehicle; or

6 D. A licensed dealer has taken possession of the vehicle with
7 an obligation to return the registration plates.

8 (v) Before the Administration may assess a penalty under this
9 subsection, the Administration shall first verify that the registration plates for the vehicle
10 were not returned to the Administration within 10 days after the termination or lapse of the
11 required security.

12 (2) (i) Except as provided under paragraph (3) of this subsection, a
13 penalty assessed under this subsection shall be paid as follows:

14 1. 70% to be allocated as provided in subparagraph (ii) of this
15 paragraph; and

16 2. 30% to the Administration, which may be used by the
17 Administration, subject to subsection (f) of this section, to provide funding for contracts with
18 independent agents to assist in the recovery of evidences of registration as authorized in
19 subsection (d)(3) of this section.

20 (ii) For each fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2014, the
21 percentage of the penalties specified under subparagraph (i)1 of this paragraph shall be
22 allocated among the Safe Schools Fund, the Vehicle Theft Prevention Fund, the Maryland
23 Automobile Insurance Fund, [the Driver Education in Public High Schools Fund,] the
24 State-Aided Institutions Field Trip Fund, and the General Fund as follows:

25 1. \$600,000 to the Safe Schools Fund;

26 2. \$2,000,000 to the Vehicle Theft Prevention Fund;

27 3. The amounts specified under subparagraph (iii) of this
28 paragraph to the Maryland Automobile Insurance Fund;

29 4. [\$2,000,000 to the Driver Education in Public High
30 Schools Fund;

31 5.] \$600,000 to the State-Aided Institutions Field Trip Fund;
32 and

33 [6.] 5. The balance to the General Fund.

1 (iii) 1. Except for fiscal year 2024 and except as provided under
 2 subsubparagraph 3 of this subparagraph, the amount distributed to the Maryland
 3 Automobile Insurance Fund under subparagraph (ii)3 of this paragraph shall equal the
 4 amount distributed to the Maryland Automobile Insurance Fund in the prior fiscal year
 5 under the provisions of this paragraph adjusted by the change for the calendar year
 6 preceding the fiscal year in the Consumer Price Index – All Urban Consumers – Medical
 7 Care as published by the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics.

8 2. For fiscal year 2024, the amount distributed to the
 9 Maryland Automobile Insurance Fund under subparagraph (ii)3 of this paragraph shall
 10 equal the amount distributed to the Maryland Automobile Insurance Fund in the prior fiscal
 11 year under the provisions of this paragraph adjusted by the change for the calendar year
 12 preceding the fiscal year in the Consumer Price Index – All Urban Consumers – Medical
 13 Care as published by the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics plus an additional
 14 \$2,000,000.

15 3. For fiscal year 2025, the amount distributed to the
 16 Maryland Automobile Insurance Fund under subparagraph (ii)3 of this paragraph shall
 17 equal the amount distributed to the Maryland Automobile Insurance Fund calculated in
 18 accordance with subsubparagraph 1 of this subparagraph:

19 A. Plus an additional \$3,000,000 dedicated to the exclusive
 20 use of the Uninsured Division, which shall become part of the base amount used to calculate
 21 the amount distributed under subsubparagraph 1 of this subparagraph in subsequent fiscal
 22 years; but

23 B. Excluding the \$2,000,000 distributed to the Fund in fiscal
 24 year 2024.

25 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read
 26 as follows:

27 Article – Economic Development

28 6–804.

29 (a) (1) Except as provided in [paragraph (2)] PARAGRAPHS (2) AND (3) of this
 30 subsection, the Program benefits authorized under this section may be claimed by a qualified
 31 business entity for up to 10 consecutive benefit years.

32 (2) In the case of a qualified business entity that is located in a Tier II area
 33 and is provided a certificate under § 6–805 of this subtitle on or after June 1, 2022, the
 34 Program benefits authorized under this section may be claimed by the qualified business
 35 entity for up to 5 consecutive benefit years.

1 (3) “Heavy duty SUV” means a 4-wheeled vehicle that:

2 (i) is manufactured primarily for use on public streets, roads, and
3 highways;

4 (ii) is rated at more than 6,000 but not more than 14,000 pounds
5 gross vehicle weight; and

6 (iii) would be a passenger automobile as defined in § 280F of the
7 Internal Revenue Code if it were rated at 6,000 pounds gross vehicle weight or less.

8 (4) (i) “Manufacturing entity” means a person conducting or operating
9 a trade or business that is primarily engaged in activities that, in accordance with the
10 North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS), United States Manual, United
11 States Office of Management and Budget, 2012 Edition, would be included in Sector 31, 32,
12 or 33.

13 (ii) “Manufacturing entity” does not include a refiner, as defined in
14 § 10–101 of the Business Regulation Article.

15 (b) In addition to the modifications under §§ 10–204 through 10–210 of this
16 subtitle, to determine Maryland adjusted gross income of an individual:

17 (1) (i) except as provided in item (ii) of this item, an amount is added to
18 or subtracted from federal adjusted gross income to reflect the determination of the
19 depreciation deduction provided under § 167(a) of the Internal Revenue Code and the
20 adjusted basis of property without regard to the additional allowance under § 168(k) of the
21 Internal Revenue Code; and

22 [(ii) item (i) of this item does not apply to property placed in service
23 by a manufacturing entity on or after January 1, 2019;]

24 **(II) FOR A MANUFACTURING ENTITY, AN AMOUNT IS ADDED TO**
25 **OR SUBTRACTED FROM FEDERAL ADJUSTED GROSS INCOME TO REFLECT THE**
26 **DETERMINATION OF THE DEPRECIATION DEDUCTION PROVIDED UNDER § 167(A) OF**
27 **THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE AND THE ADJUSTED BASIS OF PROPERTY BY**
28 **LIMITING THE ADDITIONAL ALLOWANCE UNDER § 168(K) OF THE INTERNAL**
29 **REVENUE CODE TO 20% OF THE ADJUSTED BASIS OF THE QUALIFIED PROPERTY;**

30 **(2) AN AMOUNT IS ADDED TO OR SUBTRACTED FROM FEDERAL**
31 **ADJUSTED GROSS INCOME TO REFLECT THE DETERMINATION OF THE**
32 **DEPRECIATION DEDUCTION PROVIDED UNDER § 167(A) OF THE INTERNAL**
33 **REVENUE CODE AND THE ADJUSTED BASIS OF PROPERTY WITHOUT REGARD TO THE**
34 **ADDITIONAL ALLOWANCE UNDER § 168(N) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE;**

1 **(3)** an amount is added to or subtracted from federal adjusted gross income
 2 to determine the net operating loss deduction allowed under § 172 of the Internal Revenue
 3 Code without regard to an election under § 172(b)(1)(H) of the Internal Revenue Code for a
 4 carryback period of up to 5 years;

5 ~~[(3)]~~ **(4)** (i) except as provided in item (ii) of this item, an amount is
 6 added to or subtracted from federal adjusted gross income to reflect the determination of
 7 the maximum aggregate costs that the taxpayer may treat as an expense under § 179 of
 8 the Internal Revenue Code for any taxable year without regard to any changes made to
 9 that section after December 31, 2002:

10 1. increasing above \$25,000 the dollar limitation set forth in
 11 § 179(b)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code; or

12 2. increasing above \$200,000 the phase-out threshold set
 13 forth in § 179(b)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code; and

14 (ii) item (i) of this item does not apply to property that is placed in
 15 service by a manufacturing entity on or after January 1, 2019;

16 ~~[(4)]~~ **(5)** an amount is added to or subtracted from federal adjusted gross
 17 income to reflect the recognition of income from discharge of indebtedness and the
 18 allowance of any deduction with respect to original issue discount without regard to § 108(i)
 19 of the Internal Revenue Code; and

20 ~~[(5)]~~ **(6)** an amount is added to or subtracted from federal adjusted gross
 21 income to reflect the determination of the depreciation deduction with respect to any heavy
 22 duty SUV as if the heavy duty SUV were subject to the limitations of § 280F of the Internal
 23 Revenue Code in the same manner as it would be if the vehicle were rated at 6,000 pounds
 24 gross vehicle weight or less.

25 10-740.

26 (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

27 (2) “Commission” means the Maryland Higher Education Commission.

28 (3) “Qualified taxpayer” means an individual who has:

29 (i) incurred at least \$20,000 in undergraduate or graduate student
 30 loan debt or both; and

31 (ii) has at least \$5,000 in outstanding undergraduate or graduate
 32 student loan debt or both when submitting an application under subsection (c) of this
 33 section.

1 **(b)** Subject to the limitations of this section, a qualified taxpayer may claim a
2 credit against the State income tax for the taxable year in which the Commission certifies
3 a tax credit under this section.

4 **(c)** **(1)** **(i)** By September 15 of each year, an individual shall submit an
5 application to the Commission for the credit allowed under this section.

6 **(ii)** The individual shall submit with the application an assurance
7 that the individual will use any credit approved under this section for the repayment of the
8 individual's undergraduate or graduate student loan debt or both as soon as practicable.

9 **(iii)** **1.** The total amount of the credit claimed under this section
10 shall be recaptured if the individual does not use the credit approved under this section for
11 the repayment of the individual's undergraduate or graduate student loan debt or both
12 within 3 years from the close of the taxable year for which the credit is claimed.

13 **2.** The individual who claimed the credit shall pay the total
14 amount of the credit claimed as taxes payable to the State for the taxable year in which the
15 event requiring recapture of the credit occurs.

16 **(2)** By December 15 of each year the Commission shall certify to the
17 individual the amount of any tax credit approved by the Commission under this section,
18 not to exceed \$5,000.

19 **(3)** **(i)** For tax year 2025, the total amount of tax credits approved by
20 the Commission under this section may not exceed [~~\$9,000,000~~] **\$16,000,000.**

21 **(II)** **FOR TAX YEAR 2026, THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF TAX CREDITS**
22 **APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION UNDER THIS SECTION MAY NOT EXCEED**
23 **\$9,000,000.**

24 **[(ii)] (III)** For any taxable year after [~~2025~~] **2026**, the total amount
25 of tax credits approved by the Commission under this section may not exceed \$18,000,000.

26 **(4)** **(i)** Except as provided in subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph, the
27 Commission shall reserve \$9,000,000 of the tax credits authorized under paragraph (3) of
28 this subsection for the following individuals in the following order of priority:

29 **1.** State employees who graduated from institutions of
30 higher education in the State where at least 40% of the attendees are eligible to receive
31 federal Pell Grants; and

32 **2.** all other State employees not described under item 1 of
33 this subparagraph.

34 **(ii)** If the total amount of tax credits applied for by individuals
35 described under subparagraph (i) of this paragraph is less than \$9,000,000 for a taxable

1 year, the Commission may make available the unused amount of credits for use by other
 2 qualified taxpayers.

3 (5) To claim the tax credit allowed under this section, an individual shall
 4 attach a copy of the Commission's certification of the approved credit amount to the income
 5 tax return.

6 (g) (1) On or before January 1 each year, the Commission shall report to the
 7 Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government Article, the General
 8 Assembly on:

9 (i) the number of applicants for the tax credit authorized under this
 10 section;

11 (ii) the number and amounts of tax credits awarded under this
 12 section to qualified taxpayers;

13 (iii) a breakdown of the age, gender, race, income, and counties of
 14 residency of qualified taxpayers who receive the credit; and

15 (iv) any additional information that the Commission deems relevant.

16 (2) On or before [January] **DECEMBER 1, 2026**, the Commission shall
 17 report to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government Article,
 18 the General Assembly recommendations for changes to statute or regulations that would
 19 better target the allocation of tax credits under this program.

20 (i) The tax credit under this section shall be referred to as the Student Loan Debt
 21 Relief Tax Credit.

22 10-741.

23 (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

24 (2) "Business entity" has the meaning stated in § 6-801 of the Economic
 25 Development Article.

26 (3) "Department" means the Department of Commerce.

27 (4) "Eligible project" has the meaning stated in § 6-801 of the Economic
 28 Development Article.

29 (5) "Existing business entity" has the meaning stated in § 6-801 of the
 30 Economic Development Article.

31 (6) "New business entity" has the meaning stated in § 6-801 of the Economic
 32 Development Article.

1 (7) “Qualified business entity” has the meaning stated in § 6–801 of the
2 Economic Development Article.

3 (8) “Qualified position” has the meaning stated in § 6–801 of the Economic
4 Development Article.

5 (9) “Tier I area” has the meaning stated in § 6–801 of the Economic
6 Development Article.

7 (10) “Tier II area” has the meaning stated in § 6–801 of the Economic
8 Development Article.

9 (b) (1) Subject to the limitations of this section, an individual or corporation
10 that is a new business entity that operates an eligible project in a Tier I area or an existing
11 business entity that operates an eligible project may claim a credit against the State income
12 tax equal to the amount stated in the final tax credit certificate approved by the Department
13 for an eligible project.

14 (2) The amount of the credit authorized under paragraph (1) of this
15 subsection is equal to the product of:

16 (i) 1. if the qualified business entity received a certificate under
17 § 6–805 of the Economic Development Article before June 1, 2022, 5.75%; or

18 2. if the qualified business entity received a certificate under
19 § 6–805 of the Economic Development Article on or after June 1, 2022, 4.75%; and

20 (ii) the total amount of wages paid for each qualified position at an
21 eligible project.

22 (3) If the tax credit allowed under this section in any taxable year exceeds
23 the total tax otherwise payable by the qualified business entity for that taxable year, the
24 qualified business entity may claim a refund in the amount of the excess.

25 (c) (1) On enrollment in the More Jobs for Marylanders Program established
26 under Title 6, Subtitle 8 of the Economic Development Article, a qualified business entity
27 shall apply to the Department for a tax credit certificate.

28 (2) The application shall be in the form and shall contain the information
29 the Department requires.

30 (3) (i) Subject to subsections (d) and (e) of this section, the Department
31 may issue a tax credit certificate to a qualified business entity in an amount not to exceed
32 the amount determined under subsection (b)(2) of this section.

1 (ii) In determining the allocation of the aggregate tax credit amounts
2 available in a fiscal year as provided under subsection (d) of this section, the Department
3 shall give priority to applications for eligible projects in a Tier I area, as defined under §
4 6-801 of the Economic Development Article.

5 (d) (1) In this subsection, “Reserve Fund” means the More Jobs for Marylanders
6 Tax Credit Reserve Fund established under paragraph (2) of this subsection.

7 (2) (i) There is a More Jobs for Marylanders Tax Credit Reserve Fund
8 that is a special continuing, nonlapsing fund that is not subject to § 7-302 of the State
9 Finance and Procurement Article.

10 (ii) The money in the Reserve Fund shall be invested and reinvested
11 by the Treasurer, and interest and earnings shall be credited to the General Fund.

12 (3) (i) Subject to the limitations of this subsection, the Department shall
13 issue an initial tax credit certificate in an amount equal to a percentage of total wages paid
14 for each qualified position at an eligible project as calculated under subsection (b)(2) of this
15 section.

16 (ii) An initial tax credit certificate issued under this subsection shall
17 state the maximum amount of tax credit for which the qualified business entity is eligible.

18 (iii) 1. Except as otherwise provided in this subparagraph, for any
19 fiscal year, the Department may not issue initial tax credit certificates for credit amounts in
20 the aggregate totaling more than:

21 A. with respect to qualified business entities provided a
22 certificate under § 6-805 of the Economic Development Article before June 1, 2022,
23 \$9,000,000 in a fiscal year; and

24 B. with respect to qualified business entities provided a
25 certificate under § 6-805 of the Economic Development Article on or after June 1, 2022,
26 \$5,000,000 in a fiscal year.

27 2. If the aggregate credit amounts under initial tax credit
28 certificates issued in a fiscal year total less than the maximum provided under
29 subsubparagraph 1 of this subparagraph, any excess amount shall remain in the Reserve
30 Fund.

31 3. For any fiscal year, if funds are transferred from the
32 Reserve Fund under the authority of any provision of law other than under paragraph (4) of
33 this subsection, the maximum credit amounts in the aggregate for which the Department
34 may issue initial tax credit certificates shall be reduced by the amount transferred.

35 (iv) For fiscal year 2019 and each fiscal year thereafter, the Governor
36 shall include in the annual budget bill an appropriation to the Reserve Fund in an amount

1 that is no less than the amount the Department reports is necessary under subsection (e) of
 2 this section to:

3 1. maintain the current level of manufacturing activity in the
 4 State;

5 2. attract new manufacturing activity to the State; and

6 3. attract new businesses to and encourage the expansion of
 7 existing businesses within opportunity zones in the State.

8 (v) Notwithstanding the provisions of § 7-213 of the State Finance
 9 and Procurement Article, the Governor may not reduce an appropriation to the Reserve Fund
 10 in the State budget as approved by the General Assembly.

11 (vi) 1. [Based] SUBJECT TO SUBSUBPARAGRAPHS 2, 3, AND 4
 12 OF THIS SUBPARAGRAPH, BASED on an amount equal to a percentage of the total actual
 13 wages paid for each qualified position at an eligible project as calculated under subsection
 14 (b)(2) of this section, the Department shall issue a final tax credit certificate to the qualified
 15 business entity.

16 2. FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR
 17 THEREAFTER, THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF FINAL TAX CREDIT CERTIFICATES ISSUED BY
 18 THE DEPARTMENT MAY NOT EXCEED \$15,000,000.

19 3. IF THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF FINAL TAX CREDIT
 20 CERTIFICATES THE DEPARTMENT IS REQUIRED TO ISSUE UNDER THIS
 21 SUBPARAGRAPH EXCEEDS \$15,000,000 IN ANY FISCAL YEAR, THE DEPARTMENT
 22 SHALL ISSUE FINAL TAX CREDIT CERTIFICATES TO QUALIFIED BUSINESS ENTITIES
 23 ON A PRO RATA BASIS.

24 4. THE DEPARTMENT MAY NOT ISSUE A FINAL TAX
 25 CREDIT CERTIFICATE FOR A TAXABLE YEAR BEGINNING AFTER DECEMBER 31, 2036.

26 (4) (i) Except as provided in this paragraph, money appropriated to the
 27 Reserve Fund shall remain in the Fund.

28 (ii) 1. Within 15 days after the end of each calendar quarter, the
 29 Department shall notify the Comptroller as to each final credit certificate issued during the
 30 quarter:

31 A. the maximum credit amount stated in the initial tax credit
 32 certificate for the qualified business entity; and

33 B. the final certified credit amount for the qualified business
 34 entity.

1 2. On notification that a final credit amount has been
 2 certified, the Comptroller shall transfer an amount equal to the credit amount stated in the
 3 [initial] FINAL tax credit certificate for the qualified business entity from the Reserve Fund
 4 to the General Fund.

5 (e) On or before July 1 each year, the Department shall report to the Governor and,
 6 subject to § 2-1257 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly on the amount of
 7 tax credits necessary to:

8 (1) maintain the current level of manufacturing activity in the State;

9 (2) attract new manufacturing activity to the State; and

10 (3) attract new businesses to and encourage the expansion of existing
 11 businesses within opportunity zones in the State.

12 (f) The Department and the Comptroller jointly shall adopt regulations to carry
 13 out the provisions of this section and to specify criteria and procedures for the application
 14 for, approval of, and monitoring of continuing eligibility for the tax credit under this section.

15 ~~SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read~~
 16 ~~as follows:~~

17 ~~**Chapter 275 of the Acts of 2023**~~

18 ~~SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Maryland Department of~~
 19 ~~Health [shall] MAY apply to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services~~
 20 ~~Administration at the Center for Mental Health Services for inclusion in the state certified~~
 21 ~~community behavioral health clinic demonstration program for fiscal year [2026] 2029,~~
 22 ~~SUBJECT TO THE LIMITATIONS OF THE STATE BUDGET.~~

23 SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read
 24 as follows:

25 **Article – Local Government**

26 20-403.

27 (a) Except as provided in § 20-404 of this subtitle, a county may impose, by
 28 resolution, a hotel rental tax.

29 (b) (1) This subsection applies only to Calvert County, Charles County, and St.
 30 Mary's County.

31 (2) The governing body of a county shall hold a public hearing before
 32 imposing a hotel rental tax.

1 (c) (1) Subject to subsection (d) of this section, Titles 1, 2, and 11 and Title 13,
 2 Subtitle 3 of the Tax – General Article and this title shall prevail to the extent of any conflict
 3 with any local law, ordinance, or resolution relating to the county hotel rental tax.

4 (d) Beginning January 1, [2028] 2029, Titles 1, 2, and 11 and Title 13, Subtitle 3
 5 of the Tax – General Article and this title shall prevail to the extent of any conflict with an
 6 agreement between a county and an accommodations intermediary.

7 20–434.

8 (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, a municipality that
 9 imposes a hotel rental tax may:

10 (1) provide for the administration and collection of the tax; and

11 (2) impose penalties for failure to collect, report, or pay the tax.

12 (b) The Comptroller shall:

13 (1) collect the municipal hotel rental tax from accommodations
 14 intermediaries in the same manner as the county hotel rental tax under this subtitle; and

15 (2) distribute to a municipality, before the last day of the next month, the
 16 hotel tax revenue that is collected on behalf of the municipality from an accommodations
 17 intermediary during the preceding month.

18 (d) (1) Subject to subsection (e) of this section, Title 11 and Title 13, Subtitle 3
 19 of the Tax – General Article and this title shall prevail to the extent of any conflict with
 20 any local law, ordinance, or resolution relating to a municipal hotel rental tax.

21 (e) Beginning January 1, [2028] 2029, Title 11 and Title 13, Subtitle 3 of the
 22 Tax – General Article and this title shall prevail to the extent of any conflict with an
 23 agreement between a municipality and an accommodations intermediary.

24 **Chapter 638 of the Acts of 2025**

25 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July**
 26 **1, [2027] 2028.**

27 ~~**SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read**~~
 28 ~~**as follows:**~~

29 ~~**Article – Transportation**~~

30 ~~**13–936.**~~

1 ~~(a) In this section, "historic motor vehicle" means a motor vehicle, including a~~
2 ~~passenger vehicle, motorcycle, or truck that:~~

3 ~~(1) Is [a model year of 1999 or earlier] AT LEAST 25 YEARS OLD;~~

4 ~~(2) Has not been substantially altered from the manufacturer's original~~
5 ~~design; and~~

6 ~~(3) Meets criteria contained in regulations adopted by the Administration.~~

7 ~~(b) In this section, "historic motor vehicle" does not include a vehicle that has been~~
8 ~~remanufactured or reconstructed as a replica of an original vehicle.~~

9 ~~(c) If registered with the Administration under this section, every historic motor~~
10 ~~vehicle is a Class L (historic) vehicle.~~

11 ~~(d) Except as provided in subsection (i) of this section, for each Class L (historic)~~
12 ~~vehicle, the annual registration fee is:~~

13 ~~(1) On or after July 1, 2024, but before July 1, 2025, \$45.50; and~~

14 ~~(2) On or after July 1, 2025, \$55.50.~~

15 ~~(e) In applying for registration of a historic motor vehicle under this section, the~~
16 ~~owner of the vehicle shall submit with the application a certification that the vehicle for~~
17 ~~which the application is made:~~

18 ~~(1) Will be maintained for use in exhibitions, club activities, parades, tours,~~
19 ~~and occasional transportation; and~~

20 ~~(2) Will not be used:~~

21 ~~(i) For general daily transportation;~~

22 ~~(ii) Primarily for the transportation of passengers or property on~~
23 ~~highways;~~

24 ~~(iii) For employment;~~

25 ~~(iv) For transportation to and from employment or school; or~~

26 ~~(v) For commercial purposes.~~

27 ~~(f) Except as provided in § 13-936.1 of this subtitle, on registration of a vehicle~~
28 ~~under this section, the Administration shall issue a special, historic motor vehicle~~
29 ~~registration plate of the size and design that the Administration determines.~~

~~(g) Unless the presence of the equipment was specifically required by a statute of this State as a condition of sale when the vehicle was manufactured, the presence of any specific equipment is not required for the operation of a vehicle registered under this section.~~

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~~(h) (1) A vehicle with a model year of 1985 or earlier registered under this section is exempt from any statute that requires vehicle inspections.~~

~~(2) A vehicle registered under this section is exempt from any statute that requires the use and inspection of emission controls.~~

~~(i) (1) For a motor vehicle manufactured at least 60 years prior to the current model year, there is a onetime registration fee of \$50.00.~~

~~(2) Registration of a motor vehicle manufactured under this subsection is not transferable to a subsequent owner.~~

SECTION ~~5~~ ~~6~~ 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the unexpended fiscal year 2018 special fund appropriation of \$980,000 for outdoor recreation land loan – capital appropriation (K00A05.10) within the Department of Natural Resources allocated to the College of Southern Maryland may be repurposed for State land acquisition under Program Open Space.

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SECTION ~~6~~ ~~7~~ 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, notwithstanding any other provision of law, on or before June 30, 2026, the Governor may transfer to the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange (D78Y01) \$250,000 from the Child Care Capital Support Revolving Loan Fund established under § 9.5–113.1 of the Education Article to conduct an outreach campaign to help child care workers enroll in health insurance and conduct a survey of the landscape and availability of health insurance among child care providers.

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SECTION ~~6~~ ~~7~~ ~~8~~ 7. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, notwithstanding any other provision of law, on or before June 30, 2026, the Governor may transfer to the General Fund the following:

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(1) \$259,000,000 from the Renewable Portfolio Standard/ACP Account of the Maryland Strategic Energy Investment Fund established under § 9–20B–05 of the State Government Article;

(2) ~~\$187,609,007~~ \$119,151,120 from the Fiscal Responsibility Fund established under § 7–330 of the State Finance and Procurement Article;

(3) \$33,000,000 from the Administration Account of the Maryland Strategic Energy Investment Fund established under § 9–20B–05;

(4) \$10,000,000 from the ~~Maryland Loan Assistance Repayment Program Fund for Nurses and Nursing Support Staff~~ established under ~~§ 24–1902~~ of the Health

1 ~~General Article~~ Nurse Support Program Assistance Fund established under § 11–405 of the
 2 Education Article; and

3 (5) \$2,000,000 from the Performance Incentive Grant Fund established
 4 under § 9–3209 of the State Government Article;

5 (6) \$2,000,000 from the Maryland Police Training and Standards
 6 Commission Fund established under § 3–206.1 of the Public Safety Article; and

7 (7) \$1,000,000 from the Non–Depository Special Fund established under §
 8 2–120 of the Financial Institutions Article.

9 SECTION ~~7. § 9. § 8.~~ AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, notwithstanding any
 10 other provision of law, on or before June 30, 2026, the Governor may transfer to the General
 11 Fund ~~\$1,038,910~~ \$1,243,484 from the Dedicated Purpose Account established under §
 12 7–310 of the State Finance and Procurement Article for the following purposes:

13 (1) \$355,760 for domestic violence centers;

14 (2) \$201,292 for assisted living centers;

15 (3) \$152,732 for the State Police Gun Center;

16 (4) \$101,537 for police departments to coordinate task forces that cross
 17 jurisdictional boundaries;

18 (5) \$100,001 for the Center for Neuroscience of Social Justice;

19 (6) \$75,988 for violence prevention and interruption organizations; ~~and~~

20 (7) \$51,600 for the Greater Baltimore Regional Integrated Crisis System;

21 (8) \$197,530 to rebuild State government and modernize human resources
 22 practices; and

23 (9) \$7,044 for food banks.

24 SECTION ~~9. 10. 9.~~ AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, notwithstanding any
 25 other provision of law, on or before June 30, 2026, the Governor may transfer to the General
 26 Fund \$380,000,000 from the Local Income Tax Reserve Account established under § 2–606
 27 of the Tax – General Article.

28 ~~SECTION 8. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, notwithstanding any other~~
 29 ~~provision of law, on or before June 30, 2027, the Governor may transfer to the General Fund~~
 30 ~~\$6,700,000 from the Maternal and Child Health Population Health Improvement Fund~~
 31 ~~established under § 19–210 of the Health – General Article.~~

1 SECTION ~~9, 10, 11, 10.~~ AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, notwithstanding
 2 any other provision of law, on or before June 30, 2027, the Governor may transfer to the
 3 General Fund the following, with the funds for related projects to be replaced with General
 4 Obligation Bonds:

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5 (1) \$70,000,000 from the Bay Restoration Fund established under §
 6 9–1605.2 of the Environment Article; and

7 (2) ~~\$13,068,000~~ \$7,011,156 from the Waterway Improvement Fund
 8 established under § 8–707 of the Natural Resources Article; ~~and~~

9 ~~(3) \$188,844 from the Program Open Space Local Funds that reverted to~~
 10 ~~and are held in a special account by the Department of Natural Resources under §~~
 11 ~~5–905(b)(7) of the Natural Resources Article.~~

12 SECTION ~~10, 11, 12, 11.~~ AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the fiscal year
 13 2026 General Fund appropriation of \$3,000,000 for Facility Operations Administration and
 14 Support (V00E01.02) within the Department of Juvenile Services restricted for the purpose
 15 of reopening the Alfred D. Noyes Children’s Center as an adolescent drug treatment center
 16 may be instead used to provide drug treatment services at other child–serving facilities and
 17 to reopen the Alfred D. Noyes Children’s Center as a facility for children.

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18 ~~SECTION 11. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, notwithstanding any other~~
 19 ~~provision of law, no amounts may be expended in fiscal year 2027 to pay increases over the~~
 20 ~~rates in effect on January 21, 2026, for providers of nonpublic placements under § 8–406 of~~
 21 ~~the Education Article.~~

22 SECTION ~~12, 13, 12.~~ AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, notwithstanding any
 23 other provision of law, no amounts may be expended in fiscal year 2027 to pay increases
 24 over the rates in effect on January 21, 2026, for providers with rates set by the Interagency
 25 Rates Committee under § 8–417 of the Education Article.

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26 SECTION ~~13, 14, 13.~~ AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, notwithstanding any
 27 other provision of law, the Interagency Commission on School Construction may reallocate
 28 federal funding awarded from fiscal years 2022 and 2023 for heating, ventilation, and
 29 air–conditioning upgrades for public school buildings to ensure compliance with the
 30 provisions of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

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31 SECTION ~~14, 15, 14.~~ AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 3 of this Act
 32 shall be applicable to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2025.

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33 SECTION ~~15, 16, 15.~~ AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Sections 2 and 3 of
 34 this Act shall take effect July 1, 2026.

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35 SECTION ~~16, 17, 16.~~ AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 4 of this Act
 36 shall take effect July 1, 2027, the effective date of Chapter 638 of the Acts of the General

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1 Assembly of 2025. If the effective date of Chapter 638 is amended, Section 4 of this Act shall
2 take effect on the taking effect of Chapter 638.

3 ~~SECTION 18. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 5 of this Act shall~~
4 ~~take effect July 1, 2027.~~

5 SECTION ~~16, 17, 19, 17.~~ AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, except as
6 provided in ~~Section 15 Sections 15 and 16 16, 17, and 18~~ 15 and 16 of this Act, this Act shall
7 take effect June 1, 2026.

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8 Approved:

9 _____ Governor.

10 _____ President of the Senate.

11 Speaker of the House of Delegates.