

House Appropriations Committee

Report on

Senate Bill 282 – the Budget Bill

**Senate Bill 284 – the Budget Reconciliation and
Financing Act**

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Fiscal 2027 Budget Budget Bill (SB 282) and the Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act (SB 284) As Amended by the House Appropriations Committee

Meets Spending Affordability Goals: Both the general fund balance of \$282 million and the fiscal 2027 structural shortfall of \$529 million surpass the Spending Affordability Committee goals of \$100 million fund balance and reducing the structural shortfall to no more than \$600 million.

Preserves Reserves: More than \$2.4 billion in cash resources (equivalent to 9.0% of general fund revenues) are preserved including \$2.2 billion in the Revenue Stabilization Account (Rainy Day Fund) and \$282 million in the General Fund.

Decreases General Fund Spending: Under the budget plan, general fund spending decreases by \$151.2 million compared to fiscal 2026. Spending across all funds increases by less than 1%.

Restores Funds for Legislative Priorities: The proposed budget restores funds for legislative priorities that the Governor proposed to reduce, including \$20 million for behavioral health services through the Consortium for Community Supports, \$27 million for disparity grants to local governments, and \$2.5 million to provide a 2% rate increase for nonpublic placement providers.

Adds Funds to Preserve Services for the Developmentally Disabled and Support Other Legislative Priorities: The budget plan adds \$23.1 million for community services for the developmentally disabled to reduce the amount of fiscal 2027 cost containment actions to \$126.4 million. Other notable legislative additions include \$20 million to reduce the wait list for the Child Care Scholarship program, \$8 million to provide a 1% rate increase for nursing home providers, \$8 million for the Western Maryland Economic Future Investment Fund, \$10 million to expand available pre-kindergarten capacity, nearly \$6 million to continue the child care credential program, and \$14 million for economic growth initiatives. Capacity in the capital budget bill is created by adding \$51 million to the operating budget to fund rental housing development costs with cash rather than bonds.

Invests in Growing the Economy: Under the committee's proposal, about \$117 million is invested in the operating budget to grow the private sector economy, including \$37 million for grants to IonQ, AstraZeneca and Prieto Battery, which are locating or expanding facilities in Maryland; \$8 million for the Sunny Day Fund; \$10 million for the Capital of Quantum Initiative; and \$10 million for the Sphere Maryland.

Increases Funding for Public Schools: Under the committee's budget proposal, the core Blueprint for Maryland's Future formulas are fully funded. State support for public

schools will total \$10.1 billion. Direct aid to local school systems will increase an estimated \$320 million, or 3.6%.

Boosts State Employee Salaries: The budget plan includes \$144 million in general funds for fiscal 2027 salary increases, including a 1.5% cost-of-living adjustment for most employees.

Continues to Provide Vital Health Care Services: Medicaid funding totals \$16.8 billion, allowing the State to provide coverage to about 1.5 million of our residents. About \$13 million is provided to implement new federal work and eligibility redetermination requirements, including a public awareness campaign to encourage program compliance and avoid enrollment loss.

Earmarks Funds to Lower Energy Bills for Marylanders: The budget plan includes \$100 million to provide relief to electric customers, which when coupled with proposed policy changes, should save Maryland families at least \$150 on their energy bills starting in fiscal 2027. The budget also includes \$280 million for the Office of Home Energy Programs to assist low-income households with their energy bills and arrearages and authorizes the Maryland Energy Administration to spend almost \$73 million to purchase heat pumps for low- and moderate-income households.

Enhances Fiscal Oversight: The budget plan includes \$5 million targeted to reducing repeat audit findings across State government, \$2 million to enhance State fiscal leadership capacity, and \$0.5 million to enhance the Maryland Department of Health's entitlement expenditure tracking and forecasting capabilities.

Fiscal 2027 General Fund Balancing Strategy

	<u>Governor</u>	<u>Senate</u>	<u>House</u>
Fiscal 2027 Ending Balance (Before Legislation)*	-\$1,424.2	-\$1,424.2	-\$1,424.2
Revenue Adjustments including Transfers			
Board of Revenue Estimates March Revisions	247.6	247.6	247.6
BRFA	931.6	1,019.2	1,021.2
Spending Adjustments			
Reductions Contingent on BRFA	593.3	84.3	101.3
Reductions Contingent on Other Legislation	0.3	0.3	0.3
Spending Reductions		656.9	667.8
Spending Additions for Legislative Priorities		-186.2	-200.6
Placeholder for House Spending Additions		-16.0	
Placeholder for Supplemental No. 2 Spending Additions	TBD	-131.9	-131.9
Fiscal 2027 Estimated Closing Balance	\$348.5	\$250.0	\$281.5

*Includes Supplemental No. 1.

Fiscal 2026 and 2027 Revenues and Transfers Authorized by the Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act

BRFA General Fund Transfers	<u>Senate</u>	<u>House</u>
Local Income Tax Reserve Fund – Correct for Overallocation to the Fund	\$380.0	\$380.0
SEIF	259.0	259.0
Fiscal Responsibility Fund	119.2	119.2
BRF (Spending Reduction Backfilled with GO Bonds)	70.0	70.0
SEIF RGGI Administration Account	33.0	33.0
Nurse Support II Program	10.0	10.0
Waterway Improvement Fund (Spending Reduction Backfilled with GO Bonds)	7.0	7.0
GOCPP Performance Incentive Fund	2.0	2.0
Police Training and Standards Commission	2.0	2.0
DPA: Unspent Funds from Prior Years	1.2	1.2
Labor Non-Depository Fund	1.0	1.0
BRFA General Fund Revenues		
OBBBA Decouple from Accelerated Depreciation of Production Property	\$122.5	\$122.5
OBBBA Partially Decouple from Bonus Depreciation	10.3	10.3
Student Debt Relief Tax Credit (Tax Year 2026)	9.0	9.0
Student Debt Relief Tax Credit (Tax Year 2025)	-7.0	-7.0
Repeal of Revenue Diversion to Driver's Education Grant Program		2.0
Total Fiscal 2026 and 2027 General Fund Actions	\$1,019.2	\$1,021.2
Special Fund Revenues		
TTF Revenue from OBBBA Decoupling	\$22.9	\$22.9
HEIF Revenue from OBBBA Decoupling	7.4	7.4
SEIF Revenue from OBBBA Decoupling	0.4	0.4
Total Fiscal 2027 Special Fund Actions	\$30.7	\$30.7

Legislative Actions on Spending
(\$ in Millions)

Proposed Budget Reductions

General Fund Reductions

	<u>Senate</u>	<u>House</u>
<u>Fiscal 2027 Actions</u>		
Appropriation to Rainy Day Fund (Leaves Balance of \$2.2 Billion in Rainy Day Fund)	\$449.8	\$449.8
Fund Swap – Use Fiscal Responsibility Funds for Major IT Costs	59.3	59.3
Shift Community College, Librarian and K-12 Teachers’ Retirement Costs to Locals*	39.3	39.3
Delete Placeholder for Legislative Adds	30.0	30.0
Cap Community College Formula Growth at 3% per College	21.0	21.0
Fund Swap – Use Available Cigarette Restitution Funds for Medicaid*	8.4	8.4
Fund Swap – Fund Higher Education Costs with HEIF Revenue from OBBBA Decoupling*	6.8	6.8
Fund Aviation Command Costs from MEMSOF*	5.5	5.5
Level Fund Foster Care Rates*	5.1	5.1
Social Equity – Fund with Cannabis Business Assistance*	5.0	5.0
Slow Growth in Various Operating Costs for Judiciary	4.5	2.8
Level Fund Sellinger Aid to Non-Public Institutions of Higher Education	4.5	4.5
Reduce Funds for DHS IT Programming Enhancements to Align with Planned Spending	4.1	
Reduce Double Budgeted Funds for Erroneous Convictions	4.0	4.0
No 1% Merit Increase for Judiciary Consistent with Executive Branch	3.2	3.2
Fund Swap to Use Senior Prescription Drug Assistance Program Surplus for Retiree Drug Costs	3.0	3.0
Medicaid Savings from Directing Patients with End State Renal Disease to Apply for Medicare	3.0	3.0
Align Judges Salary Adjustment with Judicial Compensation Commission Recommendation	2.2	2.2
Fund Biotech Tax Credit at \$10 Million	2.0	2.0
Use Balance in Board of Physicians Fund to support MLARP for Physicians*	2.0	2.0
Fund Swap – Use Available CRF to Fund Medicaid*	2.0	2.0
Reduce Tobacco Control Program Spending to \$17.5 Million*	1.6	1.6
Fund Historic Revitalization Tax Credit Program’s Small Commercial Set-aside at \$500k	1.5	1.5
Fund Police Officers & Probation Agents Scholarship Program at \$500k	1.5	1.5
Fund MLARP for Police Officers & Probation Agents at \$500k	1.5	1.5
Fund Swap – Fund Conservation Corps from SEIF*	1.5	1.5
Fund Swap – Use Available Federal Funds for Medicaid Rx Major IT Project	1.3	1.3
Fund Promise Scholarship at \$12.5 Million in Fiscal 2027	1.0	
Advanced Directives Fund Swap*	1.0	1.0
Align Funds for DHS Call Center with Projected Costs	1.0	
Fund Swap – Fund Power Plant Research Program with SEIF*	0.8	0.8
No Funds for Adult High School Pilot	0.8	0.8

	<u>Senate</u>	<u>House</u>
Modify BCCC Funding Formula to Slow Growth – Still Allows for \$0.2 Million Increase*	0.7	0.7
Vacancy Savings in DoIT	0.5	0.5
No Funds for Major IT Project on Permitting Due to Failure to Submit Detail	0.5	0.5
Fund Swap – Fund Behavioral Health Costs from Balance in Counselors and Therapists Fund*	0.5	0.5
OPD Vacancy Savings	0.5	
Level Fund Leaders in Environmentally Engaged Farming Program in Agriculture at \$500k	0.4	0.2
Delete State Match for SNAP Nutrition Education Program That Has Been Repealed	0.4	0.4
Fund Growing Apprenticeships and Public Safety Program at \$390k*	0.4	0.4
Reduce Funds for UMCP Due to Expiration of a Mandate	0.4	0.4
Slow Growth in Funding for Maryland State Arts Council	0.3	
Fund Swap – Fund MDEM Resiliency Costs from the SEIF*	0.3	0.3
Level Fund Dwyer Workforce Development Grant at \$250k	0.3	0.3
MHEC Operating Savings	0.3	0.3
Fund MDE Water and Wetlands Costs from New Special Fund Revenues**	0.3	0.3
Fund Title IX Representation from Fund Balance*	0.3	0.3
Fund Swap – Fund DHCD Operating Costs from the SEIF*	0.2	0.2
Fund Swap – Fund Labor Operating Costs from the SEIF*	0.2	0.2
Fund Career Pathways for Healthcare Workers at \$350k *	0.2	0.2
Fund Prince George’s County Reentry Employment Incentive at \$350k*	0.2	0.2
Fund Swap – Fund MDP Operating Costs from the SEIF*	0.1	0.1
Fund Swap – Fund Comptroller Operating Costs from the SEIF*	0.1	0.1
Delete Vacant Pin from Office of Deaf and Hard of Hearing	0.1	
Fund Urban Agriculture Water and Power Reduction at \$400k*	0.1	0.1
Fund Healthy Soils Program at \$400,000*	0.1	0.1
Delete Grant to Defunct Educational Organization	0.1	0.1
No General Funds for Office of Home Energy Programs (DHS)	0.05	0.05
Abolish Lacrosse Opportunities Program*	0.04	0.04
Cap Funding for More Jobs for Marylanders at \$15 Million*		17.0
Delete Baltimore City Children and Youth Fund Grant Due to Expiration of Mandate		2.0
Reduce Funding for Sunny Day Fund to \$8 Million		8.0
Delay Maryland Corps Expansion		8.5
Delete 10 New Positions for Maryland Corps		1.0
Reduce Funding for Baltimore Tech Hub Consortium to \$250k		0.3
<u>Fiscal 2026 Actions</u>		
Recognize Medicaid Savings from Medicaid Loss Ratio Recoveries from MCOs	44.2	44.2
Budget Overstates Amount Needed to Pay fiscal 2025 Medicaid Bills	10.0	10.0
Fund Swap – Fund Conservation Corps from the SEIF*	1.5	1.5
Fund Growing Apprenticeships and Public Safety Program at \$390k*	0.4	0.4
Fund Title IX Representation from Fund Balance	0.3	0.3
Reduce Fiscal 2026 Deficiency for Public Defender Due to Unexplained Costs	0.1	
Total General Fund Reductions	\$741.5	\$769.4

Senate **House**

Special Fund Reductions

Fiscal 2027 Actions

Delete SEIF Funds for Rate Payer Relief; Funds Added for an Alternative Method of Ratepayer Relief	\$100.0	\$100.0
Reduce SEIF Incentives for Solar and Clean Energy; Funds Added for Alternative Approach	100.0	100.0
No SEIF for Energy Resource and Adequacy Planning Act or Grid Enhancing Technologies	40.0	40.0
Reduce Double Budgeted Funds in MDE	11.1	11.1
No SEIF for Study on High Voltage Transmission Lines Along State Highways	10.0	10.0
Reduce Overbudgeted DHS Call Center Funds	5.0	
Reduce Fund for Major IT Projects for Judiciary	5.0	7.0
Cap Expansion of Funding for Full Day Pre-K to Families at 450% of Poverty Level*	3.6	3.6
MCHRC Will Spend Fund Balance Rather Than CRFs*	1.0	1.0
Correct Budgeting Error in Department of Commerce	0.6	0.6
PSC Vacancy Savings	0.4	
No 1% Merit Increase for Judiciary consistent with Executive Branch	0.2	0.2
Delete Long-term Vacant Position in Assessments and Taxation	0.1	0.1
Reduce Travel for Office of Attorney General	0.1	
Delete 1 New Position for MDEM	0.1	
Level Fund Provider Rates for Foster Care*	0.1	0.1
No Funds for Maryland 5 Star at Fair Hill		1.8
Delay Maryland Corps Expansion		4.4

Fiscal 2026 Actions

Delete Unused Fiscal Responsibility Funds	59.3	59.3
Reduce Overbudgeted DHS Call Center Funds	9.3	
Total Special Fund Reductions	\$345.9	\$339.1

* Contingent on Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act (SB 284).

** Contingent on Other Legislation.

Proposed Budget Additions

General Fund Additions

Fiscal 2027 Additions

Shared Senate & House Priorities

Developmental Disabilities Administration to Reduce Cost Containment	\$23.100	\$23.100
MSDE to Reduce Waitlist for Child Care Scholarships	20.000	20.000
Maryland Legal Services Corporation for Access to Counsel	10.000	10.000
1% Rate Increase for Nursing Homes	8.078	8.078
Western Maryland Economic Future Investment Fund	8.000	8.000
Rental Assistance for Community School Families Program	5.000	6.000

	<u>Senate</u>	<u>House</u>
MDH Prevention and Health Promotion Administration for Community Access Grant	5.000	5.000
MDP for Development of Integrated Data Dashboard	2.000	2.000
Grant to MDOA for Long-Term Care Ombudsman	2.000	2.000
Grant to University of Baltimore for the Schaefer Center for Public Policy	1.500	1.500
Grant to Boys and Girls Clubs of Maryland	1.500	1.500
Grant to Maryland Patient Safety Center	1.000	1.000
Grant to Maryland Coalition Against Sexual Assault for Rape Crisis Centers	1.000	1.000
Grant for Maryland Network Against Domestic Violence	1.000	1.000
Grant to Maryland Center for History and Culture	1.000	1.000
Grant to UMGC for Maryland Completion Scholarships	1.000	1.000
Grant to SHINE	0.500	0.500
Grant to Maryland Science Center	0.500	0.500
Grant to Zaching Against Cancer	0.250	0.250
Grant to TU for Maryland Center for Community Schools	0.250	0.250
Grant to TU for Grasmick Leadership Institute	0.250	0.250
Grant to Economic Action Maryland for Securing Older Adults Resources Program	0.250	0.250
Grant to UMCP for TerpsExceed	0.200	0.200
Create a HBCU Liaison Position at MHEC	0.130	0.130
Grant to FSC First for Level UP Program	0.100	0.100
25 Pins for Comptroller's Taxpayer Services Division		1.417
Enhance MSDE's Child Care Scholarship Program IT System		1.000
 <i>Other Additions for Legislative Priorities</i>		
Grant to TEDCO for Maryland Innovation Initiative	5.000	5.000
Grant to TEDCO for Maryland Growth Initiative Contingent on SB 763/HB 1596	4.000	4.000
Grant to Maryland Clean Energy Center	3.000	3.000
Grant to the MTA for A Pilot Bus Route in Baltimore County	2.000	2.000
Grant to Commerce for Maryland's Future Fund Contingent on SB 770/HB1473	1.500	1.500
Grant to Commerce for Maryland Workforce Launch Pilot Program Contingent on SB 869	1.000	1.000
Grant to Maryland Association for Boards of Education for Health Programs	1.000	1.000
Grant to Anne Arundel County Public Schools for a Pilot Program for High Acuity Students	1.000	1.000
Grant to Maryland Children's Alliance	0.750	0.750
Grant to Maryland Information Network for 2-1-1	0.600	0.600
Grant to TEDCO for Stem Cell Research	0.550	0.550
Grant to Vehicles for Change	0.500	0.500
Grant to Maryland State Firefighter's Association for Voluntary Company Assistance Fund	0.500	0.500
Grant to Maryland Tech Council	0.500	0.500
Grant to NorthBay Education	0.500	0.500
Grant to Baltimore Center Stage	0.500	0.500
Increase Funding for Local Management Boards	0.500	0.500
Grant to Maryland Public Television	0.500	0.500

	<u>Senate</u>	<u>House</u>
Grant to Baltimore Museum of Art	0.500	0.500
Grant for Maryland Professional and Volunteer Firefighter Cancer Screening	0.500	0.500
Grant to Friends of Patapsco Valley State Park	0.500	0.500
Grant to Cal Ripken Sr. Foundation	0.500	0.500
Funds to Implement AI Ready Schools Act of 2026 Contingent on SB 720/HB 1057	0.500	0.500
Funds for USM to Implement the Maryland Artificial Intelligence Partnership Contingent on SB 597	0.500	0.500
Grant to MEDCO for IT Project to Streamline Small Business Filing Process	0.500	0.500
Grant to Chesapeake Multicultural Center	0.500	1.000
Boating Funds for Individuals with Disabilities and Service-Disabled Veterans	0.400	0.400
University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science for Horn Point Lab	0.400	0.400
Add Funds for Wine and Beer Promotion Fund	0.400	0.400
Grant to Chesapeake Shakespeare Company	0.350	0.350
Grant to Youth Service Bureaus	0.300	0.300
Grant to Hippodrome	0.300	0.300
Grant to Thread	0.300	0.300
Grant to Goodwill Industries of the Chesapeake	0.300	0.300
Grant to MD Labor to Include a Leasing Training Academy in the EARN Program	0.300	0.300
Grant to Evaluate the Physical Condition of Baltimore Symphony Orchestra's Facilities	0.250	0.250
Grant to Robert Johnson Center	0.250	0.250
Grant to Living Classrooms Foundation	0.250	0.250
Grant to Alzheimer's Association	0.250	0.250
Grant to Frederick Health for Family Connects Frederick County	0.250	0.250
Grant to West Baltimore Development Authority	0.250	0.250
Grant to Pride of Baltimore	0.250	0.250
Grant to Gilchrist Hospice Care	0.250	0.250
Coppin State University for Campus Safety	0.250	0.250
Grant to the ALS Association	0.250	0.250
Grant to Dwyer Workforce Development	0.250	0.250
Maryland Crime Victims Resource Center	0.200	0.200
Grant to Historic Annapolis	0.200	0.200
Grant to Humanim	0.200	0.200
Grant to GOCPP for Study on Violence in Correctional System	0.200	0.200
Grant to Comptroller to Study Economic Growth Trends in Maryland Contingent on SB 770/HB 1473	0.200	0.200
Grant to Parks and People	0.150	0.150
Grant to Merriweather Arts and Culture Center	0.150	0.150
Add Funds for Mainstreet Improvement Program	0.150	0.150
Grant to Autism Society of Maryland	0.150	0.150
Grant to Easterseals for Behavioral Health	0.150	0.150
Department of Assessments and Taxation to Waive Fees for Federal Employees Who Lost Jobs	0.150	0.150
Grant to Chesapeake Bay Outward Bound School	0.150	0.150

	<u>Senate</u>	<u>House</u>
Grant to Greater Washington Board of Trade Foundation for Business Growth Initiative	0.150	0.150
Grant to Metro Washington Council of Governments for Regional AI Workforce Platform	0.100	0.100
Grant to Camp Attaway	0.100	0.100
Grant to Glenwood Academy	0.100	0.100
Grant to Columbia Community Care	0.100	0.100
Grant to Neighbor Ride	0.100	0.100
Grant to Mission First for programming at Patuxent Commons	0.100	0.100
Grant to Water's Edge Eastern Shore	0.100	0.100
Youth Fields	0.100	0.100
Grant to Baltimore City for Stop Sign Safety Camera Implementation	0.100	0.100
Grant to Technology Advancement Center for Cybersecurity	0.100	0.100
Grant to AthLife Foundation	0.100	0.100
Grant to Olney Civic Fund	0.100	0.100
Grant to Western Maryland Scenic Railroad	0.075	0.075
Grant to Horizon Day Camp	0.075	0.075
Grant to Lincoln Technical Institute	0.075	0.075
DHCD for Growing Apprenticeships Study	0.075	0.075
Grant to Chambers of Commerce in Montgomery County	0.075	0.075
Grant to Military Bowl	0.075	0.150
Grant to Art in Ellicott City	0.065	0.065
Grant to Assateague Coastal Trust	0.065	0.065
Grant to Maryland Community Action Partnership – Needs Assessment	0.060	0.060
Grant to Frederick Youth Center	0.050	0.050
Grant to YMCA of the Chesapeake	0.050	0.050
Grant to Hygea Health for Residential Addiction Treatment	0.050	0.050
Grant for JFK Ultramarathon	0.050	0.050
Grant to STEM Workforce Development Initiative in Baltimore City	0.050	0.050
Grant to Boulanger for Women in the Arts	0.050	0.050
Grant for a Baltimore City Flag Football League	0.045	0.045
Grant to End Time Harvest Ministries Inc.	0.038	0.038
Grant to Port Towns Community Development Corporation	0.038	0.038
Grant to Community Advocates for Family & Youth	0.038	0.038
Grant to Carole Highlands Neighborhood Association	0.038	0.038
Grant to Parity Baltimore inc.	0.035	0.035
Grant to Board Room Chess Inc.	0.030	0.030
Grant to Arts for Learning Maryland	0.025	0.025
Grant to Ohana of Howard County	0.025	0.025
Grant to For 3 Sisters Inc. to Support People with Breast Cancer	0.025	0.025
Grant to Sandy Spring Slave Museum	0.010	0.010
Grant to CCI Health Services for Family Residency Program		1.500
Increase Funds for Baltimore Cyber Range		1.300
8 PINS for the Department of Legislative Services		0.857
DJS for Work Related to Unmarked Graves		0.800
Grant to Latin American Youth Center, Inc.		0.500

	<u>Senate</u>	<u>House</u>
Increase Funding for Next Generation Scholars Program		0.450
3 Positions for MDOT		0.330
Grant to Rebirth Inc.		0.300
2 New Coordinator Positions to Address Hospital Overstays		0.250
Study Compensation of State IT and Cybersecurity Staff Contingent on HB 1335		0.250
Grant To Western Maryland Health Clinic		0.250
Grant to UMCP for Judge Williams Jr. Center for Education, Justice, and Ethics		0.250
Grant for Sail250		0.250
Grant to Sister States of Maryland		0.250
Funds for DNR to Study Land Around Beltsville Agricultural Research Center		0.250
Study Feasibility of Establishing a Child Care Center at Old Annapolis Post Office		0.250
Grant to Maggie McIntosh School Arts Fund		0.250
Grant to MCHRC for a Study on Behavioral Health Services for Adolescents in Prince George's County		0.250
Maryland Reparations Commission		0.200
Grant to Change the Conversation to Support Frederick County Public Schools		0.150
Grant to Prince George's County Child Resource Connect		0.150
Grant to University of Maryland School of Medicine Center for Infant Child Loss		0.150
Grant to Friends of White Oak		0.150
Increase Funds for Homeowner Protection Program		0.100
Grant to UMCP for Partnership for Action Learning in Sustainability		0.100
Grant to Annapolis Immigration Justice Network Inc.		0.100
Grant to Anne Arundel County Food Bank		0.100
Grant to Lakeland Community Heritage Project, Inc.		0.100
Grant to Field of Firsts Foundation, Inc.		0.100
Grant to Laurel Advocacy and Referral Services Inc.		0.100
Grant to Goucher College for Research and Grant Writing		0.065
Grant to Vine Corps		0.050
Grant to Huntington City Community Development Corporation		0.050
Grant to Neighbors Helping Neighbors College Park Inc.		0.050
Grant to College Park Community Food Bank, Inc.		0.050
Grant to Empowering Minds of Maryland's Youth		0.030
Grant to Black Enterprise Resource Center for Small Batch Manufacturing Ecosystem Project		0.020
Grant to Action for Kindness		0.020
Grant to NAMI Prince George's County		0.010

Fiscal 2026 Additions

Shift DHCD Rental Housing from GO Bonds to PAYGO	51.200	51.200
Maryland Advanced Manufacturing Grant Program	3.000	3.000
Total General Fund Additions	\$186.193	\$200.567

Special Fund Additions

Fiscal 2027 Additions

Downpayment on Empower Maryland Residential Programming Costs**	\$100.000	\$100.000
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	<u>Senate</u>	<u>House</u>
MEA Grant Program Operated as a Reverse Auction for New Renewable Energy and Storage Capacity**	100.000	100.000
Partially Offset Ratepayer Costs for the Limited Income Discount Program**	36.800	36.800
Fund HVAC Upgrades in Public Schools**	10.000	10.000
MEA Residential and Commercial Energy Storage Program (on Top of \$2.0 Million Budgeted)**	2.000	2.000
MDE Costs of Implementing SB 781/HB 1268 CHERISH Our Communities Act**	1.200	1.200
Expand Pre-Kindergarten Expansion Grants to \$36.6 Million		10.000
Fund Child Care Credential Program		5.687
9 Positions for PSC		1.400
Additional Spending from Waterway Improvement Fund		0.125

Fiscal 2026 Additions

Major Information Technology Development Projects (Fund Swap from General Funds)	59.314	59.314
Total Special Fund Additions	\$309.314	\$326.526

*Contingent on BRFA

**Contingent on other legislation

Fiscal Note – Summary of the Fiscal 2027 Budget Bill – SB 282

	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Special Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Higher Education Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
Governor's Allowance					
Fiscal 2026 Budget	\$27,872,511,964	\$14,863,507,207	\$21,489,613,219	\$6,012,054,613	\$70,237,687,003 ⁽¹⁾
Fiscal 2027 Budget	28,307,880,404	15,791,207,574 ⁽²⁾	21,179,986,754	6,046,558,004	71,325,632,736 ⁽³⁾
Supplemental Budget No. 1					
Fiscal 2026 Deficiencies	\$13,545,533 ⁽⁴⁾	-\$17,982,157	\$4,295,866	\$0	-\$140,758
Fiscal 2027 Budget	-\$8,403,760	2,965,423	-3,232,157	0	-8,670,494 ⁽⁵⁾
Subtotal	\$5,141,773	-\$15,016,734	\$1,063,709	\$0	-\$8,811,252
Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act of 2026					
Fiscal 2026 Contingent Reductions	-\$2,110,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	-2,110,000
Fiscal 2026 Contingent Appropriations	0	1,900,000	0	0	1,900,000
Fiscal 2027 Contingent Reductions	-99,229,641	-6,666,769	-2,454,980	0	-108,351,390
Fiscal 2027 Contingent Appropriations	0	124,912,877	0	0	124,912,877
Subtotal	-\$101,339,641	\$120,146,108	-\$2,454,980	\$0	\$16,351,487
Legislative Reductions					
Fiscal 2026 Deficiencies	-\$54,200,000	-\$59,314,476	-\$170,230,827	\$0	-\$283,745,303
Fiscal 2027 Budget	-613,861,708	-274,877,904	-257,232,584	0	-1,145,972,196 ⁽⁶⁾
Total Reductions	-\$668,061,708	-\$334,192,380	-\$427,463,411	\$0	-\$1,429,717,499
Legislative Additions					
Fiscal 2026 Deficiencies	\$54,200,000	\$59,314,476	\$0	\$0	\$113,514,476
Fiscal 2027 Budget	\$146,366,692	\$267,212,000	\$31,190,991	\$0	\$444,769,683 ⁽⁷⁾
Total Additions	\$200,566,692	\$326,526,476	\$31,190,991	\$0	\$558,284,159
Appropriations					
Fiscal 2026 Budget	\$27,883,947,497	\$14,847,425,050	\$21,323,678,258	\$6,012,054,613	\$70,067,105,418
Fiscal 2027 Budget	27,732,751,987	15,904,753,201	20,948,258,024	6,046,558,004	70,632,321,216
Change	-\$151,195,510	\$1,057,328,151	-\$375,420,234	\$34,503,391	\$565,215,798

⁽¹⁾ Reflects \$3.0 billion in proposed deficiencies, including \$987.7 million in general funds, \$104.9 million in special funds, and \$1.9 billion in federal funds. Assumes \$100.0 million in unspecified general fund reversions and includes \$25.7 million in targeted general fund reversions. Excludes \$68.7 million in special funds that double count general fund spending. Excludes deficiency appropriations that are contingent on the Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act of 2026.

⁽²⁾ Excludes \$83.4 million of special funds that double count general fund spending.

⁽³⁾ Assumes \$100.0 million in unspecified general fund reversions.

⁽⁴⁾ Excludes a \$250,000 general fund reduction that is contingent on the Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act. Includes \$1.1 million of targeted reversions

⁽⁵⁾ Excludes \$250,000 of general fund reductions that are contingent on the Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act of 2026.

⁽⁶⁾ Includes \$250,000 of general fund reductions and \$250,000 of special fund appropriations, that are contingent on legislation.

⁽⁷⁾ Includes \$8.0 million of general fund additions and \$250.0 million of special fund additions that are contingent on the enactment of legislation

**Fiscal 2026 and 2027 General Fund and Other Budgetary Impacts
Contingent on the Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act (SB 284)**

	<u>Senate</u>	<u>House</u>
General Fund Revenue Actions – Fiscal 2027		
Decouple from a provision in the OBBBA that creates a Qualified Production Property Deduction	122.5	122.5
Partially decouple from a provision in the OBBBA to allow for a 20% deduction for eligible investments (instead of 100% in the OBBBA)	10.3	10.3
Repeal the Driver Education in Public High Schools Grant Program and Fund allowing the Uninsured Motorist Fine Revenue to go to the General Fund	0.0	2.0
Student Loan Debt Relief Tax Credit - Increase cap in tax year 2025, but lower cap in tax year 2026	2.0	2.0
Total General Fund Revenue Actions	\$134.8	\$136.8
Fund Balance Transfers		
2026		
Local Income Tax Reserve Account Overallocation	\$380.0	\$380.0
Alternative Compliance Payments – SEIF	259.0	259.0
Fiscal Responsibility Fund	119.2	119.2
SEIF Administration Account	33.0	33.0
Nurse Support Program Assistance Fund	10.0	10.0
Performance Incentive Grant Fund	2.0	2.0
Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission Fund	2.0	2.0
Non-Depository Fund	1.0	1.0
DPA fiscal 2023 appropriations for domestic violence centers (\$350,760), assisted living facilities (\$201,292), DSP Gun Center (\$152,732), crossing jurisdictional boundaries (\$100,001), violence prevention and interruption organizations (\$75,988), Greater Baltimore Regional Integrated Crisis System (\$51,600)	1.0	1.0
DPA appropriations for rebuilding State government (\$197,530) and food banks (\$7,044)	0.2	0.2
	\$807.4	\$807.4
2027		
Bay Restoration Fund	\$70.0	\$70.0
Waterway Improvement Fund	7.0	7.0
	\$77.0	\$77.0
Total Transfers to the General Fund	\$884.4	\$884.4
Contingent General Fund Reductions		
MSDE, Aid to Community Colleges, MSLA – alter the State share of retirement costs for teachers, community colleges, and librarians	\$39.3	\$39.3
Commerce - More Jobs for Marylanders Cap of \$15.0 million in aggregate final tax credit certificates that may be issued	0.0	17.0
*MDH – Alter the allowable uses of the CRF that would otherwise be required to be used for HBCU Settlement Funds in fiscal 2027 only to be used for Medicaid	8.4	8.4
*Higher Education – Increased level of Higher Education Investment Funds due to decoupling from OBBBA provisions	6.8	6.8
*DSP – Extend the expansion of allowable uses of MEMSOF to support general operations in the Aviation Program through fiscal 2029	5.5	5.5
DHS – Level fund provider rates for foster care at the rates in effect on January 21, 2026	5.1	5.1
*DoSEM – Expand the allowable uses of the Cannabis Business Assistance Fund to include operations of DOSEM from fiscal 2027 through 2029	5.0	5.0
*BPW – Expand the allowable uses of the SEIF to include the Chesapeake Conservation and Climate Corps beginning in fiscal 2026 (includes actions in fiscal 2026 and 2027)	3.0	3.0
Loan Assistance Repayment Program for Physicians and Physician Assistants	2.0	2.0
MDH – Reduce the mandated funding from the CRF in the Community Health Resources Commission allowing for additional these funds to support Medicaid (fiscal 2027 only)	2.0	2.0

	<u>Senate</u>	<u>House</u>
MDH – Reduce the mandate for tobacco use prevention programs from \$18.25 million to \$17.52 million	1.6	1.6
*MDH – Expand the allowable uses of the Advance Directives Fund to include maternal and child health quality initiatives	1.0	1.0
*DNR – Expand the allowable uses of the SEIF to include the Environmental Research Program in the Power Plant Research Program	0.8	0.8
MD Labor – Reduce the mandate for the Growing Apprenticeships and the Public Safety Program from \$550,000 to \$390,000 beginning in fiscal 2026 (fiscal 2026 and 2027)	0.7	0.7
BCCC – Reduce the State support per FTES funding that BCCC receives from 68.5% to 67.5% from fiscal 2027 through 2029 only	0.7	0.7
*DHCD, MDE, MDP, Comptroller – Expand the allowable uses of the SEIF to include climate change mitigation and climate change resiliency efforts – to support climate change, resiliency, and energy efficiency personnel	0.6	0.6
*MDH – Authorize the use of special fund balance from the Board of Counselors to be used for behavioral health services	0.5	0.5
*MHEC - Alter the mandate for the Title IX Proceedings Representation Program to be a mandate to the program rather than fund (includes actions in fiscal 2026 and 2027).	0.5	0.5
*MDEM – Expand the allowable uses of the SEIF to include resiliency efforts of the department	0.3	0.3
MD Labor – Reduce the mandated appropriation for the Career Pathways for Healthcare Workers Program from \$500,000 to \$350,000	0.2	0.2
MD Labor – Reduce the mandate for the Prince George’s County Re-Entry Employment Incentive Program from \$500,000 to \$350,000 for fiscal 2027 and 2028	0.2	0.2
MDA – Reduce the mandate for the Urban Agriculture and Power Grant Program and Fund from \$500,000 to \$400,000 (mandate ends after fiscal 2027)	0.1	0.1
MDA – Reduce the mandate for the Healthy Soils Program from \$500,000 to \$400,000 (mandate scheduled to end in fiscal 2028)	0.1	0.1
MSDE – Eliminate the mandate for the Lacrosse Opportunities Program	0.04	0.04
Total General Fund Reductions	\$84.3	\$101.3
Special Fund Revenue from Provisions that Decouple fully or Partially from OBBBA tax Provisions		
Transportation Trust Fund	\$22.9	\$22.9
Higher Education Investment Fund	7.4	7.4
SEIF	0.4	0.4
Total Special Fund Revenue	\$30.7	\$30.7
Contingent Special Fund Reductions		
MSDE – Cap the expansion of Tier II eligibility for full day prekindergarten at 450% in fiscal 2027 only	\$3.6	\$3.6
MDH – Reduce the mandated funding from the Cigarette Restitution Funds in the Community Health Resources Commission allowing for these funds to support Medicaid	1.0	1.0
DHS – Level fund provider rates for foster care at the rates in effect on January 21, 2026	0.1	0.1
MSDE – Eliminate the mandate for the Driver Education in Public High Schools Grant Program	0.0	2.0
Total Special Fund Contingent Reductions	\$4.7	\$6.7
Contingent Special Fund Appropriations		
Reserve Fund – Expand the allowable uses of the SEIF to include support for research centers at higher education institutions	\$42.0	\$42.0
DGS – Expand the allowable uses of the SEIF to include clean energy projects on State properties	20.0	20.0
MEA - Expand the allowable uses of ACP to support Tier 1 renewable and clean energy	13.0	13.0

	<u>Senate</u>	<u>House</u>
MDE – Expand the allowable uses of the SEIF to include the Comprehensive Flood Management Program	9.5	9.5
*MDH – Alter the allowable uses of Cigarette Restitution Funds that would otherwise be required to be used for HBCU Settlement Funds in fiscal 2027 only to be used for Medicaid	8.4	8.4
*Higher Education – Increase the level of Higher Education Investment Funds due to decoupling from OBBBA provisions	6.8	6.8
DNR – Clarify that the Heritage Conservation Fund is considered as part of the POS State Land Acquisition balance	5.6	5.6
*DSP – Extend the expansion of allowable uses of MEMSOF to support general operations in the Aviation Program through fiscal 2029	5.5	5.5
*DoSEM – Expand the allowable uses of the Cannabis Business Assistance Fund to include operations of DoSEM in fiscal 2027 through fiscal 2029	5.0	5.0
*BPW – Expand the allowable uses of the SEIF to include the Chesapeake Conservation and Climate Corps beginning in fiscal 2026 (includes actions in fiscal 2026 and 2027)	3.0	3.0
*MDH – Allow for the special fund balance for the Board of Physicians to support the Maryland Loan Assistance Repayment Program for Physicians	2.0	2.0
*MDEM – Expand the allowable uses of the SEIF to include resiliency efforts of the department	1.5	1.5
*MDH – Reduce the mandated funding from the Cigarette Restitution Funds in the Community Health Resources Commission allowing for these funds to support Medicaid	1.0	1.0
*MDH – Expand the allowable uses of the Advance Directives Fund to include include Maternal and Child Health Quality Initiatives	1.0	1.0
*DNR – Expand the allowable uses of the SEIF to include Environmental Research Program in the Power Plant Research Program	0.8	0.8
*DHCD, MDE, MDP, Comptroller – Expand the allowable uses of the SEIF to include climate change mitigation and climate change resiliency efforts – to support climate change, resiliency, and energy efficiency personnel	0.6	0.6
*MDH – Authorize the use of special fund balance from the Board of Counselors to be used for behavioral health services	0.5	0.5
MDEM – Expand the allowable uses of the SEIF to include a mandated study by the Office of Resilience (fiscal 2026 only)	0.4	0.4
*MHEC – Alter the mandate for the Title IX Proceedings Representation Program	0.3	0.3
Total Contingent Special Fund Appropriations	\$126.8	\$126.8
Contingent Federal Fund Reductions		
DHS – Level fund provider rates for foster care at the rates in effect on January 21, 2026	\$1.3	\$1.3
*MDEM – Expand the allowable uses of the SEIF to include resiliency efforts of the department	1.2	1.2
Total Federal Fund Contingent Reductions	\$2.5	\$2.5

* Denotes items has an associated contingent reduction/appropriation to complete the fund swap.

Appropriations Committee Actions on the Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act (SB 284)

The Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act (BRFA), as amended¹ by the House Appropriations Committee, accomplishes the following:

	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Special Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>
Revenue Actions	\$136.8	\$30.7	
Transfers	884.4		
Reductions	101.3	6.7	\$2.5
Appropriations		126.8	0.0

Note: Numbers in chart do not sum to total due to rounding

<i>Technical Amendments: Purpose and function paragraphs and renumbering (p. 1-7, 63-67).</i>	1
Reduces the amount that the Governor must provide for the Maryland Healthy Soils Program from \$500,000 to \$400,000 for fiscal 2027 and 2028, when the mandate is scheduled to end (p.7).	
Strikes a provision that would have eliminated the requirement that the Governor provide \$150,000 annually for a Native Plant Specialist at the University of Maryland Extension and \$100,000 annually for the Maryland Department of Agriculture to administer the Native Plants Program (p.7-8).	
Expands the allowable uses of the Cannabis Business Assistance Fund to authorize \$5 million to be used for operating costs of the Department of Social and Economic Mobility in each of fiscal 2027 through 2029 (p.8-9).	
Strikes a provision that would have reduced the amount that the Governor must provide from the Cigarette Restitution Fund (CRF) for the Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland from \$1 million to \$700,000 annually (p.9).	
Eliminates the requirement that the Governor provide \$40,000 annually for the Lacrosse Opportunities Program and instead makes funding discretionary (p. 9-10).	

¹ Provisions added or amended in whole or in part, except by a technical amendment, are noted in *italics*.

Limits the expansion of Tier II full-day prekindergarten to 450% of the federal poverty level in fiscal 2027 only (p.10).		
Strikes a provision that would have reduced the amount that the Governor must provide for the Coordinated Community Supports Partnership Fund from \$100 million to \$80 million annually (p.10).		
Alters the mandate for the Title IX Representation Proceedings program to a mandate of \$250,000 for the program rather than the fund (p.10-11).		
Provides that, for fiscal 2027 through 2029, the State share of funding for each community college under the Senator John A. Cade funding formula may not increase by more than 3% over the prior year (p.11).		
Modifies a provision to reduce the amount of the State per full-time equivalent student (FTES) funding provided to select public four-year institutions received by Baltimore City Community College per FTES from 68.5% to 67.5% to limit the change to fiscal 2027 through 2029 only (p.11-12).		
For fiscal 2027 through 2029, sets specific funding levels for private four-year institutions receiving aid through the Joseph A. Sellinger Program that reflect the amount received in fiscal 2026 (p.12-14).		
Strikes a provision that would have reduced the amount that the Governor must provide for Community College Promise Scholarships from \$13.5 million to \$12.5 million annually (p.14-15).		
Reduces the amount that the Governor must provide for the loan assistance repayment program for police officers and probation agents from \$2 million to \$500,000 annually (p.15).		
Reduces the amount that the Governor must provide for the Maryland Police Officers and Probation Agents Scholarship Program from \$2 million to \$500,000 annually (p. 15-16).		
For fiscal 2027 only, expands the allowable uses of the Advance Directive Program fund to authorize the use of \$1 million for maternal and child health quality initiatives in the Maryland Department of Health (MDH) (p. 16).		
<i>Strikes a provision that would have required a county in which MDH is required to establish an assisted outpatient treatment program because the county has not opted to establish one to reimburse MDH for increasing percentages of costs associated with the program, beginning with 25% in fiscal 2028 and increasing to 100% in fiscal 2031 (p. 16-17).</i>		2

Reduces the amount that the Governor must provide for activities aimed at reducing tobacco use in Maryland from \$18.25 million to \$17.52 million annually (p.17-18).		
Authorizes the Secretary of Health to establish the appropriate time period for Prescription Drug Monitoring Program records retention (p.18).		
For fiscal 2027 only, authorizes the use of \$2 million from the Board of Physicians Fund balance to support programs in the Office of Population Health Improvement. These funds will be support for the Maryland Loan Assistance Repayment Program (LARP) for Physicians and Physician Assistants (p. 18).		
For fiscal 2027 only, authorizes the use of \$500,000 from the State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists fund balance to support programs in the Behavioral Health Administration (p.19).		
Beginning in fiscal 2026, reduces the amount that the Governor must provide for the Public Safety Apprenticeship Program from \$750,000 to \$390,000 annually (p. 19).		
Reduces the amount that the Governor must provide for the Career Pathways for Health Care Workers program from \$500,000 to \$350,000 annually (p. 19-20).		
Strikes a provision that, for fiscal 2027 through 2029, would have set specific levels of funding for each jurisdiction receiving Local Income Tax Disparity Grants, which are equivalent to the level received in fiscal 2026 (p. 20-21).		
Reduces the amount that the Governor must provide for the Reentry Employment Incentive Program from \$500,000 to \$350,000 for fiscal 2027 and 2028, when the mandate is scheduled to end (p. 21).		
Strikes a provision that, for fiscal 2027 and 2028 only, would have removed the requirement that at least \$250,000 from the Waterway Improvement Fund must be distributed to a Maryland-based historic preservation nonprofit organization for the purpose of a maritime heritage competitive grant program (p.21-22).		
Strikes a provision that, beginning in fiscal 2026, would have expanded the allowable uses of the 9-1-1 Trust Fund to include supporting program operations in the Maryland Department of Emergency Management (MDEM) (p. 22).		
Requires the suspension of State Aid for Police Protection Program funding to a law enforcement agency if the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy determines that the agency is not compliant with State law related to immigration enforcement agreements (p. 22-24).		

Strikes a provision that would have reduced the amount that the Governor must provide for the Historic Revitalization Tax Credit's small commercial program from \$2 million to \$500,000 annually (p. 24-25).		
Expands the authorized use of funds appropriated in the State budget for the African American Heritage Preservation Grant Fund to include noncapital projects (p. 25-27).		
Strikes a provision that would have required the Governor to publish online, rather than provide printed, budget books with required information (p. 27).		
Relieves for fiscal 2027 the requirement to appropriate general fund surplus to the Revenue Stabilization Account (Rainy Day Fund) (p. 27-28).		
For fiscal 2027 only, eliminates a requirement that the Maryland Community Health Resources Commission Fund receive an appropriation from the CRF; although the requirement is relieved, the budget would reduce only \$2.0 million of funding (p. 28-29).		
For fiscal 2027 only, expands the allowable uses of funds in the separate account in the CRF that are in excess of the first \$35,000,000 distributed to the account. Specific expanded uses are not provided (p.28-29).		
Expands the allowable uses of the Fiscal Responsibility Fund in fiscal 2026 only to include Major Information Technology Development Projects (p.29-30).		
Reduces, in fiscal 2026 only, the required distribution from the State Lottery Fund to the Racing and Community Development Financing Fund to \$13,400,000 to align with the fiscal 2026 appropriation (p. 30).		
Modifies a provision to expand the purpose and allowable uses of the Strategic Energy Investment Fund (SEIF) to include supporting programs and initiatives related to the State's climate mitigation and climate resiliency efforts and to support specific activities of the Department of Natural Resources and MDEM by clarifying the authorized uses for the Department of Natural Resources (p. 30-32).		
Retains a provision that for fiscal 2027 through 2031, expands the authorized uses of alternative compliance payments (ACP) to include grants or loans to support the creation of new renewable energy sources. Modifies a provision that, for fiscal 2027 only, expands authorizes uses of ACP funds by striking certain proposed uses of the fund and providing that \$42,000,000 in the Dedicated Purpose Account (DPA) for higher education research grants may be used for any research field (p. 32-33).		

<p><i>Modifies a provision by further reducing the participation targets for the Young Adult Service Year program by delaying for one year the phase-in of modified participation targets. Sets statutory participation targets at 750 in fiscal 2027, 1,100 in fiscal 2028, 1,550 in fiscal 2029, and 2,000 in fiscal 2030 and each year thereafter (p. 33).</i></p>	3
<p>Increases the local share of Teacher and Community College Retirement System payments by 50% of the increase in the State share of these costs between fiscal 2026 and 2027, by setting specific amounts per jurisdiction (p. 33-36).</p>	
<p>Modifies by altering the date for a transfer in a provision that alters the timing and makes other technical changes to effectuate a transfer from the Local Income Tax Reserve Account authorized in the Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act (BRFA) of 2025 (p.36).</p>	
<p><i>Makes a technical change related to the struck provision. The struck provision would have redirected, for fiscal 2027 only, \$71,743,156 from the transfer tax that would have otherwise been required to be distributed to Program Open Space (POS) Local, the Rural Legacy Program, and the Natural Resources Development Fund to the General Fund and required the replacement of these funds with general obligation (GO) bonds. Strikes a provision to transfer \$188,844 from the Land Preservation Fund balance to the General Fund. (p.36-39, 40-41, 65).</i></p>	4
<p>Reduces from \$500,000 to \$400,000 the amount that the Governor must provide for the Urban Agriculture Water and Power Infrastructure Grant Fund for fiscal 2027, which is the final year of the mandate (p. 39).</p>	
<p>Extends an expansion of the allowable use of Maryland Emergency Medical System Operations Fund (MEMSOF) funds to support general operation of the Aviation Command in the State Police from ending in fiscal 2026 to ending in fiscal 2029 (p. 41-42).</p>	
<p><i>Restores a provision struck by the Senate to eliminate a required distribution of \$2 million to the Driver Education in Public High Schools Fund from uninsured motorist fines beginning in fiscal 2027 and repeal the distribution from the authorized sources of funds to support the program (p. 42-43,45-51).</i></p>	5
<p>Strikes a provision that would have provided formula funding from POS for the Maryland Department of Planning to operate and maintain the Jefferson Patterson Park and Museum (p. 43-44).</p>	
<p>Requires the Heritage Conservation Fund balance and other POS funds to be included in the POS State land acquisition balance (p. 44-45).</p>	

<i>Caps at \$15 million the annual value of final tax credit certificates that may be awarded under the More Jobs for Marylanders program beginning in fiscal 2027, sunsets the program after fiscal 2037, and alters the process for transfers from the program's reserve fund. (p. 51-52, 56-60)</i>	6
Decouples the State from a tax provision in the federal One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBBA) related to accelerated depreciation of production property beginning in tax year 2026. Maryland automatically decoupled for tax year 2025 (p. 52-54).	
Partially decouples the State from a tax provision in the OBBBA to limit bonus depreciation for a manufacturing entity to 20% rather than the full amount beginning in tax year 2026 (p. 52-54).	
Reduces the maximum amount of Student Loan Debt Relief Tax Credit that may be approved by the Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC) in tax year 2026 from \$18 million to \$9 million, increases the cap in tax year 2025 from \$9 million to \$16 million, and alters the date by which MHEC must submit a report (p. 54-56).	
Strikes a provision that would have repealed the requirement that MDH apply to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration for implementation grant funds related to certified community behavioral health clinics, delayed authorization from fiscal 2026 to 2029, and made the authorization subject to State budget limitations (p. 60).	
Delays by one year the requirement to create a centralized method of collecting local hotel rental tax from short-term rentals by remitting the taxes to the Comptroller's Office (p. 60-61).	
<i>Strikes a provision that would have defined a historic motor vehicle as a vehicle that is at least 25 years old rather than as a vehicle from model year 1999 or earlier. (p.61-63)</i>	7
Repurposes unexpended land preservation pay-as-you-go funds appropriated in fiscal 2018 for acquisition of certain land to instead be used for State land acquisition under POS (p. 63).	
Authorizes, in fiscal 2026 only, \$250,000 from the Child Care Capital Support Revolving Loan Fund to be used by the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange to implement a provision in the fiscal 2026 Budget Bill (p. 63).	
Authorizes a transfer to the General Fund in fiscal 2026 of \$259,000,000 from the Renewable Portfolio Standard/ACP account of the SEIF (p. 63).	

Modifies a provision authorizing the Governor to transfer funds in fiscal 2026 from the Fiscal Responsibility Fund to the General Fund by reducing the amount to be transferred to \$119,151,120 (p.63).		
Authorizes a transfer to the General Fund in fiscal 2026 of \$33,000,000 from the administration account of the SEIF (p.63).		
Modifies a fund to transfer to the General Fund in fiscal 2026 of \$10,000,000 from the Maryland LARP Fund for Nurses and Nursing Support Staff to instead transfer funds from the Nurse Support Program Assistance Fund (p. 63-64).		
Authorizes a transfer to the General Fund in fiscal 2026 of \$2,000,000 from the Performance Incentive Grant Fund (p. 64).		
Authorizes a transfer to the General Fund in fiscal 2026 of \$2,000,000 from the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission (p. 64).		
Authorizes a transfer to the General Fund in fiscal 2026 of \$1,000,000 from the Non-Depository Institution Fund (p. 64)		
Modifies a provision authorizing transfers from the DPA to the General Fund in fiscal 2026, increasing the total amount to be transferred to \$1,243,484. As introduced, the transfer was comprised of \$355,760 from funds for domestic violence centers; \$201,292 from funds for assisted living centers; \$152,732 from funds for the State Police Gun Center; \$101,537 from funds for police departments to coordinate task forces that cross jurisdictional boundaries; \$100,001 from funds for the Center for Neuroscience of Social Justice; \$75,988 from funds for violence prevention and interruption organizations; and \$51,600 from funds for the Greater Baltimore Integrated Crisis System. As modified, the provision also authorizes transfers of \$197,530 from funds to rebuild State government and modernize human resources practices and \$7,044 in funds for food banks (p. 64).		
Authorizes a transfer of \$380,000,000 from the account to the General Fund in fiscal 2026 representing an overallocation to the account (p. 64)		
Strikes a provision that would have authorized a transfer to the General Fund in fiscal 2027 of \$6,700,000 from the Maternal and Child Health Population Health Improvement Fund (p. 64).		
Authorizes a transfer to the General Fund in fiscal 2027 of \$70,000,000 from the Bay Restoration Fund and authorizes replacing those funds with GO bonds (p. 65).		
Reduces the amount of funds authorized to be transferred to the General Fund from the Waterway Improvement Fund to \$7,011,156 (p. 65).		

Authorizes \$3 million restricted in the fiscal 2026 budget bill to be used for reopening the Alfred D. Noyes Children’s Center as an adolescent drug treatment center to instead be used to provide drug treatment services at other child serving facilities and to reopen the Alfred D. Noyes Children’s Center as a facility for children (p. 65).		
Strikes a provision that would have prohibited an increase in the rates paid to providers of nonpublic placements in fiscal 2027 above the level in effect on January 21, 2026 (p. 65).		
Prohibits an increase in the rates for providers whose rates are set by the Interagency Rates Committee in fiscal 2027 above the level in effect on January 21, 2026 (p. 65).		
Authorizes the Interagency Commission on School Construction to reallocate American Rescue Plan Act funds provided for HVAC upgrades to ensure compliance with federal regulations (p. 65).		

State Expenditures – General Funds
Fiscal 2026-2027
(\$ in Millions)

<u>Category</u>	<u>Working</u> <u>Appropriation</u> <u>2026</u>	<u>Allowance</u> <u>2027</u>	<u>APP</u> <u>Reductions</u> ⁽¹⁾ <u>2027</u>	<u>APP</u> <u>Additions</u> <u>2027</u>	<u>APP</u> <u>Appropriation</u> <u>2027</u>	<u>\$ Change</u> <u>2026 to 2027</u>	<u>% Change</u> <u>2026 to 2027</u>
Debt Service	\$154.7	\$177.7	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$177.7	\$23.0	14.9%
County/Municipal	\$395.9	\$424.4	-\$0.2	\$0.5	\$424.8	\$28.8	7.3%
Community Colleges	504.3	541.5	-23.3	0.0	518.2	13.9	2.8%
Education/Libraries	7,429.2	7,488.6	-37.0	1.0	7,452.6	23.4	0.3%
Health	115.2	115.2	0.0	0.0	115.2	0.0	0.0%
Aid to Local Governments	\$8,444.6	\$8,569.6	-\$60.5	\$1.5	\$8,510.7	\$66.1	0.8%
Foster Care Payments	\$336.4	\$351.2	-\$5.1	\$0.0	\$346.1	\$9.7	2.9%
Assistance Payments	139.8	139.5	0.0	0.0	139.5	-0.3	-0.2%
Medical Assistance	5,626.2	5,694.0	-13.4	8.1	5,688.7	62.5	1.1%
Property Tax Credits	98.3	90.5	0.0	0.0	90.5	-7.8	-7.9%
Entitlements	\$6,200.7	\$6,275.3	-\$18.5	\$8.1	\$6,264.9	\$64.2	1.0%
Health	\$3,348.2	\$3,279.1	-\$5.1	\$33.8	\$3,307.8	-\$40.5	-1.2%
Human Services	572.5	553.3	-0.4	0.4	553.2	-19.3	-3.4%
Juvenile Services	367.2	371.4	0.0	0.8	372.2	4.9	1.3%
Public Safety/Police	2,231.7	2,284.8	-8.5	0.0	2,276.3	44.5	2.0%
Higher Education	2,410.9	2,406.3	-7.9	4.9	2,403.3	-7.6	-0.3%
Transportation	1.1	0.0	0.0	2.7	2.7	1.6	143.6%
Other Education	1,046.5	1,064.8	-8.8	26.1	1,082.0	35.6	3.4%
Agriculture/Natural Res./Environment	201.5	212.3	-1.6	0.9	211.6	10.2	5.1%
Other Executive Agencies	1,626.0	1,718.0	-113.9	66.4	1,670.5	44.5	2.7%
Judiciary	708.0	771.4	-8.1	0.0	763.2	55.3	7.8%
Legislative	163.5	163.6	0.0	0.9	164.4	1.0	0.6%
State Agencies	\$12,677.1	\$12,824.8	-\$154.3	\$136.7	\$12,807.3	\$130.2	1.0%
Deficiencies (for Prior Years)	\$321.8	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	-\$321.8	-100.0%
Total Operating	\$27,798.9	\$27,847.5	-\$233.3	\$146.4	\$27,760.5	-\$38.3	-0.1%
Capital	\$116.6	\$58.1	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$58.1	-\$58.5	-50.1%
Subtotal	\$27,915.4	\$27,905.6	-\$233.3	\$146.4	\$27,818.7	-\$96.8	-0.3%
Reserve Funds	\$68.5	\$493.9	-\$479.8	\$0.0	\$14.1	-\$54.4	-79.4%
Appropriations	\$27,983.9	\$28,399.5	-\$713.1	\$146.4	\$27,832.8	-\$151.2	-0.5%
Reversions	-\$100.0	-\$100.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	-\$100.0	\$0.0	0.0%
Grand Total	\$27,883.9	\$28,299.5	-\$713.1	\$146.4	\$27,732.8	-\$151.2	-0.5%

(1) Committee reductions include \$99.5 million contingent on legislation.

Note: The fiscal 2026 working appropriation reflects \$1.0 billion in deficiencies and supplemental deficiencies and \$54.2 million in House Appropriations Committee cuts to the deficiencies plus targeted reversions of \$26.9 million. It also reflects legislative additions of \$54.2 million.

State Expenditures – State Funds
Fiscal 2026-2027
(\$ in Millions)

<u>Category</u>	<u>Working Appropriation 2026</u>	<u>Allowance 2027</u>	<u>APP Reductions ⁽¹⁾ 2027</u>	<u>APP Additions 2027</u>	<u>APP Appropriation 2027</u>	<u>\$ Change 2026 to 2027</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Debt Service	\$1,828.1	\$1,948.5	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$1,948.5	\$120.5	6.6%
County/Municipal	\$1,046.6	\$1,070.2	-\$0.2	\$0.5	\$1,070.6	\$24.0	2.3%
Community Colleges	504.3	541.5	-23.3	0.0	518.2	13.9	2.8%
Education/Libraries	9,860.7	10,263.2	-42.6	11.0	10,231.6	370.9	3.8%
Health	115.2	115.2	0.0	0.0	115.2	0.0	0.0%
Aid to Local Governments	\$11,526.7	\$11,990.1	-\$66.1	\$11.5	\$11,935.6	\$408.8	3.5%
Foster Care Payments	\$340.6	\$355.7	-\$5.2	\$0.0	\$350.5	\$9.8	2.9%
Assistance Payments	153.9	151.9	0.0	0.0	151.9	-2.1	-1.4%
Medical Assistance	6,488.3	6,577.1	-13.4	8.1	6,571.8	83.5	1.3%
Property Tax Credits	98.3	90.5	0.0	0.0	90.5	-7.8	-7.9%
Entitlements	\$7,081.2	\$7,175.2	-\$18.6	\$8.1	\$7,164.6	\$83.5	1.2%
Health	\$4,251.2	\$4,215.4	-\$6.1	\$33.8	\$4,243.1	-\$8.1	-0.2%
Human Services	824.3	790.3	-0.4	0.4	790.3	-34.0	-4.1%
Juvenile Services	370.7	374.7	0.0	0.8	375.5	4.8	1.3%
Public Safety/Police	2,474.6	2,530.7	-8.5	0.0	2,522.2	47.6	1.9%
Higher Education	8,581.7	8,640.4	-7.9	4.9	8,637.4	55.7	0.6%
Other Education	1,389.3	1,388.4	-8.8	31.7	1,411.3	22.1	1.6%
Transportation	2,934.0	3,104.3	0.0	2.7	3,107.0	173.0	5.9%
Agriculture/Natural Res./Environment	616.5	651.2	-12.7	2.2	640.7	24.3	3.9%
Other Executive Agencies	3,649.4	3,976.4	-312.2	306.6	3,970.8	321.4	8.8%
Judiciary	791.4	857.7	-15.3	0.0	842.4	51.0	6.4%
Legislative	163.5	163.6	0.0	0.9	164.4	1.0	0.6%
State Agencies	\$26,046.5	\$26,693.2	-\$371.9	\$384.0	\$26,705.2	\$658.7	2.5%
Deficiencies (for Prior Years)	\$320.8	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	-\$320.8	-100.0%
Total Operating	\$46,803.3	\$47,806.9	-\$456.6	\$403.6	\$47,753.9	\$950.7	2.0%
Capital	\$1,971.6	\$1,974.0	-\$10.0	\$10.0	\$1,974.0	\$2.4	0.1%
Transportation	1,336.5	1,391.7	-10.0	0.0	1,381.7	45.2	3.4%
Environment	206.3	169.6	0.0	0.0	169.6	-36.7	-17.8%
Other	428.8	412.6	0.0	10.0	422.6	-6.2	-1.4%
Subtotal	\$48,774.9	\$49,780.9	-\$466.6	\$413.6	\$49,728.0	\$953.0	2.0%
Reserve Funds	\$68.5	\$575.9	-\$519.8	\$0.0	\$56.1	-\$12.4	-18.1%
Appropriations	\$48,843.4	\$50,356.8	-\$986.3	\$413.6	\$49,784.1	\$940.6	1.9%
Reversions	-\$100.0	-\$100.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	-\$100.0	\$0.0	0.0%
Grand Total	\$48,743.4	\$50,256.8	-\$986.3	\$413.6	\$49,684.1	\$940.6	1.9%

(1) APP Committee reductions include \$106.1 million contingent on legislation.

Note: The fiscal 2026 working appropriation reflects deficiencies and supplemental deficiencies of \$1.1 billion and \$113.5 million in House Appropriations Committee reductions to the deficiencies. It also reflects general fund targeted reversions of \$26.9 million and legislative additions of \$113.5 million. Fiscal 2026 excludes \$68.7 million, and fiscal 2027 excludes \$83.4 million of special funds that double counts general fund spending.

State Expenditures – All Funds
Fiscal 2026-2027
(\$ in Millions)

<u>Category</u>	<u>Working</u> <u>Appropriation</u> <u>2026</u>	<u>Allowance</u> <u>2027</u>	<u>APP</u> <u>Reductions</u> ⁽¹⁾ <u>2027</u>	<u>APP</u> <u>Additions</u> <u>2027</u>	<u>APP</u> <u>Appropriation</u> <u>2027</u>	<u>\$ Change</u> <u>2026 to 2027</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Debt Service	\$1,830.7	\$1,949.4	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$1,949.4	\$118.7	6.5%
County/Municipal	\$1,128.7	\$1,152.4	-\$0.2	\$0.5	\$1,152.8	\$24.0	2.1%
Community Colleges	504.3	541.5	-23.3	0.0	518.2	13.9	2.8%
Education/Libraries	11,093.5	11,514.8	-42.6	11.0	11,483.2	389.7	3.5%
Health	115.2	115.2	0.0	0.0	115.2	0.0	0.0%
Aid to Local Governments	\$12,841.7	\$13,323.8	-\$66.1	\$11.5	\$13,269.3	\$427.6	3.3%
Foster Care Payments	\$425.8	\$442.1	-\$6.5	\$0.0	\$435.6	\$9.8	2.3%
Assistance Payments	1,994.2	1,996.6	-200.0	0.0	1,796.6	-197.6	-9.9%
Medical Assistance	16,489.9	16,802.6	-18.4	16.2	16,800.4	310.5	1.9%
Property Tax Credits	98.3	90.5	0.0	0.0	90.5	-7.8	-7.9%
Entitlements	\$19,008.2	\$19,331.7	-\$224.9	\$16.2	\$19,123.0	\$114.9	0.6%
Health	\$7,282.1	\$7,096.4	-\$6.1	\$56.9	\$7,147.2	-\$134.9	-1.9%
Human Services	1,604.1	1,514.8	-52.4	0.4	1,462.7	-141.4	-8.8%
Juvenile Services	377.0	381.8	0.0	0.8	382.6	5.6	1.5%
Public Safety/Police	2,523.1	2,579.7	-8.5	0.0	2,571.2	48.1	1.9%
Higher Education	8,581.7	8,640.4	-7.9	4.9	8,637.4	55.7	0.6%
Other Education	1,820.8	1,823.5	-8.8	31.7	1,846.5	25.7	1.4%
Transportation	3,074.5	3,247.1	0.0	2.7	3,249.8	175.3	5.7%
Agriculture/Natural Res./Environment	730.2	779.6	-12.7	2.2	769.2	38.9	5.3%
Other Executive Agencies	5,179.6	5,624.5	-313.6	306.6	5,617.5	437.9	8.5%
Judiciary	792.5	859.1	-15.3	0.0	843.8	51.4	6.5%
Legislative	163.5	163.6	0.0	0.9	164.4	1.0	0.6%
State Agencies	\$32,129.2	\$32,710.6	-\$425.3	\$407.1	\$32,692.4	\$563.2	1.8%
Deficiencies (for Prior Years)	\$751.6	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	-\$751.6	n/a
Total Operating	\$66,561.2	\$67,315.5	-\$716.2	\$434.8	\$67,034.0	\$472.8	0.7%
Capital	\$3,537.4	\$3,642.2	-\$10.0	\$10.0	\$3,642.2	\$104.8	3.0%
Transportation	2,678.7	2,804.7	-10.0	0.0	2,794.7	116.0	4.3%
Environment	381.0	387.1	0.0	0.0	387.1	6.1	1.6%
Other	477.7	450.4	0.0	10.0	460.4	-17.3	-3.6%
Subtotal	\$70,098.6	\$70,957.7	-\$726.2	\$444.8	\$70,676.2	\$577.6	0.8%
Reserve Funds	\$68.5	\$575.9	-\$519.8	\$0.0	\$56.1	-\$12.4	-18.1%
Appropriations	\$70,167.1	\$71,533.6	-\$1,246.0	\$444.8	\$70,732.3	\$565.2	0.8%
Reversions	-\$100.0	-\$100.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	-\$100.0	\$0.0	0.0%
Grand Total	\$70,067.1	\$71,433.6	-\$1,246.0	\$444.8	\$70,632.3	\$565.2	0.8%

(1) APP Committee reductions include \$108.6 million contingent on legislation.

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Acronym List

ACP: Alternative Compliance Payments
AI: artificial intelligence
APP: House Appropriations Committee
BCCC: Baltimore City Community College
BPW: Board of Public Works
BRF: Bay Restoration Fund
BRFA: Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act
CRF: Cigarette Restitution Fund
Commerce: Department of Commerce
DGS: Department of General Services
DHCD: Department of Housing and Community Development
DJS: Department of Juvenile Services
DHS: Department of Human Services
DNR: Department of Natural Resources
DoIT: Department of Information Technology
DoSEM: Department of Social and Economic Mobility
DPA: Dedicated Purpose Account
DSP: Department of State Police
EARN: Employment Advancement Right Now
FTES: full-time equivalent student
GO: general obligation
GOCPP: Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy
HBCU: historically Black college and university
HEIF: Higher Education Investment Fund
IT: information technology
LARP: Maryland Loan Assistance Repayment Program
MCHRC: Maryland Community Health Resources Commission
MCO: managed care organization
MDA: Maryland Department of Agriculture
MDE: Maryland Department of the Environment
MDEM: Maryland Department of Emergency Management
MDH: Maryland Department of Health
MDOA: Maryland Department of Aging
MDOT: Maryland Department of Transportation
MD Labor: Maryland Department of Labor
MDP: Maryland Department of Planning
MEA: Maryland Energy Administration
MEDCO: Maryland Economic Development Corporation
MEMSOF: Maryland Emergency Medical System Operations Fund
MHEC: Maryland Higher Education Commission
MLARP: Maryland Loan Assistance Repayment Program
MSDE: Maryland State Department of Education

MSLA: Maryland State Library Agency
MTA: Maryland Transit Administration
OBBBA: One Big Beautiful Bill Act
OPD: Office of the Public Defender
PAYGO: pay-as-you-go
PIN: position identification number
POS: Program Open Space
PSC: Public Service Commission
Rainy Day Fund: Revenue Stabilization Account
RGGI: Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative
SEIF: Strategic Energy Investment Fund
SNAP: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
STEM: science, technology, engineering, and mathematics
TEDCO: Maryland Technology Development Corporation
TTF: Transportation Trust Fund
TU: Towson University
UMCP: University of Maryland, College Park Campus
UMGC: University of Maryland Global Campus
USM: University of Maryland