# **Report of the Conference Committee on House Bill 350**

### **The Budget Bill**

April 7, 2025

Mr. President, Members of the Senate:

Madame Speaker, Members of the House of Delegates:

The Conference Committee has reconciled the differences between the House and Senate versions of HB 350 and Supplemental Budget No. 1, in which the House made general fund reductions of \$1.6 billion, including \$524.1 million contingent on the Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act (BRFA) of 2025, and general fund additions of \$229.1 million; and the Senate made general fund reductions of \$1.6 billion, including \$516.7 million contingent on the BRFA, and general fund additions of \$235.8 million. The Conference Committee also received Supplemental Budget No. 2. In all, the Conference Committee made general fund reductions of \$1.5 billion, including \$543 million associated with the BRFA, and general fund additions of \$224 million.

The House adopted 199 amendments to the budget bill including Supplemental Budget No. 1. The Senate subsequently adopted 71 amendments to the budget bill, as amended by the House. The House concurred with none of the Senate amendments. All of these amendments have been reconsidered, and actions, including those taken on Supplemental Budget No. 2, are indicated in the attached *Report of the Conference Committee*.

The total decrease in general fund spending is \$400 million (1.5%). The budget restores funding, including through rejecting proposed reductions in the budget, for legislative priorities including the Developmental Disabilities Administration, cancer research by the Statewide Academic Health Centers, and victims of crime assistance. The budget also supports general salary increases for all State employees and salary increments for employees in bargaining units. The budget meets the guidelines established by the Spending Affordability Committee in 2024.

The budget also makes significant investments in solutions to address climate change and efforts to grow the private-sector economy. The budget also provides additional support for infrastructure through capital investments.

The projected general fund balance at the close of fiscal 2026, given the legislative actions on the budget, is \$317 million. The Rainy Day Fund balance is \$2.1 billion. Together, this leaves \$2.4 billion in cash reserves, a prudent hedge against potential uncertainty.

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In addition to the Conference Committee's actions pertaining to the budget, the final report of the committee is also attached. The Department of Legislative Services has also provided a separate document on the budget and the BRFA of 2025 with additional data.

Sincerely,

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Ben Barnes, Chair House Appropriations Committee

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

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

The Senate adopted 71 amendments to the budget bill, as amended by the House.

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

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

The budget was then referred to the Conference Committee.

#### Action of the Conference Committee

The Conference Committee recommends:

1. The adoption of the following Senate amendments:

1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 19, 20, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 30, 32, 33, 37, 39, 43, 46, 47, 48, 49, 53, 56, 57, 58, 59, 62, 67, 68

2. The rejection of the following Senate amendments:

14, 22, 23, 29, 31, 38, 42, 45, 52, 66, 69, 70, Floor Amendment HB350/823020/1

3. The action indicated on the following Senate amendments:

<u>Adopt</u>	<u>Reject</u>		Conference Committee <u>Amendment</u>
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The Conference Committee also adopted one conference committee supplemental budget technical amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

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#### House/Senate Differences on HB 350 Senate Amendments

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B75A01.03		Reduction	GF	APP	B&T	1-2	1	MGA – Reduces funding for the Maryland General Assembly for building renovations and accrued leave payout.	0	-3,200,000	-3,200,000	Adopt
D11A04.01		Lang.	GF	HHR	HHS	20	2	Office of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing – Restricts \$50,000 pending receipt of a report indicating publication of the State sign language licensing requirements.				Adopt
D17B01.51		Reduction	GF	EED	EBA	27	3	Historic St. Mary's City Commission – Reduces funding related to 7 new positions.	0	-106,115	-106,115	Adopt
D18A01.03		Reduction	GF	EED	EBA	29-30	4	Governor's Office for Children – Partially restores funding for the Baltimore City Children and Youth Fund grant following the mandate's expiration.	-2,000,000	-1,500,000	-1,500,000	Adopt Senate with modification to further reduce the ENOUGH program by \$3.0 million in general funds and \$3.0 million in special funds
D18A01.03		Reduction	GF	EED	EBA	29-30	4 Cont.	Governor's Office for Children – Partially restores funding for the Engaging Neighborhoods, Organizations, Unions, Governments, and Households program to provide a total appropriation of \$20 million rather than \$15 million.	-5,000,000	0	-3,000,000	Included above
D18A01.03		Reduction	SF	EED	EBA	29-30	4 Cont.	Governor's Office for Children – Partially restores funding for the Engaging Neighborhoods, Organizations, Unions, Governments, and Households Grant Fund to align with the general fund appropriation.	-5,000,000	0	-3,000,000	Included above
D21A01.03		Lang.	GF	PSA	PST	32	5	Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy – Requires the enhanced portion of the State Aid for Police Protection funding be distributed to jurisdictions in proportion to the number of reported violent crimes per the most recent official crime report for the State – the 2023 Maryland Uniform Crime Report.				Adopt
D28A03.69		Reduction	SF	EED	EBA	40-41	6	Maryland Stadium Authority – Partially restores funding for the Racing and Community Development Financing Fund.	-17,000,000	-16,000,000	-3,600,000	Adopt Senate with modification to partially restore the appropriation and to make the appropriation to the Maryland Thoroughbred Racetrack Operating Authority contingent on the failure of the BRFA to abolish the authority
D28A03.78		Reduction	SF	EED	EBA	41-42	7	Maryland Stadium Authority – Restores funding for the Annual Maryland 5 Star at Fair Hill.	-2,500,000	0	0	Adopt
D50H01.03		Reduction	GF	PSA	HHS	49-50	8	Military Department – Restores funding for 4.0 long-term vacant positions within the Army Operations and Maintenance program.	-60,319	0	0	Adopt
D50H01.03		Reduction	FF	PSA	HHS	49-50	8 Cont.	Military Department – Restores funding for 4.0 long-term vacant positions within the Army Operations and Maintenance program.	-168,092	0	0	Adopt
D50H01.05		Reduction	GF	PSA	HHS	49-50	8 Cont.	Military Department – Restores funding for 1.0 long-term vacant position within the State Operations program.	-26,068	0	0	Adopt
D50H01.05		Reduction	FF	PSA	HHS	49-50	8 Cont.	Military Department – Restores funding for 1.0 long-term vacant position within the State Operations program.	-27,740	0	0	Adopt

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D91A01.01		Reduction	GF	EED	HHS	61-62	9	West North Avenue Development Authority – Restores funding for grants to nongovernmental entities.	-5,000,000	0	-1,000,000	Adopt Senate with modification to reduce funding for grants by \$1 million
E50C00.01		Lang.	GF	PSA	HHS	68-69	10	SDAT – Restricts \$25,000 pending receipt of a report on the status of positions that have been vacant for more than one year.				Adopt
E80E00.01		Lang.	GF	PSA	HHS	70	11	Property Tax Assessment Appeals Boards – Restricts \$100,000 pending receipt of a report on backlog of appeals cases in Baltimore City.				Adopt
F10A01.01		Lang.	GF	APP	B&T	73-74	12	DBM – Restricts \$250,000 pending receipt of a report from the Office of Legislative Audits on corrective actions for repeat audit findings of six State agencies.				Adopt
F50B04.05		Lang.	GF	T&E	EBA	88-89	13	Office of Information Technology – Restricts \$200,000 pending submission of a report on the projects undertaken by a unit of State government under a master contract for Statewide Agile Teams.				Adopt
H00D01.01		Reduction	GF	APP	EBA	93	14	DGS – Deletes funding for 12 new positions added in fiscal 2025 that remain vacant as of December 31, 2024.	0	-1,418,115	0	Reject
J00B01.02		Lang.	SF	T&E	PST	106	15	MDOT – Restricts \$100,000 pending submission of a report detailing approval procedures for speed cameras for local governments.				Adopt
J00D00.01		Cut Lang.	SF	T&E	PST	109	16	MDOT – Reduces funding for Port Operations.	0	-3,896,000	0	House position with modification to restore funding and restrict funds pending reports
J00D00.02		Cut Lang.	SF	T&E	PST	109	16 Cont.	MDOT – Reduces funding for Port Facilities and Capital Equipment.	0	-1,350,000	0	Included above
K00A04.01		Lang.	GF	T&E	PST	119-120	17	DNR – Restricts \$100,000 pending receipt of a memorandum of understanding between the Maryland Park Service and a volunteer or emergency responder group to assist in the maintenance of the trails for emergency purposes at the Patuxent River Wildlands within Patuxent River State Park.				Adopt Senate with modification to specify budget review responsibility
K00A05.10		Lang.	SF	СРН	САР	121	18	DNR – Restricts \$3,500,000 provided to Program Open Space – Greenspace Equity Program for two grants: \$500,000 to the Board of Trustees of The Roland Park Community Foundation, Inc.; and \$3,000,000 to the County Executive and County Council of Montgomery County.				Adopt Senate with modifications to change recipient name and add reductions and modify contingent language in MDE based on BRFA actions
M00F01.01		Lang.	GF	HHR	HHS	130-131	19	MDH – Restricts \$100,000 pending changes in regulations related to the local health department match requirement and submission of a report summarizing the changes.				Adopt
M00L01.02	Yes	Cut Lang.	GF	HHR	HHS	134	20	MDH – Reduces funding reduction contingent upon the enactment of legislation authorizing the transfer of excess special fund balance from various health occupation boards to the Behavioral Health Administration.	-9,489,874	-6,933,700	-6,933,700	Adopt

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M00L01.02	Lang.	GF	HHR	HHS	134-135	21	MDH – Increases the amount restricted and alters the timeframes for submission of letters confirming data on reimbursements to non-Medicaid providers have been uploaded.				Adopt Senate with modification to alter the data and letter submission due dates
M00L01.02	Lang.	GF	HHR	HHS	135	22	MDH – Strikes language restricting \$3,000,000 of general funds within the Community Services program for behavioral health investments to be used only to address hospital overstays among children and youth.				Reject
M00L01.02	Lang.	GF	HHR	HHS	136	23	MDH – Strikes language restricting \$500,000 of general funds within the Community Services program for harm reduction to be used only to provide funds to public higher education institutions for the purpose of providing drug detection products to students.				Reject
M00L01.02	Lang.	GF	HHR	HHS	136-137	24	MDH – Restricts \$5,000,000 of general funds for the purpose of the Behavioral Health Crisis Response Grant Program for that purpose only.				Adopt
M00M01.01	Lang.	GF	HHR	HHS	145-146	25	MDH – Restricts \$500,000 pending receipt of a report providing detailed information on implementation of cost containment actions.				Adopt
M00M01.02	Lang.		HHR	HHS	148-149	26	MDH – Prohibits DDA from implementing a dedicated hours utilization policy that considers the availability of shared hours in a home before approving the use of dedicated hours to support individuals in certain circumstances.				Adopt
M00Q01.01	Lang.	GF	HHR	HHS	150-151	27	Medicaid – Restricts \$500,000 pending receipt of a report on end the wait initiatives for Medicaid home- and community-based services waivers.				Adopt
M00Q01.03 Yes	Cut Lang	g. GF	HHR	HHS	151	28	Medicaid – Makes a reduction contingent upon the enactment of legislation authorizing the use of funds received from litigation related to the enforcement of the Master Settlement Agreement to support Medicaid expenses instead of directly (Amendment 30).	(	) -25,000,000	-25,000,000	Adopt
M00Q01.03 Yes	Lang.	GF	HHR	HHS	152	29	Medicaid – Restricts funding budgeted to provide Medicaid coverage of adults enrolled under the ACA expansion to be used for that purpose only, or contingent on the discontinuation of Medicaid coverage for individuals in the ACA expansion population in accordance with the Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act of 2025, to be used only for the purpose of providing assistance for medical care expenses and health insurance costs, including subsidies for health insurance plans provided through the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange, to adults under the ACA expansion who are disenrolled from Medicaid.				Reject
M00Q01.03 Yes	Reductio	n GF	HHR	HHS	152-53	30	Medicaid – Restores funding in Medicaid that is contingently reduced in Amendment 28.	-25,000,000	) 0	0	Adopt
M00Q01.03 Yes	Lang.	FF	HHR	HHS	154	31	Medicaid – Restricts federal funds appropriated for the purpose of providing medical care and other health care services for adults covered in the Medicaid program under the ACA expansion to that purpose only.				Reject

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M00R01.02		Lang.	SF	HHR	HHS	161-62	32	HSCRC – Restricts \$250,000 pending submission of a report on the alignment of incentives between Medicare Advantage plans and hospitals in Maryland under the All-payer Health Equity Approaches and Development model and efforts to support Medicare Advantage plans operating in underserved communities.				Adopt
M00R01.03		Lang.	SF	HHR	HHS	163	33	MCHRC – Modifies a contingent reduction to reduce the amount of the reduction and to clarify the contingency action.	-90,000,000	-60,000,000	-60,000,000	Adopt
N00B00.04		Lang.	GF	HHR	HHS	166-67	34	DHS – Modifies language restricting funds pending a report on data on hospital and hotel stays by children and youth in out-of-home placements to change the due date from December 1, 2025, to November 1, 2025.				Adopt Senate with modification to request data on youths in out-of-home placements placed in other unlicensed settings
N00I00.04		Lang.	GF	HHR	HHS	182-83	35	DHS – Restricts \$50,000 pending receipt of a report detailing DHS' grants administration process in the Office of Grants Management.				Adopt Senate with modification to require reporting of competitively distributed grants and strike specific references to programs
Q00A01.01		Lang.	GF	PSA	PST	193	36	DPSCS – Restricts \$1,000,000 pending receipt of a letter confirming submission of all reports requested in the 2025 Joint Chairmen's Report.				Adopt Senate with modification to restrict funding until DPSCS submits a letter and reports on payment of outstanding amounts owed to local healthcare providers
Q00A01.10		Lang.	GF	PSA	PST	195-96	37	DPSCS – Increases the amount restricted from \$250,000 to \$500,000 pending receipt of a report on a plan to eliminate the need for mandatory overtime.				Adopt
R00A01.03		Reduction	SF	EED	EBA	214-15	38	MSDE – Partially restores special funds for the Maryland School Leadership Academy.	-3,200,000	-1,200,000	-3,200,000	Reject
R00A01.05		Reduction	SF	EED	EBA	215	39	MSDE – Reduces special funds for administration of the Concentration of Poverty Grant Program.	0	-1,000,000	-1,000,000	Adopt
R00A02.55		Reduction	SF	EED	EBA	218	40	MSDE – Partially restores special funds for the Grow Your Own Educators program.	-14,334,000	-14,000,000	-14,000,000	Adopt Senate with modification to delete funds and strike contingent language for the Collaborative Time Innovation Demonstration Grant and add language related to the Therapeutic Child Care Grant Program
R00A02.55		Reduction	SF	EED	EBA	218	40 Cont.	MSDE – Partially restores funding for Maryland's Future special funds for Collaborative Time Innovation Demonstration grants and adds language making the remaining funding contingent on legislation delaying the implementation of the collaborative time per pupil amount.	-9,000,000	-1,000,000	-9,000,000	Included above

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R00A02.60		Reduction	SF	EED	EBA	220	41	MSDE – Deletes special funds for the Academic Excellence Fund.		0 -19,000,000	-19,300,000	Adopt Senate with modification to delete funds for the Academic Excellence Fund and strike contingent language and reduce \$1.7 million for Guaranteed Tax Base
R00A02.63		Cut Lang.	SF	EED	EBA	221	42	MSDE – Restores language struck by the House that reduces funding contingent upon the enactment of legislation delaying implementation of the collaborative time per pupil amount but modifies the level of the contingent reduction.		0 -4,884,663	0	Reject
R13M00.00		Lang.	CUF	EED	EBA	230-31	43	MSU – Strikes language restricting \$250,000 pending receipt of a report on repeat audit findings.				Adopt
R14D00.00		Lang.	CUF	EED	EBA	232	44	SMCM – Restricts \$500,000 pending receipt of a report on actions taken to address the findings in the most recent fiscal compliance audit and improve financial management practices.				Adopt Senate with modification to strike language referring to St. Mary's County delegation
R62I00.01		Lang.	GF	EED	EBA	235	45	MHEC – Restricts \$150,000 pending receipt of a report providing detail on the Howard P. Rawlings Educational Excellence Awards program with detail separately for the Guaranteed Access Grant and Educational Assistance Grant.				Reject
R62I00.48		Reduction	GF	EED	EBA	237	46	MHEC – Partially restores funding for the Maryland Community College Promise Scholarship Program.	-3,000,00	-1,500,000	-1,500,000	Adopt
R62I00.52	Yes	Reduction	GF	EED	EBA	238-39	47	MHEC – Strikes language making a reduction contingent on legislation and directly reduces funds within the Maryland Loan Assistance Repayment Program for Police Officers to leave \$2,000,000 rather than \$200,000 of funding.	-4,800,00	0 -3,000,000	-3,000,000	Adopt
R62I00.53	Yes	Reduction	GF	EED	EBA	239-40	48	MHEC – Strikes language making a reduction contingent on legislation and directly reduces funds within the Maryland Police Officers Scholarship Program to leave \$2,000,000 rather than \$500,000 of funding.	-4,500,00	0 -3,000,000	-3,000,000	Adopt
R75T00.01		Lang.	GF	EED	EBA	241-42	49	MSU – Technical Amendment conforming bill to action taken in Amendment 43.				Adopt
R75T00.01		Lang.	GF	EED	EBA	242-43	50	SMCM – Technical Amendment conforming bill to action taken in Amendment 44.				Adopt Senate with modification to strike language referring to St. Mary's County delegation
T00F00.05		Reduction	GF	EED	EBA	249-50	51	Commerce - Reduces funding for the Industry 4.0 program.		0 -4,000,000	-4,000,000	Included below.
T00F00.05		Reduction	GF	EED	EBA	249-50	51 Cont.	Commerce – Partially restores funding for a grant to the Maryland Tech Council for the BioHub Maryland Initiative.	-1,500,00	0 -750,000	-1,500,000	Adopt Senate with modification to reduce funding for BioHub Maryland by \$1.5 million
T00G00.08		Lang.	SF	EED	EBA	252-53	52	Commerce – Restricts funding of \$460,000 in the Preservation of Cultural Arts program to three specified grantees.				Reject

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V00D01.01		Lang.	GF	PSA	PST	258-259	53	DJS – Restricts \$500,000 pending receipt of a report regarding certain practices of the department, recidivism data, information about the evaluation that DJS performs related to youth outcomes, and the availability of evidence-based services for youth.				Adopt
V00E01.02		Lang.	GF	PSA	PST	260	54	DJS – Strikes language restricting \$3,000,000 in funding intended to be used for opening the Catoctin Treatment Center to be used instead to reopen the Alfred D. Noyes Children's Center as an adolescent drug treatment center that serves as a treatment alternative to detention.				Adopt Senate with modification to restore restrictive language but clarify allowable uses
Y01A03.01	F	Reduction	GF	EED	EBA	268	55	State Reserve Fund – Partially restores funding for the Economic Development Opportunities Program Account, commonly referred to as the Sunny Day Fund, and modifies contingent language.	-10,000,000	-9,000,000	-9,000,000	Adopt Senate with modification to remove contingent language.
H00H01.03		Lang.	GF	СРН	CAP	270	56	DGS – Deficiency – Directs \$16,000,000 in general funds appropriated for the Tradepoint Atlantic Sparrows Point Container Terminal project be provided as a grant to MEDCO.				Adopt
R62I00.52	F	Reduction	GF	EED	EBA	275	57	MHEC – Modifies language to lower the amount of a reduction contingent on legislation for the Police Officer and Probation Officer Loan Assistance Repayment Program to provide \$500,000 rather than \$200,000 in remaining funding.	-3,675,000	-3,375,000	-3,375,000	Adopt
R62I00.53	F	Reduction	GF	EED	EBA	275-76	58	MHEC – Modifies language to lower the amount of a reduction contingent on legislation for the Police Officer and Probation Officer Scholarship Program to provide \$500,000 rather than \$200,000 in remaining funding.	-3,675,000	-3,375,000	-3,375,000	Adopt
Section 19		Lang.	GF	APP	SBT	278-79	59	Section 19 – Restores fiscal 2025 funding for Community Services for Medicaid State Fund Recipients and for Community Services within the Department of Aging, partially restores funding for the Maryland Community College Promise Scholarship Program, and reduces funding for a grant that is re-appropriated in Section 20 with modified language.	-20,900,000	-11,500,000	-11,500,000	Adopt
Section 19		Lang.	SF	APP	SBT	278-79	59 Cont.	Section 19 – Reduces fiscal 2025 funding for a grant to develop a pilot project to increase transportation opportunities for K-12 students not already being bussed by public school systems, which is re-appropriated in Section 21 with a change in grantee.	-4,000,000	-4,250,000	-4,250,000	Adopt
Section 20		Lang.	GF	APP	SBT	280-81	60	Section 20 – Modifies language for DDA restored funds and adds funding for a grant to the Maryland Association of Boards of Education to establish direct primary care health centers for school system employees, county government employees, and families of these employees in Maryland's 23 counties and Baltimore City, which was reduced in Section 19.	34,224,704	36,224,704	36,224,704	Adopt Senate with modification to delete special funds
Section 20		Lang.	SF	APP	SBT	280-81	60 Cont.	Section 20 – Adds funding from the Transportation Trust Fund for a grant to MEDCO for the dredge material placement costs associated with the Tradepoint Atlantic Sparrows Point Container Terminal project.	0	3,000,000	0	Included above

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Section 21		Lang.	GF	APP	SBT	281-92	61	Section 21 – Reallocates funding available through reductions to legislative priorities and modifies language for restored funds for DDA (general funds).	194,875,019	199,566,475	224,037,003	Adopt Senate with modification to add funds for various purposes, make technical corrections, delete one addition, alter funding for various purposes in the Office of the Attorney General to reduce a total of \$322,777, add language to restrict funds for certain purposes and submission of a report.
Section 21		Lang.	SF	APP	SBT	281-92	61 Cont.	Section 21 – Reallocates funding available through reductions to legislative priorities (special funds).	65,622,088	70,097,088	73,068,488	Included above
Section 37		Lang.	GF	HHR	HHS	307	62	Section 37 – Increases from \$100,000 to \$250,000 the funding restricted from each DHS and MDH pending receipt of a report indicating that the State Child Fatality Review Team has met publicly, the dates of the meetings to discuss child fatalities, a summary of the meeting, and the anticipated date for release of the annual report.				Adopt
Section 39		Lang.	GF	PSA	PST	308	63	Section 39 – Partially restores funding for Judiciary employee merit raises.	-14,020,764	-13,020,764	-9,820,850	Adopt Senate with modification to correct the amount of Judiciary employee raises reduced, strike technical language on Sections 38 and 40, and add language authorizing transfer of SEIF funds for utility assistance
Section 39		Lang.	SF	PSA	PST	308	63 Cont.	Section 39 – Partially restores funding for Judiciary employee merit raises.	-1,557,863	-1,557,863	-1,091,206	Included above
Section 41		Lang.	GF	APP	SBT	308-09	64	Section 41 – Abolishes 150.5 FTE new regular positions in the fiscal 2026 allowance, limits the positions that may be abolished, and reduces funds associated with the abolished positions.	0	-11,542,125	-11,542,125	Adopt Senate with modification to allow vacant positions to be reduced
Section 41		Lang.	SF	APP	SBT	308-09	64 Cont.	Section 41 – Abolishes 150.5 FTE new regular positions in the fiscal 2026 allowance, limits the positions that may be abolished, and reduces funds associated with the abolished positions.	0	-3,114,453	-3,114,453	Included above
Section 41		Lang.	FF	APP	SBT	308-09	64 Cont.	Section 41 – Abolishes 150.5 FTE new regular positions in the fiscal 2026 allowance, limits the positions that may be abolished, and reduces funds associated with the abolished positions.	0	-1,867,925	-1,867,925	Included above
Technical		Lang.	N/A	N/A	N/A	310	65	Technical amendment renumbering sections.				Adopt Senate with modification to renumber sections
D15A05.05		Lang.	GF	PSA	HHS	314	66	Boards and Commissions – Supplemental No. 1 – Deletes 5.0 new positions and associated funding.	0	-676,281	0	Reject
H00H01.03		Lang.	GF	СРН	CAP	318	67	DGS – Supplemental No. 1 – Directs \$15,000,000 in funds appropriated for the Tradepoint Atlantic Sparrows Point Container Terminal project be provided as a grant to MEDCO.				Adopt

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H00H01.03		Lang.	GF	СРН	CAP	318	68	DGS – Supplemental No. 1 – Directs \$1,000,000 in funds appropriated for the Tradepoint Atlantic Sparrows Point Container Terminal project be provided as a grant to MEDCO.				Adopt
P00G01.15		Reduction	GF	EED	EBA	325-26	69	MD Labor – Supplemental No. 1 – Restores funding realigned from the DPA for Cyber Workforce Grants.	-2,000,000	0	-2,000,000	Reject
T00F00.01		Reduction	GF	EED	EBA	333	70	Commerce – Supplemental No. 1 – Reduces funding realigned from the DPA for the Strategic Infrastructure Revolving Loan Fund.	0	-1,000,000	0	Reject
R00A02.01		Lang.	SF	EED	EBA		823020/1	MSDE – Restores language struck by the House making a reduction to the State Share of Foundation Program contingent on legislation.	0	-73,128,127	0	Reject
				0	0		CCSA1	Supplemental No. 2 - Technical amendment to renumber a section.				Adopt

# **Acronym List**

ACA: Affordable Care Act BRFA: Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act Commerce: Department of Commerce DBM: Department of Budget and Management DDA: Developmental Disabilities Administration DGS: Department of General Services DHS: Department of Human Services DJS: Department of Juvenile Services **DNR:** Department of Natural Resources **DPA:** Dedicated Purpose Account DPSCS: Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services FF: federal fund FTE: full-time equivalent GF: general fund HSCRC: Health Services Cost Review Commission MCHRC: Maryland Community Health Resources Commission Md Labor: Maryland Department of Labor MDE: Maryland Department of the Environment MDH: Maryland Department of Health MDOT: Maryland Department of Transportation MEDCO: Maryland Economic Development Corporation MGA: Maryland General Assembly MHEC: Maryland Higher Education Commission MSDE: Maryland State Department of Education MSU: Morgan State University OAG: Office of the Attorney General OCO: Office of Correctional Ombudsman PAYGO: pay-as-you-go SDAT: State Department of Assessments and Taxation SEIF: Strategic Energy Investment Fund SF: special fund SMCM: St. Mary's College of Maryland

#### **Conference Committee Amendment No. 1**

On page 19 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading Governor's Office for Children, in program D18A01.03 The Children's Cabinet Interagency Fund, adopt Amendment 4, and in line 12 strike "27,460,335" and substitute "24,460,335"; and in line 15 strike "5,000,000" and substitute "2,000,000", and strike "32,460,335" and substitute "26,460,335".

#### **Conference Committee Amendment No. 2**

On page 29 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading Maryland Stadium Authority, in program D28A03.69 Racing and Community Development Financing Fund, adopt Amendment 6, and in line 14 strike "<u>1,000,000</u>" and substitute "<u>13,400,000</u>"; and on page 30, under the heading Maryland Thoroughbred Racetrack Operating Authority, in program D29A01.01 Administration, in line 12 following "Appropriation" insert "<u>, provided that the appropriation made for the purpose of administration shall be reduced by \$3,463,204 and 6.0 regular positions shall be abolished contingent on the enactment of HB 352 abolishing the Maryland Thoroughbred Racetrack Operating Authority is the maryland Thoroughbred Racetrack Operating the Maryland Thoroughbred Racetrack Operating Authority before the start of fiscal 2026.".</u>

# **Conference Committee Amendment No. 3**

On page 38 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading West North Avenue Development Authority, in program D91A01.01 General Administration, adopt Amendment 9, and in line 10 strike "22,443,101" and substitute "21,443,101".

#### **Conference Committee Amendment No. 4**

On page 74 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading Maryland Port Administration, reject Amendment 16, and on page 69, under the heading The Secretary's Office, in program J00A01.01 Executive Direction, in line 24 following "Appropriation" insert ", provided that \$500,000 of this appropriation made for the purpose of administrative expenses within The Secretary's Office may not be expended until the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) and the Maryland Transportation Authority (MDTA) submit a report to the budget committees on the assessment and actions that can be taken to reduce the vessel collision vulnerability of certain bridges in the State.

The report shall include, if available by December 1, 2025, the findings of vulnerability assessments of the eastbound and westbound spans of the William Preston Lane, Jr. Memorial Bridge (Chesapeake Bay Bridge) and the Chesapeake City Bridge, and a discussion of the steps necessary for MDOT and MDTA to develop and implement comprehensive risk reduction plans for these bridges to reduce the likelihood of a bridge collapse in the case of a vessel collision.

In addition, the report shall include a discussion of the estimated costs and funding sources needed to conduct full vessel collision vulnerability assessments as well as the development and implementation of the comprehensive vessel collision risk reduction plans that comports with published American Association of State Highway Transportation Officials guidance. The report shall also include information on current measures being taken to reduce the vulnerability of the new Francis Scott Key Bridge.

The report shall be submitted by December 1, 2025, and the budget committees shall have 45 days from the date of the receipt of the report to review and comment. Funds restricted pending the receipt of a report may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall be canceled if the report is not submitted to the budget committees.

Further provided that, contingent upon the enactment of HB 517, \$150,000 of this appropriation made for the purpose of departmental administration may not be expended until the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) submits a report to the budget committees on a reorganization plan through which the Maryland Transit Administration (MTA) would continue providing local Baltimore City transit services, including light rail, subway, and bus services and the Office of the Secretary or a new unit of MDOT would provide statewide transit services. The report should:

- (1) detail the current contractual obligations and agreements of the MTA and the process to transfer the obligations and agreements as part of a reorganization of MDOT and MTA and the governance changes to MTA necessary to ensure that Baltimore City has the appropriate oversight and input into local Baltimore City transit service;
- (2) make recommendations regarding the reorganization of MDOT and MTA to ensure that:
  - (a) local Baltimore City transit service, including light rail, subway, and bus service, remain as a single unit within MDOT and any other functions of MTA are reorganized into a separate unit within MDOT or the Office of the Secretary:
  - (b) the workforce and personnel of MTA necessary to operate local Baltimore City transit services remain within MTA and the workforce and personnel of MTA necessary to operate statewide transit services are reorganized into a separate unit within MDOT or the Office of the Secretary; and
  - (c) the funding for local Baltimore City transit service is not reduced.

The report shall be submitted by December 1, 2025, and the budget committees shall have 45 days from the date of the receipt of the report to review and comment. Funds restricted pending the receipt of a report may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall be canceled if the report is not submitted to the budget committees.".

#### **Conference Committee Amendment No. 5**

On page 81 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading Maryland Park Service, in program K00A04.01 Statewide Operations, adopt Amendment 17, and in line 24 following "<u>submitted</u>" insert "to the budget committees and the Senate Education, Energy, and the <u>Environment Committee</u>"; and in line 25 strike beginning with the second instance of "<u>and the</u>" down through "<u>Committee</u>" in line 27.

#### **Conference Committee Amendment No. 6**

On page 84 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading Land Acquisition and Planning, in program K00A05.10 Outdoor Recreation Land Loan – Capital Appropriation, adopt Amendment 18, and in line 30 strike beginning with "<u>County</u>" down through "<u>County</u>" in line 32 and substitute "<u>Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission</u>"; and on page 220, under the heading Land and Materials Administration, in program U00A06.01 Land and Materials Administration, in line 37 strike "\$250,000" and substitute "<u>\$1,500,000</u>"; and on page 221, in line 4 strike "\$3,000,000" and substitute "<u>\$1,500,000</u>"; and in line 8 strike "\$1,300,000" and substitute "<u>\$650,000</u>"; and in line 23 strike "31,828,214" and substitute "<u>29,678,214</u>"; and in line 24 strike "53,990,249" and substitute "<u>51,840,249</u>".

#### **Conference Committee Amendment No. 7**

On page 105 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading Behavioral Health Administration, in program M00L01.02 Community Services, adopt Amendment 21, and in line 2 strike beginning with "Further" down through "committees." in line 41, and substitute "Further provided that \$500,000 of this appropriation made for the purpose of administration may not be expended until the Maryland Department of Health submits quarterly letters confirming that it has uploaded data on reimbursements to non-Medicaid providers through the Virtual Data Unit each month through March 31, 2026. The data shall include provider reimbursement spending in M00L01.02 and M00L01.03, separated by program and by service type within each program. The data shall be provided beginning with data from January 1, 2025 through June 30, 2025 submitted July 31, 2025, and each month thereafter. Funds shall be available to be released in \$125,000 increments pending receipt of each letter confirming the submission of data. The first letter shall confirm uploading of data through June 30, 2025 and be submitted by July 31, 2025. The second letter shall confirm the uploading of data for the period from July 1 through September 30, 2025 and be submitted by October 31, 2025. The third letter shall confirm the uploading of data from October 1 through December 31, 2025 and be submitted by January 31, 2026. The fourth letter shall confirm the uploading of data covering the period January 1 through March 31, 2026 and be submitted by April 30, 2026. The budget committees shall have 45 days from the date of the receipt of each confirmatory letter to review and comment. Funds restricted pending the receipt of data may not be transferred by budget amendment or

otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund if each letter is not submitted to the budget committees.".

# **Conference Committee Amendment No. 8**

On page 130 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading Social Services Administration, in program N00B00.04 General Administration – State, adopt Amendment 34, and on page 129 following line 39 insert "<u>The report shall also include for each month of the period October 2024</u> through September 2025:

- (1) the number of unique and total youth in out-of-home placements placed in other unlicensed settings, other than kinship care, placements supported by SemiIndependent- Living Arrangement subsidy payments, college, or reported as placements in hotels or hospitals;
- (2) the ALOS for youth in out-of-home placements placed in unlicensed settings; and
- (3) summary information on youth placed in unlicensed settings by age category.".

# **Conference Committee Amendment No. 9**

On page 139 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading Family Investment Administration, in program N00I00.04 Director's Office, adopt Amendment 35, and in line 21 following "<u>Management.</u>" insert "The report shall detail, for each program in the Office of Grants Management, whether the programs are competitively awarded or provided to specifically identified organizations."; and on the same page in line 27 following "<u>participate</u>" strike beginning with "2" down through "<u>applications</u>" in line 33.

# **Conference Committee Amendment No. 10**

On page 154 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading Office of the Secretary, in program Q00A01.01 General Administration, adopt Amendment 36, and on page 155 in line 8 following "committees" insert "Further provided that \$100,000 of this appropriation made for the purpose of general administration may not be expended until the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services (DPSCS) submits a letter to the budget committees confirming that it has used funds withheld from final payment to the vendor for the inmate medical health care and utilization services contract that terminated July 31, 2024, or has compelled payment directly from the vendor to pay hospitals and other health care providers in Maryland the amounts due and payable in full for care provided to incarcerated individuals under the State contract between May 1, 2022, and July 31, 2024, without regard to whether such hospitals and healthcare providers entered into a written subcontract with the vendor. DPSCS may not issue any final or further payment to YesCare until YesCare pays subcontractors, suppliers and other providers amounts due and payable in full. The letter shall be submitted within 30 days of the final payment of the

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

Further provided that \$100,000 of this appropriation made for the purpose of general administration may not be expended until DPSCS submits a report to the budget committees on the following:

- (1) the aggregate outstanding amount owed by the vendor to Maryland healthcare providers;
- (2) actions taken by DPSCS to make or compel payment of amounts owed;
- (3) the amount paid to each healthcare provider owed money as of the date of the report;
- (4) the amount billed for services provided by each subcontractor, supplier, or provider;
- (5) the source of the funds used for reimbursement; and
- (6) the date on which payment was made to each subcontractor, supplier, or provider.

The report shall be submitted to the budget committees no later than November 15, 2025. The budget committees shall have 45 days from the date of the receipt of the report to review and comment. Funds restricted pending the receipt of a report may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund if the report is not submitted to the budget committees.".

# **Conference Committee Amendment No. 11**

On page 176 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading Aid to Education, in program R00A02.55 Teacher Development, adopt Amendment 40, and in line 4 strike beginning with ", <u>provided</u>" down through "<u>amount</u>" in line 10; and in line 12 strike "<u>59,797,161</u>" and substitute "<u>51,797,161</u>"; and in line 15 strike "<u>91,572,839</u>" and substitute "<u>83,572,839</u>"; and on the same page in program R00A02.57 At-Risk Early Childhood Grants, in line 18 following "Appropriation" insert ", provided that \$1,500,000 of this appropriation made for the purpose of the Therapeutic Child Care Grant Program shall be allocated to existing providers participating in the program in the same proportion as was provided in fiscal 2022. Funds not expended for this restricted purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund.".

#### **Conference Committee Amendment No. 12**

On page 176 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading Aid to Education, in program R00A02.60 Blueprint for Maryland's Future Transition Grants, adopt Amendment 41, and in line 31 strike "<u>69,523,027</u>" and substitute "<u>69,213,027</u>"; and on page 175, in program R00A02.25 Guaranteed Tax Base, in line 30 following "Appropriation" strike ", provided" down through "amount" in line 34; and in line 34 strike "66,664,398" and substitute "<u>64,964,792</u>".

#### **Conference Committee Amendment No. 13**

On page 192 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading St. Mary's College of Maryland, in program R14D00.00 St. Mary's College of Maryland, adopt Amendment 44, and in line 33 strike beginning with "and the" down through "Delegation" in lines 34.

#### **Conference Committee Amendment No. 14**

On page 204 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading Higher Education, in program R75T00.01 Support for State Operated Institutions of Higher Education, adopt Amendment 50, and in line 28 strike beginning with "and the" down through "Delegation" in line 29.

#### **Conference Committee Amendment No. 15**

On page 213 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading Division of Business and Industry Sector Development, in program T00F00.05 Office of Strategic Industries and Entrepreneurship, adopt Amendment 51, and in line 20 strike "<u>13,662,297</u>" and substitute "<u>12,912,297</u>"; and in line 23 strike "<u>14,129,074</u>" and substitute "<u>13,379,074</u>".

#### **Conference Committee Amendment No. 16**

On page 226 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading Community and Facility Operations Administration, in program V00E01.02 Facility Operations Administration and Support, adopt Amendment 54, and in line 36 following "<u>Fund</u>" insert ", provided that \$3,000,000 of this appropriation made for the purpose of opening the Catoctin Treatment Center may not be expended for that purpose but instead may be used only to reopen the Alfred D. Noyes Children's Center as an adolescent drug treatment center that serves as a treatment alternative to detention and commitment. Funds not expended for this restricted purpose may not be transferred by budget amended or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund.".

#### **Conference Committee Amendment No. 17**

On page 232 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading State Reserve Fund, in program Y01A03.01 Economic Development Opportunities Program Account, adopt Amendment 55, and in line 27 strike beginning with "<u>, provided</u>" down through "<u>Commerce</u>" in line 32.

#### **Conference Committee Amendment No. 18**

On page 319 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading Section 20, adopt Amendment 60, and on page 320 in line 6 following "<u>Fund</u>;" insert "<u>and</u>"; and on the same page in line 7 strike beginning with "<u>\$3,000,000 in special funds</u>" down through "<u>(3)</u>" in line 15.

#### **Conference Committee Amendment No. 19**

On page 320 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading Section 21, adopt Amendment 61, and on page 321 of the Committee Reprint in line 21 strike "\$27,000,000" and substitute "\$32,000,000"; and on the same page in line 24 strike "distribution" and substitute "subaccount"; and on the same page in line 30 strike "distribution" and substitute "subaccount"; and on the same page in line 37 strike "distribution" and substitute "subaccount"; and on page 322 of the Committee Reprint in line 5 strike "distribution" and substitute "subaccount"; and on the same page in line 3 following "SEIF;" strike "and"; and on the same page in line 10 following "<u>SEIF</u>;" insert "and (e) \$5,000,000 in special funds from the renewable and clean energy and climate change subaccount of the SEIF is added to the appropriation for program R75T00.01 Support for State Operated Institutions for Higher Education for R30B29 Salisbury University to fund the design, construction, and capital equipping of the Blackwell Hall renovation project. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the SEIF;"; and on page 324 of the Committee Reprint in line 2 strike beginning with "\$1,500,000" down through "Fund;" in line 7 and substitute "\$3,600,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program C81C00.01 Legal Counsel and Advice within the Office of the Attorney General for the purpose of providing access to counsel. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund;"; and on page 326 of the Committee Reprint in line 13 strike "\$3,000,000 in special funds from the Transportation Trust Fund" and substitute "\$6,000,000 in general funds"; and on the same page in line 19 strike "be canceled" and substitute "revert to the General Fund"; and on page 330 of the Committee Reprint in line 18 following "Fund;" strike "and"; and in line 26 following "Fund" strike "." and substitute "; (56) \$500,000 in special funds from the renewable and clean energy subaccount of the SEIF is added to the appropriation for program E00A01.01 Executive Direction within the Comptroller of Maryland for the purpose of funding a study, including the costs related to a consultant, required under SB 149 or HB 128, contingent on the enactment of SB 149 or HB 128 requiring a study. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the SEIF; (57) \$350,000 in general funds is

added to the appropriation for program M00R01.02 Health Services Cost Review Commission within the Health Regulatory Commissions within the Maryland Department of Health for the purpose of providing a grant to DrFirst for services provided to the Chesapeake Regional Information System for our Patients. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund; (58) \$300,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program D40W01.08 Museum Services within the Department of Planning for the purpose of the Historical and Cultural Museum Assistance Program. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund; (59) \$250,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program R00A03.03 Other Institutions within Funding for Educational Organizations within the Maryland State Department of Education for the purpose of providing a grant to 100 Black Men of Greater Washington DC, Inc. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund; (60) \$250,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program R75T00.01 Support for State Operated Institutions of Higher Education for R30B24 Towson University for the purpose of providing a funding for the Dr. Nancy Grasmick Leadership Institute. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund; (61) \$230,128 in general funds and 3.0 regular positions are added to the appropriation for program R00A01.06 Office of the Deputy for Operations within Headquarters within the Maryland State Department of Education for the purpose of assisting local education agencies with cybersecurity efforts. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund; (62) \$200,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program T00G00.09 Baltimore Symphony Orchestra within the Division of Tourism, Film and the Arts within the Department of Commerce for the purpose of providing a grant to the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund; (63) \$165,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program D05E01.10 Miscellaneous Grants to Private Nonprofit Groups within the Board of Public Works for the purpose of providing a grant to Historic Annapolis for management of historic properties. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund; (64) \$150,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program D21A01.01 Administrative Headquarters within the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy for the purpose of providing a grant to Dieter's Close Quarters Defense, Inc. to provide scenario-based judgement training to law enforcement and security personnel. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund; (65) \$150,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program D05E01.10 Miscellaneous Grants to Private Nonprofit Groups within the Board of Public Works for the purpose of providing a grant to the Board of Directors of Friends of Herring Run Parks to restore, protect, and promote the Herring Run Park stream valley. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund; (66) \$125,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program R00A03.03 Other Institutions within Funding for

Educational Organizations within the Maryland State Department of Education for the purpose of providing a grant to the Water's Edge Museum for the Chesapeake Bay Mapping and Youth Leadership Program. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund; (67) \$110,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program T00G00.05 Maryland State Arts Council within the Division of Tourism, Film and the Arts within the Department of Commerce for the purpose of providing a grant to the Columbia Festival of the Arts. Further provided that these added funds shall not be included in the fiscal 2027 calculation of Arts Council formula funding. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund; (68) \$100,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program S00A24.01 Neighborhood Revitalization within the Division of Neighborhood Revitalization within the Department of Housing and Community Development for the purpose of providing a grant to the Olney Chamber of Commerce. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund; (69) \$100,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program P00G01.07 Workforce Development within the Division of Workforce Development and Adult Learning within the Maryland Department of Labor for the purpose of providing a grant to Foundation for Educational Development, Inc. for the STEM City Baltimore Workforce Development Initiative. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund; (70) \$80,400 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program T00F00.01 Managing Director of Business and Industry Sector Development within the Department of Commerce for the purpose of a nonprofit organizations navigator. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund; (71) \$80,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program D18A01.01 Governor's Office for Children for the purpose of providing a grant to the Boys and Girls Club of Southern Maryland. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund; (72) \$75,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program P00G01.07 Workforce Development within the Division of Workforce Development and Adult Learning within the Maryland Department of Labor for the purpose of providing a grant to Lincoln Technical Institute, Inc. to support a regional technical career fair for high school students. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund; (73) \$75,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program S00A24.01 Neighborhood Revitalization within the Division of Neighborhood Revitalization within the Department of Housing and Community Development for the purpose of providing a grant to the Huntington City Community Development Corporation. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund; (74) \$60,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program D05E01.10 Miscellaneous Grants to Private Nonprofit Groups within the Board of Public Works for the purpose of providing a grant to Team Thrill Youth Sports Organization Inc. to support developmental basketball opportunities for young scholars. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund; (75) \$50,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for

program D05E01.10 Miscellaneous Grants to Private Nonprofit Groups within the Board of Public Works for the purpose of providing a grant to Montgomery County to improve parking in Downtown Silver Spring necessitated by the construction of the Purple Line. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund; (76) \$50,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program J00H01.06 Statewide Programs Operations within the Maryland Transit Administration within the Maryland Department of Transportation for the purpose of a grant for the Neighbor Ride program, which provides door-to-door transportation services for seniors in Howard County. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund; (77) \$50,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program D05E01.10 Miscellaneous Grants to Private Nonprofit Groups within the Board of Public Works for the purpose of providing a grant to the Association of Community Services of Howard County to support capacity building for nonprofit organizations. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund; (78) \$50,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program R00A03.03 Other Institutions within Funding for Educational Organizations within the Maryland State Department of Education for the purpose of providing a grant to the Water's Edge Museum Hero Empowerment Development Program. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund; (79) \$50,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program D05E01.10 Miscellaneous Grants to Private Nonprofit Groups within the Board of Public Works for the purpose of providing a grant to The Sanctuary Collective to support youth empowerment through sports and education. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund; (80) \$50,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program S00A24.01 Neighborhood Revitalization within the Division of Neighborhood Revitalization within the Department of Housing and Community Development for the purpose of providing a grant to the County Executive and County Council for Montgomery County for the Damascus Main Street area. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund; (81) \$50,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program S00A24.01 Neighborhood Revitalization within the Division of Neighborhood Revitalization within the Department of Housing and Community Development for the purpose of providing a grant to Banner Neighborhoods Community Corporation. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund; (82) \$40,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program D05E01.10 Miscellaneous Grants to Private Nonprofit Groups within the Board of Public Works for the purpose of providing a grant to Baltimore City Recreation and Parks to support Team Melo's developmental basketball opportunities for young scholars. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund; (83) \$25,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program M00M01.02 Community Services within the Developmental Disabilities Administration within the Maryland Department of Health for the purpose of providing a grant to the Ethiopian Eritrean Special Needs Community for the Family Support and Empowerment Program. Funds

not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund; (84) \$25,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program D05E01.10 Miscellaneous Grants to Private Nonprofit Groups within the Board of Public Works for the purpose of providing a grant to Leaders Breeders, Inc. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund; (85) \$300,000 in special funds from the Program Open Space allocation provided to Baltimore City is added to the appropriation for program K00A05.10 Outdoor Recreation Land Loan within the Department of Natural Resources for the purpose of providing a grant to Baltimore City Recreation and Parks for the Druid Hill Tennis Courts at 3001 East Drive court resurfacing project. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall be canceled; (86) \$100,000 in special funds from the Program Open Space allocation provided to Baltimore City is added to the appropriation for program K00A05.10 Outdoor Recreation Land Loan within the Department of Natural Resources for the purpose of providing a grant to Baltimore City Recreation and Parks for the Northwest Park project. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall be canceled; (87) \$50,000 in special funds from the Program Open Space allocation provided to Baltimore City is added to the appropriation for program K00A05.10 Outdoor Recreation Land Loan within the Department of Natural Resources for the purpose of providing a grant to Baltimore City Recreation and Parks for the Wilbur H. Waters Park project. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall be canceled; (88) \$21,400 in special funds from the Program Open Space allocation provided to Baltimore City is added to the appropriation for program K00A05.10 Outdoor Recreation Land Loan within the Department of Natural Resources for the purpose of providing a grant to Baltimore City Recreation and Parks for the Patterson Park Master Plan Implementation project. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall be canceled; (89) \$400,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program M00F03.04 Family Health and Chronic Disease Services within the Prevention and Health Promotion Administration within the Maryland Department of Health for the purpose of a grant to Planned Parenthood of Maryland, Inc. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund; (90) \$300,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program T00F00.04 Office of Business Development within the Department of Commerce for the purpose of providing a grant to Ignite Capital. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund; (91) \$250,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program D40W01.07 Management Planning and Educational Outreach within the Department of Planning for the purpose of a passthrough grant for the Strengthening the Humanities in Nonprofits for Equity (SHINE) program within Maryland Humanities to support small and mid-size nonprofits in strengthening artistic, cultural, and educational opportunities and programming in communities across the State. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund; (92) \$12,000,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program H00H01.03 Miscellaneous Grants - Capital Appropriation within the

Department of General Services for the purpose of a grant to the County Executive and County Council of Baltimore County for the funding the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of infrastructure improvements to the Randallstown Library (Baltimore County); and (93) \$130,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program M00F03.04 Family Health and Chronic Disease Services within the Prevention and Health Promotion Administration within the Maryland Department of Health for the purpose of a grant to the University of Maryland Capital Region Medical Center for an apheresis machine. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund."; and on page 7 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading Office of the Attorney General, in program C81C00.01 Legal Counsel and Advice, in line 32 strike "10,674,190" and substitute "10,357,113"; and on the same page in line 39 strike "31,482,979" and substitute "31,165,902"; and on page 8 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading Office of the Attorney General, in program C81C00.06 Antitrust Division, in line 30 strike "1,018,186" and substitute "1,017,786"; and on page 8 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading Office of the Attorney General, in program C81C00.09 Medicaid Fraud Control Unit, in line 32 following "Appropriation" insert ", provided that \$100,000 of this appropriation made for the purpose of general operations may not be expended until the Office of the Attorney General submits a report on the activities of the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit. The report shall include the number of concluded cases separately by year for fiscal 2015 through 2025, the total amount recovered separately by year over that period, a discussion of identified reasons for a decrease in activity since fiscal 2015, and a recommendation for improvements in the unit's investigation and prosecution processes to increase efficiency and fund recovery. The report shall be submitted by October 31, 2025, and the budget committees shall have 45 days from the date of the receipt of the report to review and comment. Funds restricted pending the receipt of a report may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund if the report is not submitted to the budget committees."; and on the same page in line 32 strike "1,992,217" and substitute "1,988,217"; and on the same page in line 33 strike "7,971,839" and substitute "7.967,839"; and on page 9 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading Office of the Attorney General, in program C81C00.14 Civil Litigation Division, in line 7 strike "4,046,912" and substitute "4,045,912"; and on the same page in line 13 strike "5,855,085" and substitute "5,854,085"; and on page 9 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading Office of the Attorney General, in program C81C00.16 Criminal Investigation Division, in line 23 following "Appropriation" insert ", provided that \$355,134 in general funds and 2.0 new Assistant Attorney General positions made for the purpose of funding new positions in the Criminal Investigation Division may be used only for implementation and enforcement of Chapters 460 and 461 of 2024. Funds not expended for this restricted purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund."; and on the same page in line 23 strike "6,756,154" and substitute "6,755,854".

#### **Conference Committee Amendment No. 20**

On page 340 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading Section 39, adopt Amendment 63, and in line 23 strike "<u>\$13,020,764</u>" and substitute "<u>\$9,820,850</u>"; and in line 24 strike "\$1,557,863" and substitute "\$1,091,206"; and on the same page, under the heading Section 38, in line 19 strike ", Legislative Branch, and Judicial Branch"; and on the same page in line 20 strike beginning with ", the Presiding" down through "Judge" in line 21; and on the same page, under the heading Section 40, in line 25 strike beginning with "SECTION 40" down through "2025." in line 34 and substitute "SECTION 40. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That contingent on enactment of HB 1035 or SB 937, the Governor may transfer by budget amendment up to \$200,000,000 from the alternative compliance payments paid into the Maryland Strategic Energy Investment Fund to the Public Service Commission to be awarded to electric companies, including electric cooperatives and municipal electric utilities, to be refunded or credited to residential distribution customers for electric service in fiscal 2026."; and on page 53 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading Office of Personnel Services and Benefits, in program code F10A02.08 Statewide Expenses, in line 33 strike "248,836,352" and substitute "246,616,059"; and on page 54 of the Committee Reprint, in line 20 strike "338,985,811" and substitute "336,765,518".

#### **Conference Committee Amendment No. 21**

On page 340 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading Section 41, adopt Amendment 64, and in line 36 following "<u>new</u>", insert "<u>or vacant</u>".

#### **Conference Committee Amendment No. 22**

On page 341 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading Section 42, adopt Amendment 65, and in line 11 strike "42." and substitute "43."; and on the same page, under the heading Section 43, in line 17 strike "43." and substitute "44.".

#### **Conference Committee Supplemental Budget Technical Amendment No. 1**

On page 4 of Supplemental Budget No. 2, under the heading Amendments to House Bill 350/Senate Bill 319 (First Reading File Bill), in item Amendment No. 4, following "after line 18" strike "<u>SECTION 19</u>" and insert "<u>SECTION 42</u>".