

HOUSE BILL 1211

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Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Budget – Board of Public Works – Notice of Reductions in Appropriations**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Board of Public Works to provide certain public notice
4 within a certain period of time before approving a reduction in appropriations;
5 requiring the Board of Public Works to provide certain notice within a certain period
6 of time to certain committees of the General Assembly; and generally relating to the
7 State budget and reductions in appropriations.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article – State Finance and Procurement
10 Section 7–213
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

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

15 **Article – State Finance and Procurement**

16 7–213.

17 (a) **(1)** [Except] **SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION AND**
18 **EXCEPT** as provided in subsection (b) of this section, with the approval of the Board of
19 Public Works, the Governor may reduce, by not more than 25%, any appropriation:

20 **[(1)] (I)** that the Governor considers unnecessary; or

21 **[(2)] (II)** that is subject to budgetary reductions required under the budget
22 bill as approved by the General Assembly.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(2) AT LEAST 72 HOURS BEFORE A PROPOSED REDUCTION OF AN**
2 **APPROPRIATION MAY BE APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS UNDER**
3 **PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE BOARD SHALL:**

4 **(I) POST ON ITS WEB SITE NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED**
5 **REDUCTION, INCLUDING:**

6 **1. THE AMOUNT OF THE PROPOSED REDUCTION IN BOTH**
7 **DOLLAR AND PERCENTAGE VALUES;**

8 **2. THE FUND SOURCE OF THE APPROPRIATION SUBJECT**
9 **TO THE PROPOSED REDUCTION;**

10 **3. A BRIEF NARRATIVE SUMMARY OF THE IMPACT OF**
11 **THE PROPOSED REDUCTION ON THE PROGRAM FOR WHICH THE APPROPRIATION IS**
12 **INTENDED;**

13 **4. ANY PROJECTED REDUCTIONS IN WORKFORCE AS A**
14 **RESULT OF THE PROPOSED REDUCTION; AND**

15 **5. ANY RECOMMENDATION REGARDING THE PROPOSED**
16 **REDUCTION; AND**

17 **(II) PROVIDE WRITTEN NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED REDUCTION**
18 **TO:**

19 **1. THE LEGISLATIVE POLICY COMMITTEE;**

20 **2. THE SENATE BUDGET AND TAXATION COMMITTEE;**

21 **AND**

22 **3. THE HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE.**

23 (b) (1) The Governor may not reduce an appropriation to the Legislative
24 Branch or the Judicial Branch of the State government.

25 (2) The Governor may not reduce an appropriation for:

26 (i) payment of the principal of or interest on the State debt;

27 (ii) public schools, including the Maryland School for the Deaf;

28 (iii) the Maryland School for the Blind; or

1 (iv) the salary of a public officer, during the term of office.

2 (3) Except as provided in § 8–109 of the State Personnel and Pensions
3 Article, the Governor may not reduce an appropriation for the salary of any nontemporary
4 employee in the State Personnel Management System.

5 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
6 1, 2015.