

Senate Budget and Taxation Committee

Report on

House Bill 200 – the Budget Bill

**House Bill 202 – the Budget Reconciliation and
Financing Act**

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Fiscal 2024 Budget Budget Bill (HB 200) and the Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act (HB 202) As Amended by the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee

Achieves Structural Balance: Ongoing general fund revenues exceed ongoing expenditures by more than \$145 million in fiscal 2024.

Preserves Reserves: About \$3.0 billion in cash resources are preserved including \$2.5 billion in the Revenue Stabilization Account (Rainy Day Fund) (10% of general fund revenues) and \$500 million in the General Fund. The level of reserves retained for the future exceeds the goals of the Spending Affordability Committee.

Reserves Funds for Tax Relief: The budget plan reserves \$205 million of general funds to provide tax relief at about the same level of tax relief as proposed by the Governor.

Saves Resources to Meet the State's Commitment to Fund the Blueprint: The budget plan appropriates \$800 million to the Blueprint for Maryland's Future Fund to cover out-year costs of Blueprint implementation.

Increases Funding for Public Schools: Under the committee's budget proposal, State support for public schools will total \$8.7 billion. Direct aid to local school systems will increase an estimated \$656.5 million, or 9.1%, including full funding of all fiscal 2024 Blueprint mandates.

Creates Capacity for Legislative Capital Priorities: The budget shifts \$240.7 million of capital projects from general obligation (GO) bonds freeing up GO bond capacity for legislative priorities in the capital budget and adds \$147.2 million of new pay-as-you-go (PAYGO) capital projects to the operating budget.

Funds Legislative Priorities: The proposed budget includes more than \$1.1 billion for legislative priorities. Legislative priorities funded include earmarking \$300 million more than the Governor for the Blueprint Fund; \$388 million of PAYGO capital; \$200 million for transportation studies and matching funds for federal transportation funding opportunities; and \$35 million to erase the projected Maryland Emergency Medical System Operations Fund deficit in fiscal 2024 and 2025, increase support for the R Adams Shock Trauma Center, and provide assistance to trauma centers experiencing financial challenges.

Boosts State Employee Salaries and Funds Other Initiatives to Facilitate Recruitment and Retention in a Highly Competitive Labor Market: The allowance includes \$386.5 million for fiscal 2024 salary increases including a 2% cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) (5% for law enforcement officers), employee salary increments, and targeted salary increases for hard to fill positions. Another \$583 million is provided to fund the fiscal 2023 and 2024 costs of a 4.5% COLA provided to State employees in

November 2022. Another \$13 million is provided to restore a deferred compensation match for State employees and to launch pilot programs.

Invests in Higher Education: The budget provides a \$243.7 million (11.1%) increase in State support to Maryland's four-year public colleges and universities while limiting tuition increases for in-state students to 2.0%. Community college formula aid increases by \$39.9 million (12%), and aid to nonpublic higher education institutions rises by \$18.5 million (16%). Funding for Educational Excellence scholarships increases by \$14.9 million (17%).

Continues to Provide Vital Health Care Services: Medicaid funding totals \$14 billion, allowing the State to provide coverage to over 1.5 million of our residents; \$78 million is provided for investments to strengthen the State's behavioral health system.

Funds Rate Increases for Providers Serving Vulnerable Populations: Most health care providers will receive rate increases of 3% to 4% effective July 1, 2023, and another 8% in January 2024 contingent upon the enactment of legislation.

Assists the Economically Vulnerable: The budget includes \$11.3 million to reimburse Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and cash assistance recipients who have been victims of electronic benefits transfer skimming. Funds are also included for a permanent \$45 increase in the monthly benefit per recipient of Temporary Cash Assistance and Temporary Disability Assistance. The minimum benefit for SNAP is increased permanently, and food banks receive \$11.2 million of funding beyond usual levels.

Continues Enhancements for Public Safety and Victim Services: The budget continues to fund police aid \$46 million above the statutorily required amount, with the enhanced funding targeted to jurisdictions experiencing higher levels of crime. Over \$40 million in State support for victim services ensures that awards to service providers are maintained at previous levels in addition to providing targeted enhancements to support domestic violence victims and rape crisis centers.

Invests in Our Natural Resources and Solutions to Address Climate Change: The fiscal 2024 budget provides significant funding to combat climate change, incentivize the use of renewable energy, and invest in other energy efficiency programs. This includes over \$160 million to support State parks and forests under the Great Maryland Outdoors Act, \$60 million for bay restoration activities, and \$15 million to implement the Tree Solutions Now Act. Funding through the Climate Solutions Now Act provides \$15 million to support housing projects targeting the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, Climate Corp, and other green energy programs.

Cybersecurity: The budget includes \$167 million to improve State government cybersecurity.

Overview of Fiscal 2024 General Fund Budget Plan
(\$ in Millions)

	<u>Governor</u>	<u>House</u>	<u>B&T</u>
Fiscal 2024 Ending Balance Before Tax Relief Legislation (includes Supplemental Budget No. 1)	\$962	\$962	\$962
Revenue Adjustments			
BRE March 2023 Revisions	-\$478	-\$478	-\$478
Reserved for Targeted Tax Relief	-\$204	-\$205	-\$205
Spending Adjustments			
Spending Reductions	\$62	\$1,293	\$1,328
Spending Additions for Legislative Priorities		-\$902	-\$1,107
Fiscal 2024 Estimated Closing Balance	\$342	\$670	\$500

BRE: Board of Revenue Estimates

General Fund: End-of-year Balances
Senate Budget and Taxation Committee
Fiscal 2022-2024
(\$ in Millions)

	2022 <u>Actual</u>	2023 <u>Working</u>	2024 <u>Allowance</u>
Total Funds Available	\$26,429	\$30,418	\$27,490
Total Spending	20,931	27,982	\$26,990
Cash Balance/(Shortfall)	\$5,499	\$2,437	\$500
Structural Balance (Ongoing Revenues Less Ongoing Spending)	\$3,660	\$1,243	\$145
Ratio (Ongoing Revenues/Ongoing Operating Costs)	118.0%	105.3%	100.6%
Estimated Rainy Day Fund Balance – June 30	\$1,662	\$2,924	\$2,511
Available Cash Balance (General Funds + Rainy Day Fund Above 10%)	\$5,499	\$3,011	\$502

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**Legislative Actions on Spending
Proposed Budget Reductions
(\$ in Millions)**

	<u>House</u>	<u>B&T</u>
General Fund Reductions		
Fiscal 2024 Actions		
Delete Funds Reserved for Future Transportation Capital Needs	\$500.0	\$500.0
Allowance Overstates Medicaid Enrollment and Costs	155.0	155.0
Delete Funds Reserved for Legislative Priorities (Added Back for Specific Purposes)	150.0	150.0
Delay Portion of Rate Increase for Health Care Providers until January 1, 2024	109.1	109.1
Increase Estimate of Vacant Positions from 7.2% to 8.7% – 13.7% Vacant in January	65.0	65.0
Reduce Appropriation to Rainy Day Fund	61.4	61.4
No One-time Funds for Pension System and Retiree Health Liability	40.0	40.0
Partially Reduce Payment to Pension System that Exceeds Actuarially Required Amount		35.0
Maryland Teacher Shortage Act (Added Back for Specific Programs)	15.0	15.0
Reduce General Funds for Medicaid Due to Availability of Special Funds	15.0	15.0
Substitute Federal Funds for General Funds for Child Care Scholarships	10.0	10.0
Reduce Funds for Next Generation Farmland Acquisition (Added Back for Loan Programs)	6.0	6.0
No Funds for Maryland Corps as It Is Duplicative of New Service Program	5.0	
PAYGO Capital Baltimore Regional Neighborhood Initiative and National Capital Strategic Economic Development Program (Added Back for Specific Projects)		4.85
Study National Guard Health Insurance and Defer Funding	5.0	4.75
Reduce funds for Police Officers Scholarship Program contingent on HB 982 (Repurpose for Related Program)	3.5	3.5
Fund Major Information Technology (IT) Project with Available Special Funds	2.2	2.2
Better Align Turnover for Office of Health Care Quality with Experience	1.2	1.2
Savings from Early Repayment of Loan from Local Income Tax Reserve Account*	0.5	0.5
Align Funds for IT Project with Slow Pace of Project	0.2	0.2
Fiscal 2023 Actions		
Behavioral Health Deficiency is Overstated Due to an Error	100.0	100.0
Salary Adjustments to Recognize Vacancy Savings	25.0	25.0
Reduce Medicaid Deficiency Due to Savings from Managed Care Organization Recoveries	15.0	15.0
Align Temporary Disability Assistance Program Funds with Current Caseload*	7.5	7.5
Total	\$1,291.7	\$1,326.3
Special Fund Reductions		
Medicaid Hospital Assessment Reduced for One Year*	\$50.0	\$50.0
Delete Funds for Natural Gas Expansion	9.3	9.3
Partially Reduce Payment to Pension System that Exceeds Actuarially Required Amount		3.3
Savings from Lottery Ending Televised Drawings	1.2	1.2
Accountability and Implementation Board Consultant Study	0.3	
Increase Turnover for New Positions in Energy Administration	0.2	0.2
Total	\$60.9	\$64.0

PAYGO: pay-as-you-go

* Contingent upon enactment of the Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act (HB 202).

**Legislative Actions on Spending
Proposed Budget Additions
(\$ in Millions)**

	<u>House</u>	<u>B&T</u>
General Fund Additions		
Increase Balance in Blueprint Fund	\$400.000	\$300.000
PAYGO Capital Projects (See Separate List)	136.850	147.200
PAYGO Capital for Healthy School Facilities, Public School Construction Fund, and Court of Appeals - Shifted from GO Bonds	109.224	240.694
Funds for Environmental Studies (Red Line and Southern Maryland Rapid Transit) and for State Match on Federal Transportation Funding Opportunities	100.000	200.000
Cannabis Business Assistance Fund	40.000	40.000
Implementation of HB 982 including Deferred Compensation Match and Pilot Programs	13.000	13.000
Teacher Development and Retention Fund Contingent on SB 893/HB 1219	10.000	10.000
Grant to Baltimore City to Assist with K-12 Local Share Requirement	10.000	10.000
Treasurer to Administer Maryland 529 (SB 959/HB 1290) and to Complete IT upgrade	8.450	8.450
Shift Portion of Board of Nursing Costs to General Fund (SB 960/HB 611)	8.000	8.000
MARBIDCO to Enhance Loan Programs	6.000	6.000
Comptroller for Information Technology Upgrades	5.300	5.300
Hoffman Loan Assistance – Grasmick Teacher Award Contingent on SB 893/HB 1219	5.000	5.000
General Fund Support for MEMSOF	5.000	25.500
Immigration Resettlement Funding	5.000	5.000
Family Planning Grants and Medicaid Reimbursement Rates for Abortion Services	5.000	5.000
Maryland Loan Assistance Program for Police Officers Contingent upon HB 982	3.500	3.500
Funds to Implement State’s Alzheimer’s Plan	3.500	3.500
Maryland Legal Services Corporation for Access to Counsel	3.500	3.500
Nonpublic Placements – Teacher Compensation Costs Contingent upon SB 311/HB 448	3.000	3.000
Equitech Growth Fund Contingent upon SB 699/HB 781	2.000	2.000
Social Equity Partnership Grant Program Contingent upon SB 516/HB 556	2.000	2.000
Grant to University of Baltimore's Schaefer Center	1.500	1.500
UMES to Match Federal Grants	1.200	1.200
Maryland Coalition Against Sexual Assault to Support Community Rape Crisis Centers	1.000	1.000
Grant to Maryland Network Against Domestic Violence	1.000	1.000
University of Maryland Global Campus – Scholarship Program	1.000	1.000
Grant to Cal Ripken Senior Foundation for STEM Initiative	1.000	1.000
Grant to Roca for Expansion Around the State	1.000	1.000
Prescription Drug Affordability Board	1.000	1.000
Grant to Sister States of Maryland to Explore Cultural Linkage Program	0.982	0.982
Maryland Agricultural Fair Board for Full Funding of Fair and Show Grant	0.825	1.075
Towson University Hispanics in Health Care Initiative	0.750	0.750
UMB Pediatric Dentistry	0.500	0.500
Grant to Strengthening Humanities in Nonprofit Equity	0.500	1.000
Maryland Center for History and Culture	0.500	1.000
DPSCS Costs for SB 192/HB 223 Contingent upon the Legislation	0.500	0.500
Bowie State University Center for Law	0.500	0.500
Grant to Adoptions Together	0.500	0.500
Grant to Move America Inc.	0.500	0.500
Grant to Living Classrooms	0.350	0.350
UBalt Center for International and Comparative Law	0.325	0.325
Young Readers Program	0.250	0.250
Grant to Sports Commission	0.250	0.250
Bowie State University for Student Mental Health Services	0.250	0.250
University of Maryland Partnership for Action Learning in Sustainability	0.250	0.250
Grant to Kent County to Assist with K-12 Local Share Requirement	0.250	0.250

	<u>House</u>	<u>B&T</u>
General Fund Additions		
Attorney General for Special Education Ombudsman	0.250	0.250
Restore Historic Train Map at Penn Station	0.200	0.400
Department of Agriculture's Spay and Neuter Fund	0.200	0.200
Technical Assistance Contingent upon SB 424/HB 261	0.200	0.200
Grant to Historic Annapolis	0.194	0.194
Study of Economic Feasibility of Amphitheaters in Charles County	0.125	0.125
Grant to Your Public Radio Corporation for a Film Festival	0.100	0.100
Grant to Waterfront Partnership of Baltimore	0.100	0.100
Funds to Assist Trauma Centers Experiencing Financial Challenges		9.500
Additional Funds for End Waitlist Initiative		5.000
Maryland Meals for Achievement In-Classroom Breakfasts (SB 559/HB 514)		2.250
UMD Medicine – Rural Residency Program to Address Primary Care Provider Shortage		1.500
Grant to Northbay		1.250
Maryland Public Television to Produce New Programming		1.000
Grant to Water's Edge		1.000
Prince George's County Emergency Seniors Rental Assistance Fund		1.000
Grant to Olney Theatre Center		1.000
Grant to Maryland Association of Boards of Education for Pilot Direct Primary Care Health Centers		0.875
Behavioral Health Administration to Implement SB 201/HB 82 (Contingent upon Enactment)		0.800
Sail Baltimore – Dredging		0.800
West Baltimore County Redevelopment Authority		0.750
Grant to Close Quarters Defense		0.750
Grant to Gilchrist Hospice Care		0.750
Grant to Maryland Food Bank and Capital Area Food Bank		0.750
Cyber Maryland Contingent upon SB 801/HB 1189		0.690
Grant to Maryland Science Center		0.650
Bonuses for Noncertified Employees at School of the Deaf and Maryland School for the Blind Equivalent to State Funded Bonuses for Similar Employees in Public Schools		0.640
Funds for Attorney General Contingent on SB 290/HB 857		0.549
Additional Staffing for Department of Labor		0.500
Additional Staffing at Maryland School for the Blind		0.500
Additional Staffing for Comptroller		0.500
Recovery Residences Contingent upon SB 558/HB 681		0.500
Grant to Baltimore Symphony Orchestra		0.500
Additional Staffing for the Public Defender		0.500
Grant to Boulanger Initiative		0.500
DNR for Fresh Water Mussels		0.400
Additional Staffing for Office of State Prosecutor		0.376
Grant to The Associated: Jewish Federation of Baltimore		0.300
Grant to Rural Maryland		0.300
Grant to Maryland Tech Council		0.250
Grants for School Composting		0.250
DNR for Crab Count		0.225
Towson University – Nancy Grasmick Leadership Institute		0.200
Grant to Mack Lewis Boxing Gym		0.200
Grant to Baltimore City Parks and Recreation for Middle School Basketball		0.200
Grant to Baltimore Arts Realty Corporation		0.150
Study of Feasibility of Conference Center in Annapolis		0.150
Grant to AfriThrive for Emergency Food Assistance		0.150
Grant to Community Services for Autistic Adults and Children		0.150
Grant to Manna Food Center		0.150
Expand Respite Care Services Provided by Baltimore Co. Dept of Social Services		0.150
Potomac Rivers Fisheries Commission		0.125

	<u>House</u>	<u>B&T</u>
General Fund Additions		
Grant to Western Maryland Scenic Railroad		0.100
Grant to Little Italy Neighborhood Association		0.100
Grant to Southern Maryland Agricultural Development Corporation		0.100
Historic St Mary's City Fort to 400 Commission		0.100
Grant to Marlboro Pike Partnership CDC		0.100
Grant for Prince George's Arts and Humanities Council Film Office		0.100
Grant to Boys and Girls Club of Greater Washington		0.100
Grant to Jacob's Ladder		0.100
Grant to Latin American Youth Center		0.100
Grant to Mission of Love		0.100
Grant to Prince George's County Court Appointed Special Advocates		0.100
Grant to First Generation College Bound		0.100
Grant for Prince Frederick Boys and Girls Club		0.100
Grant for Waldorf Boys and Girls Club		0.100
Waterway Incident Notification System Contingent upon SB 336/HB 478		0.076
Grant to Lincoln Tech for Regional Technical Career Fair		0.050
Grant to Junior Achievement		0.050
Grant to Transportation Association of Maryland for Senior Rides		0.050
Grant to Food for Thought		0.050
Grant to Pickett Fences		0.050
Grant to District Heights Youth Service Bureau		0.050
Grant to Senior Family Supports		0.050
Grant to Prince George's County Links		0.050
Grant to African Art Museum		0.050
Grant to Concern for Kids		0.050
Increase Funding for Kim Lamphier Bikes Program		0.050
Grant to Up County Food Hub		0.050
Grant to Columbia Community Cares		0.030
	\$902.4	\$1,106.980
 Special Fund Additions		
Repairs to Natural Gas Infrastructure Funded from Washington Gas Settlement*	\$9.250	\$9.250
BOOST – Funds for New Children		2.000
Critical Infrastructure Cybersecurity Act (SB 800/HB 969) – Public Service Commission		0.364
Total	\$9.250	\$11.614

* Contingent upon enactment of the Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act (HB 202).

BOOST: Broadening Options and Opportunities for Students Today

DNR: Department of Natural Resources

DPSCS: Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services

IT: information technology

MARBIDCO: Maryland Agricultural and Resource-Based Industry Development Corporation

MEMSOF: Maryland Emergency Medical System Operations Fund

PAYGO: pay-as-you-go

UBalt: University of Baltimore

UMES: University of Maryland Environmental Sciences

UMB: University of Maryland, Baltimore Campus

UMD: University of Maryland

Detail of Proposed PAYGO Capital Additions

<u>Project or Program</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>House</u>	<u>B&T</u>
Healthy School Facility Fund	Statewide	\$90,000,000	\$90,000,000
Baltimore City Convention Center	Baltimore City	25,700,000	25,700,000
New Courts of Appeal Building			53,862,000
New College of Health Professions Building			5,802,000
New Carrollton Metro	Prince George's	25,700,000	25,700,000
Public School Construction	Statewide	19,224,000	91,030,000
Montgomery County Bus Rapid Transit Project	Montgomery	18,500,000	10,000,000
Lansdowne Library	Baltimore County	12,000,000	12,000,000
University of Maryland Shore Regional Hospital	Talbot	10,000,000	10,000,000
Northwest Hospital Center	Baltimore County	6,000,000	6,000,000
Extended North Tunnel	Howard	5,000,000	5,000,000
New Library Complex	Howard	5,000,000	5,000,000
Security Square Mall	Baltimore County	4,000,000	4,000,000
Randallstown Library	Baltimore County	3,000,000	3,000,000
Artist Flats	Howard	3,000,000	3,000,000
City of Salisbury – Infrastructure Improvements	Wicomico	3,000,000	3,000,000
Shady Grove Medical Center	Montgomery		3,000,000
MedStar Montgomery – Intensive Care Unit	Montgomery		1,000,000
MedStar Montgomery – Orthopedic Clinic Expansion	Montgomery		1,000,000
MedStar Montgomery – Pharmacy Clean Room	Montgomery		1,000,000
Institute for Health Computing	Montgomery	2,000,000	2,000,000
New Cultural Center	Howard	2,000,000	2,000,000
Grain Elevator	Anne Arundel	1,500,000	1,500,000
Olney Boys and Girls Club Performance Sports Center	Montgomery	1,500,000	
Olney Boys and Girls Club Crop Duster Stadium	Montgomery		1,500,000
Deep Creek Volunteer Fire Company	Garrett	1,200,000	1,200,000
Parole Transportation Center	Anne Arundel	1,150,000	1,150,000
Public Safety Communications	Frederick	1,100,000	1,100,000
Animal Control Addition	Frederick	1,000,000	1,000,000
South Valley Park	Montgomery	1,000,000	1,000,000
Wheaton Arts and Cultural Center	Montgomery	1,000,000	1,000,000
Maritime Institute of Technology and Graduate Studies	Anne Arundel	850,000	850,000
Town of Brookeville – Market Street Improvements	Montgomery	500,000	500,000
Damascus Library and Senior Center Refurbishment	Montgomery	500,000	500,000
Montgomery County Local Public Schools Playgrounds	Montgomery	500,000	1,350,000
Mt. Savage Volunteer Fire Company	Allegany	150,000	150,000
Central Baltimore Partnership – McCormick Building	Baltimore City		400,000
Edmondson Village Shopping Center	Baltimore City		2,000,000
Eager Landing	Baltimore City		250,000
Historic East Baltimore Community Action Coalition	Baltimore City		200,000
Burtonsville Crossing Shopping Center	Montgomery		2,000,000
High School Wellness Centers	Montgomery		500,000
Burtonsville Commuter Parking	Montgomery		1,000,000
Montgomery College Transit Center	Montgomery		150,000
Downtown Partnership	Baltimore City		5,500,000
Total		\$246,074,000	\$387,894,000

PAYGO: pay-as-you-go

Fiscal Note – Summary of the Fiscal 2024 Budget Bill – HB 200

	<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 2023 Budget	\$28,172,922,839	\$10,001,276,293	\$20,706,807,041	\$5,177,595,035	\$64,058,601,208 ⁽¹⁾
Fiscal 2024 Budget	26,961,206,916 ⁽²⁾	11,945,706,367 ⁽³⁾	18,981,612,554	5,060,885,543	62,949,411,380
Supplemental Budget No. 1					
Fiscal 2023 Deficiencies	-\$50,943,639	\$3,209,485	\$5,128,526	\$0	-\$42,605,628
Fiscal 2024 Budget	\$50,973,953	-45,057,232	6,284,112	0	12,200,833
Subtotal	\$30,314	-\$41,847,747	\$11,412,638	\$0	-\$30,404,795
Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act of 2023					
Fiscal 2023 Contingent Appropriations	\$7,287,513	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$7,287,513
Fiscal 2023 Reductions	-\$7,500,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	-\$7,500,000
Fiscal 2024 Contingent Reductions	-529,836	-50,000,000	0	0	-50,529,836
Fiscal 2024 Contingent Appropriations	50,000,000	9,250,000	0	0	59,250,000
Subtotal	\$49,257,677	-\$40,750,000	\$0	\$0	\$8,507,677
Legislative Reductions					
Fiscal 2023 Deficiencies	-\$140,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	-\$140,000,000
Fiscal 2024 Budget	-1,178,300,391 ⁽⁴⁾	-13,981,532	-244,492,988	0	-1,436,774,911
Total Reductions	-\$1,318,300,391	-\$13,981,532	-\$244,492,988	\$0	-\$1,576,774,911
Legislative Additions					
Fiscal 2024 Budget	\$1,106,980,400	\$2,364,000	\$0	\$0	\$1,109,344,400 ⁽⁵⁾
Total Additions	\$1,106,980,400	\$2,364,000	\$0	\$0	\$1,109,344,400
Appropriations					
Fiscal 2023 Budget	\$27,981,766,713	\$10,004,485,778	\$20,711,935,567	\$5,177,595,035	\$63,875,783,093
Fiscal 2024 Budget	26,990,331,042	11,848,281,603	18,743,403,678	5,060,885,543	62,642,901,866
Change	-\$991,435,671	\$1,843,795,825	-\$1,968,531,889	-\$116,709,492	-\$1,232,881,227

⁽¹⁾ Reflects \$2.4 billion in proposed deficiencies, including \$281.6 million in general funds, \$124.4 million in special funds, \$2.0 billion in federal funds, \$2.6 million in current unrestricted funds, and \$2.1 million in current restricted funds. The proposed general fund deficiencies includes \$7.3 million that is contingent on the enactment of legislation. Assumes \$75.0 million in unspecified general fund reversions and includes \$95.5 million in targeted general fund reversions. Excludes \$1.1 billion in special funds that double counts general fund spending.

⁽²⁾ Includes \$248.2 million in contingent appropriations. Assumes \$45.0 million in unspecified general fund reversions.

⁽³⁾ Excludes \$198.4 million of special funds that double counts general fund spending.

⁽⁴⁾ Includes \$3.5 million of reductions that are contingent on legislation.

⁽⁵⁾ Includes \$59.1 million in additions contingent on legislation, including \$58.7 million in general funds and \$364,000 in special funds.

Senate Budget and Taxation Committee Action on the Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act (HB 202)

The Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act (BRFA) of 2023, as amended by the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee, accomplishes the following:

	<u>Fiscal 2023</u>	<u>Fiscal 2024</u>
General Fund Appropriations and Reductions Contingent on the BRFA		
Reduce the Medicaid Deficit Assessment		\$50,000,000
Repay the Local Reserve Account in Fiscal 2023	\$7,287,513	-529,836
Other Reductions		
Reduce Fiscal 2023 Spending on Public Benefits Due to Lower Caseloads	-\$7,500,000	
Special Fund Reductions and Appropriations Contingent on the BRFA		
Reduce the Medicaid Deficit Assessment		-\$50,000,000
Expand the use of the Maryland Gas Expansion Fund		9,250,000
Total Impact on Spending Plan	-\$212,487	\$8,720,164

Technical Amendments: Purpose and function paragraphs.

1

Strikes a provision that amended the Education Article to provide flexibility with respect to the specializations for faculty that must be provided to the University of Maryland Capital Region Medical Center.

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Repeals the requirement that fiscal 2022 general fund surplus be appropriated to the Revenue Stabilization Account in fiscal 2024.

Reduces the Medicaid Deficit Assessment in fiscal 2024 only by \$50 million.

Repeals the requirement for repayment of the Local Reserve Account over a 15-year period for refunds of recalculated Homeowner's Tax Credits paid out of the account under Chapters 717 and 718 of 2021. With a proposed deficiency appropriation, the fiscal 2023 budget includes funds to fully repay the account contingent on this provision.

Delays from June 1, 2023, to June 1, 2024, the date by which a portion of the Bainbridge Naval Training Center must be transferred to the Department of Natural Resources.

Reduces the fiscal 2023 general fund appropriation of the Department of Human Services Assistance Payments Program by \$7.5 million due to lower than anticipated caseloads.

Requires a transfer of \$9.25 million of funds from the Maryland Gas Expansion Fund to the Public Service Commission to be used for repair of existing natural gas infrastructure in the Washington Gas service territory. The special fund appropriation was added to the Public Service Commission contingent on legislation authorizing the use of funds for this purpose.

State Expenditures – General Funds
Fiscal 2022-2024
(\$ in Millions)

<u>Category</u>	<u>2023 Working Appropriation</u>	<u>2024 Allowance</u>	<u>SBT 2024 Reductions</u> ⁽¹⁾	<u>SBT 2024 Additions</u>	<u>SBT 2024 Appropriation</u>	<u>\$ Change 2023 to 2024</u>	<u>% Change 2023 to 2024</u>
Debt Service	\$430.0	\$433.8	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$433.8	\$3.8	0.9%
County/Municipal	\$388.5	\$440.5	\$0.0	\$10.3	\$450.7	\$62.2	16.0%
Community Colleges	435.3	476.3	0.0	0.0	476.3	41.0	9.4%
Education/Libraries	7,124.8	7,243.4	0.0	5.3	7,248.6	123.9	1.7%
Health	101.3	115.8	0.0	0.0	115.8	14.5	14.3%
Aid to Local Governments	\$8,049.9	\$8,276.0	\$0.0	\$15.5	\$8,291.5	\$241.6	3.0%
Foster Care Payments	\$240.5	\$247.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$247.0	\$6.5	2.7%
Assistance Payments	127.1	120.8	0.0	0.0	120.8	-6.4	-5.0%
Medical Assistance	4,370.2	5,029.0	-170.0	3.5	4,862.5	492.4	11.3%
Property Tax Credits	87.3	87.9	-0.5	0.0	87.4	0.1	0.1%
Entitlements	\$4,825.1	\$5,484.8	-\$170.5	\$3.5	\$5,317.7	\$492.6	10.2%
Health	\$2,166.0	\$2,593.4	-\$110.3	\$15.5	\$2,498.5	\$332.5	15.4%
Human Services	458.7	468.1	0.0	7.0	475.2	16.4	3.6%
Juvenile Services	299.2	312.4	0.0	1.0	313.4	14.1	4.7%
Public Safety/Police	1,804.8	1,846.2	0.0	0.5	1,846.7	41.9	2.3%
Higher Education	2,106.3	2,236.2	0.0	8.5	2,244.7	138.4	6.6%
Transportation	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.9	0.9	n/a
Other Education	715.6	696.7	-28.5	25.3	693.5	-22.1	-3.1%
Agriculture/Natural Res./Environment	203.4	232.7	-6.0	8.4	235.2	31.7	15.6%
Other Executive Agencies	1,409.0	1,575.5	-72.2	114.8	1,618.2	209.2	14.8%
Judiciary	647.7	670.6	0.0	3.5	674.1	26.5	4.1%
Legislative	143.7	152.2	0.0	0.0	152.2	8.6	6.0%
Across-the-board Cuts	0.0	0.0	-35.0	0.0	-35.0	-35.0	n/a
State Agencies	\$9,954.4	\$10,784.2	-\$252.0	\$185.3	\$10,717.5	\$763.1	7.7%
Total Operating	\$23,259.4	\$24,978.7	-\$422.6	\$204.3	\$24,760.5	\$1,501.1	6.5%
Capital ⁽²⁾	\$2,270.0	\$817.3	-104.9	\$387.9	\$1,100.4	-1,169.6	-51.5%
Subtotal	\$25,529.5	\$25,796.1	-\$527.4	\$592.3	\$25,860.9	\$331.5	1.3%
Reserve Funds ⁽³⁾	\$2,527.3	\$1,311.1	-\$651.4	\$514.7	\$1,174.4	-1,352.9	-53.5%
Appropriations	\$28,056.8	\$27,107.2	-\$1,178.8	\$1,107.0	\$27,035.3	-\$1,021.4	-3.6%
Reversions	-\$75.0	-\$45.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	-\$45.0	\$30.0	-40.0%
Grand Total	\$27,981.8	\$27,062.2	-\$1,178.8	\$1,107.0	\$26,990.3	-\$991.4	-3.5%

⁽¹⁾ Senate Budget and Taxation Committee (SBT) reductions include \$0.5 million contingent on the Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act of 2023 (HB 202) and \$3.5 million contingent on HB 982.

⁽²⁾ Includes the Historic Revitalization Tax Credit Reserve Fund.

⁽³⁾ The fiscal 2023 working appropriation for the Reserve Funds excludes \$378.8 million budgeted in the Dedicated Purpose Account (DPA). That amount is included in various other categories to reflect the purpose of the spending. It also excludes \$1.1 billion budgeted in the DPA for pay-as-you-go capital spending, which is included in the Capital line on this chart.

Note: The fiscal 2023 working appropriation reflects \$230.7 million in deficiencies and supplemental deficiencies and SBT cuts to the deficiencies plus \$170.5 million in reversions including \$95.5 million in targeted reversions. In fiscal 2023, the General Assembly reduced the appropriation to the Revenue Stabilization Account by \$69 million but provided authorization for those funds to be used for a variety of purposes. The working appropriation reflects this reallocation. The fiscal 2024 allowance reflects \$51 million from Supplemental Budget No. 1.

State Expenditures – All Funds
Fiscal 2022-2024
(\$ in Millions)

Category	2023 Working Appropriation	2024 Allowance	SBT 2024 Reductions⁽¹⁾	SBT 2024 Additions	SBT 2024 Appropriation	\$ Change 2023 to 2024	% Change
Debt Service	\$1,919.5	\$1,884.5	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$1,884.5	-\$35.0	-1.8%
County/Municipal	\$924.6	\$1,046.7	\$0.0	\$10.3	\$1,057.0	\$132.4	14.3%
Community Colleges	435.3	476.3	0.0	0.0	476.3	41.0	9.4%
Education/Libraries	9,071.2	9,872.0	0.0	5.3	9,877.3	806.0	8.9%
Health	101.3	115.8	0.0	0.0	115.8	14.5	14.3%
Aid to Local Governments	\$10,532.5	\$11,510.8	\$0.0	\$15.5	\$11,526.3	\$993.9	9.4%
Foster Care Payments	\$333.9	\$315.6	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$315.6	-\$18.4	-5.5%
Assistance Payments	2,811.2	2,475.3	-100.0	0.0	2,375.3	-435.8	-15.5%
Medical Assistance	14,783.1	14,270.0	-265.0	3.5	14,008.5	-774.6	-5.2%
Property Tax Credits	87.3	87.9	-0.5	0.0	87.4	0.1	0.1%
Entitlements	\$18,015.6	\$17,148.9	-\$365.5	\$3.5	\$16,786.8	-\$1,228.8	-6.8%
Health	\$5,163.8	\$5,774.4	-\$208.5	\$15.5	\$5,581.4	\$417.5	8.1%
Human Services	1,279.7	1,286.0	0.0	7.0	1,293.0	13.3	1.0%
Juvenile Services	308.6	322.4	0.0	1.0	323.4	14.8	4.8%
Public Safety/Police	2,024.9	2,089.7	0.0	0.5	2,090.2	65.3	3.2%
Higher Education	7,783.0	7,434.2	0.0	8.5	7,442.6	-340.4	-4.4%
Other Education	1,339.0	1,337.8	-28.5	27.3	1,336.6	-2.5	-0.2%
Transportation	2,364.3	2,474.0	0.0	0.9	2,474.8	110.6	4.7%
Agriculture/Natural Res./Environment	646.7	689.8	-6.0	8.4	692.2	45.5	7.0%
Other Executive Agencies	3,737.4	4,294.1	-82.8	124.4	4,335.7	598.3	16.0%
Judiciary	719.4	753.1	0.0	3.5	756.6	37.3	5.2%
Legislative	143.7	152.2	0.0	0.0	152.2	8.6	6.0%
Across-the-board Cuts	0.0	0.0	-39.7	0.0	-39.7	-39.7	n/a
State Agencies	\$25,510.5	\$26,607.6	-\$365.5	\$197.0	\$26,439.1	\$928.6	3.6%
Total Operating	\$55,978.0	\$57,151.7	-\$731.0	\$216.0	\$56,636.7	\$658.7	1.2%
Capital ⁽²⁾	\$5,274.3	\$4,593.7	-\$104.9	\$387.9	\$4,876.8	-\$397.5	-7.5%
Transportation	2,483.9	2,824.9	0.0	0.1	2,824.9	341.0	13.7%
Environment	454.4	388.3	0.0	0.0	388.3	-66.0	-14.5%
Other	2,336.0	1,380.5	-104.9	387.9	1,663.6	-672.4	-28.8%
Subtotal	\$61,252.3	\$61,745.5	-\$835.9	\$603.9	\$61,513.5	\$261.2	0.4%
Reserve Funds ⁽³⁾	\$2,698.5	\$1,311.1	-\$651.4	\$514.7	\$1,174.4	-\$1,524.1	-56.5%
Appropriations	\$63,950.8	\$63,056.6	-\$1,487.3	\$1,118.6	\$62,687.9	-\$1,262.9	-2.0%
Reversions	-\$75.0	-\$45.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	-\$45.0	\$30.0	-40.0%
Grand Total	\$63,875.8	\$63,011.6	-\$1,487.3	\$1,118.6	\$62,642.9	-\$1,232.9	-1.9%

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