

# Report of the Conference Committee on Senate Bill 360

## The Budget Bill

April 5, 2024

Mr. President,  
Members of the Senate:

Madame Speaker,  
Members of the House of Delegates:

The Conference Committee has reconciled the differences between the Senate and House versions of SB 360 and Supplemental Budget No. 1, in which the Senate made general fund reductions of \$795.6 million, including \$30.3 million contingent on the Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act (BRFA) of 2024, and general fund additions of \$219.4 million; and the House made general fund reductions of \$834.1 million, including \$29.7 million contingent on the BRFA, and general fund additions of \$236.9 million. The Conference Committee also received Supplemental Budget No. 2. In all, the Conference Committee made general fund reductions of \$829.7 million including \$32.2 million contingent on the BRFA, and general fund additions of \$243.7 million.

The Senate adopted 147 amendments to the budget bill including Supplemental Budget No. 1. The House subsequently adopted 38 amendments to the budget bill, as amended by the Senate. The Senate concurred with none of the House amendments. All of these amendments have been reconsidered, and actions, including those taken to Supplemental Budget No. 2, are indicated in the attached *Report of the Conference Committee*.

The total decrease in general fund spending is \$1,465 million (5.3%). The budget expands funding for core State services and priorities including public education, child care assistance, and State employee compensation, as well as identifying funding for legislative priorities. The budget meets the guidelines established by the Spending Affordability Committee in 2023.

The budget also reflects actions to alleviate identified shortfalls in entitlement programs and debt service and makes significant investments in solutions to address climate change, health care services, and assistance for economically vulnerable households. The budget also provides additional support for infrastructure through capital investments.

The projected general fund balance at the close of fiscal 2025, given the legislative actions on the budget, is \$128.3 million. The Rainy Day Fund balance is \$2.3 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 2024 with additional data.

Sincerely,



Guy Guzzone, Chairman  
Senate Budget and Taxation Committee



Ben Barnes, Chairman  
House Appropriations Committee

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Madame Speaker,  
Members of the General Assembly of Maryland:

The Senate adopted 147 amendments to the original budget bill and Supplemental Budget No. 1.

The House adopted 38 amendments to the budget bill, as amended by the Senate.

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

The House 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 House amendments:

1, 2, 6, 10, 11, 12, 13, 16, 17, 18, 19, 21, 23, 25, 26, 27, 32, 33, 37, 38

2. The rejection of the following House amendments:

3, 4, 5, 7, 14, 24

3. The action indicated on the following House amendments:

<u>Adopt</u>		<u>Reject</u>		<u>Conference Committee Amendment</u>
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The Conference Committee also adopted two conference committee amendments to Supplemental Budget No. 2 (Items 11 and 106), one conference committee technical amendment, and one conference committee supplemental budget technical amendment.

Respectfully submitted,



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Guy Guzzone



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Ben Barnes



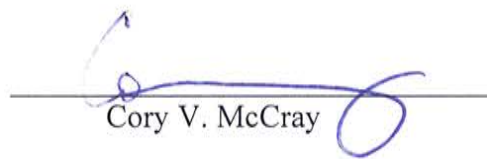
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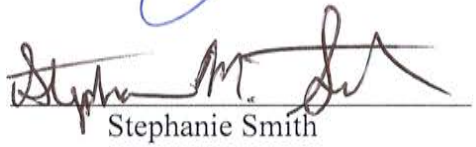
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**Senate/House Differences on SB 360**  
**House Amendments**

Budget Code	BRFA	Action Type	Fund	House Sub.	Senate Sub.	Report Page	Amd. No.	Description	Senate Change	House Change	Final Change	Conference Position
D18A0101		Reduction	GF	APP	EBA	21	1	Governor's Office for Children – Reduces funding that is available for the ENOUGH Act from \$15 million to \$5 million in general funds and includes a technical change to language that makes the remaining funding contingent on the enactment of SB 482 or HB 694.	0	-10,000,000	-\$10,000,000	Adopt House
D25E0303		Lang.	GF	EED	EBA	28	2	Interagency Commission on School Construction – Removes language attached to the general fund appropriation in the School Safety Grant Program expressing intent regarding the use of a portion of the funds for the purpose of studying and procuring AI technologies that identify guns in and around school property.				Adopt House
D40W0104		Lang.	GF	APP	PST	34	3	Department of Planning – Removes language restricting \$125,000 of the general fund appropriation for the celebration of the 250th anniversary of the United States because the funding was deleted in Amendment 4.				Senate Position
D40W0104		Reduction	GF	APP	PST	35	4	Department of Planning – Reduces the general fund appropriation for Maryland 250 by \$250,000, from \$2,836,342 to \$2,586,342.	0	-250,000	0	Senate Position
D91A0101		Reduction	GF	EED	HHS	47	5	West North Avenue Development Authority – Reduces the general fund appropriation by \$2.5 million, from \$16,577,592 to \$14,077,592.	0	-2,500,000	0	Senate Position
E50C0001		Lang.	GF	PSA	HHS	53-54	6	SDAT – Removes language restricting funds pending a report on the property assessment mailing error and adds replacement language restricting funds pending a report with expanded list of requested subjects to address. Each report restricted \$500,000 in general funds.				Adopt House
F10A0201		Lang.	GF	APP	B&T	61	7	DBM – Office of Personnel Services and Benefits – Adds language restricting \$100,000 in general funds pending a report outlining a plan to establish and implement a four-day workweek pilot program for State employees.				Senate Position

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I00A0101		Reduction	GF	APP	B&T	75	8	Department of Services and Civic Innovation – Reduces the general fund appropriation by \$2.2 million, from \$18,401,829 to \$16,201,829, for the Maryland Corps program for the Maryland Service Year Pathway.	0	-2,200,000	0	Adopt House with modification to restore the \$2.2 million in this program.
I00A0102		Reduction	GF	APP	B&T	76	8 Cont.	Maryland Corps Program – Reduces the general fund appropriation by \$3.3 million, from \$11,399,409 to \$8,099,409, for the Maryland Corps program for the Service Year Option.	0	-3,300,000	-2,750,000	Adopt House with modification to restore \$550,000 of the reduction in this program, for a total reduction of \$2.75 million (half the total House reduction).
J00E0001		Lang.	SF	T&E	PST	88-89	9	MVA – Motor Vehicle Operations – Adds language restricting \$50,000 in special funds pending a report examining the feasibility of a fund that would cover costs associated with the ignition program for certain individuals.				Adopt House with modification to add intent language on use of new revenues.
K00A0701		Lang.	GF	T&E	PST	98-99	10	DNR – Natural Resources Police – Restricts \$50,000 pending a report on the progress toward meeting the goal of diversifying the Natural Resources Police workforce.				Adopt House
M00F0301		Reduction	GF	HHR	HHS	114-115	11	PHPA – Further reduces the general fund appropriation for the Center for Firearm Violence Prevention and Intervention and makes a related technical change.	-6,000,000	-8,000,000	-8,000,000	Adopt House
M00F0304		Lang.	GF	HHR	HHS	117	12	PHPA – Modifies language that restricts \$100,000 in general funds pending a report on Pediatric Cancer Fund administration.				Adopt House
M00L0101		Lang.	GF	HHR	HHS	120-121	13	BHA – Program Direction – Increases the funds restricted pending a report on the status of provider reimbursement overpayment recoupment, from \$125,000 to \$250,000 in general funds.				Adopt House
M00R0103		Lang.	SF	HHR	HHS	142-143	14	MCHRC – Strikes language expressing intent that MCHRC procure a referral and data reporting platform. Additional House BRFA provision requires MCHRC to procure the platform.				Senate Position

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M00R0103		Reduction	SF	HHR	HHS	143	15	MCHRC – Reduces special funds from the Blueprint for Maryland's Future Fund from \$110 million to \$10 million for Consortium on Coordinated Community Supports grants.	0	-100,000,000	-70,000,000	Adopt House with modification to restore \$30 million for the Consortium, add language limiting the use of Consortium funds, and striking intent language related to a workgroup.
N00G0001		Lang.	GF	HHR	HHS	151-152	16	DHS – Local Department Operations – Increases the fund restriction pending a report on the implementation of the new foster care provider rate structure for providers who have rates set by the Interagency Rates Committee, from \$250,000 to \$1 million in general funds.				Adopt House
N00G0008		Lang.	GF	HHR	HHS	154	17	DHS – Modifies language to reduce, from \$9.0 million to \$5.8 million, the amount of general funds that may be transferred from Assistance Payments to the Family Investment Administration's Director's Office to be used for administrative expenses for the Summer Electronic Benefit Transfer program, Amendment 18 deletes the funds that are not transferred in the modified language.				Adopt House
N00G0008		Reduction	GF	HHR	HHS	154-155	18	DHS – Reduces funding for administrative expenses for the Summer Electronic Benefit Transfer program due to lower estimated costs.	0	-3,200,000	-3,200,000	Adopt House
N00G0008		Reduction	FF	HHR	HHS	154-155	18 Cont.	DHS – Reduces funding for administrative expenses for the Summer Electronic Benefit Transfer program due to lower estimated costs.	0	-3,200,000	-3,200,000	Adopt House
N00G0008		Lang.	FF	HHR	HHS	155-156	19	DHS – Modifies language to reduce, from \$9.0 million to \$5.8 million, the amount of federal funds that may be transferred from Assistance Payments to the Family Investment Administration's Director's Office to be used for administrative expenses for the Summer Electronic Benefit Transfer program, Amendment 18 deletes the funds that are not transferred in the modified language.				Adopt House



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P00A0101		Reduction	GF	EED	EBA	164	20	MDL – Deletes \$2 million for proposed Talent Innovation program; deletes \$2 million increase for the Employment Advancement Right Now (EARN) program; and reduces funding for the EARN program (a separate action in Section 21 adds funding for a specific training program within EARN).	0	-4,300,000	-2,300,000	Adopt House with modification to restore \$2 million for the proposed Talent Innovation program
Q00A0101		Lang.	GF	PSA	PST	169	21	DPSCS – Modifies language that restricts \$100,000 in general funds pending a report on public safety apprenticeships.				Adopt House
R00A0101		Lang.	GF	EED	EBA	183-184	22	MSDE – Strikes language restricting \$100,000 pending a report on the Maryland Comprehensive Assessment Program (MCAP).				Adopt House with modification to add language about Blueprint financial reporting, modify language for Aid to Non-Public Schools, and add language reduce funding for prekindergarten contingent on a change to the phase in.
R00A0201		Lang.	GF	EED	EBA	189	23	MSDE – Strikes language restricting \$250,000 pending Baltimore City Public Schools executing an MOU for a school-based health center at Frederick Douglass High School and submitting a summary of the MOU.				Adopt House
R62I0001		Lang.	GF	EED	EBA	205-206	24	MHEC – Strikes language restricting \$50,000 pending a report on the evaluation of the Office of Student Financial Assistance website.				Senate Position
R62I0001		Lang.	GF	EED	EBA	206-207	25	MHEC – Restricts \$100,000 pending a report on the status of implementing recommendations of the Program Approval Workgroup to be completed within six months.				Adopt House
R62I0001		Lang.	GF	EED	EBA	207-208	26	MHEC – Restricts \$100,000 pending a report on the status of implementing recommendations of the Program Approval Workgroup to be completed within nine months.				Adopt House
R62I0001		Lang.	GF	EED	EBA	208-209	27	MHEC – Restricts \$100,000 pending a report on the status of implementing recommendations of the Program Approval Workgroup to be completed within 12 months.				Adopt House

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R62I0003	7	Lang.	GF	EED	EBA	210-211	28	MHEC – Modifies language specifying the allocation of Sellenger funds among MICUA institutions.				Adopt House with modification redistributing funds according to Amd. 29 fund restoration.
R62I0003	7	Reduction	GF	EED	EBA	211	29	MHEC – Increases by \$5,000,124 the reduction to the Sellinger program.	-58,810,898	-63,811,022	-61,310,960	Adopt House with modification to restore half the difference between Senate and House actions (\$2,500,062) and also reduce funding for Educational Excellence Awards by \$2 million based on available special fund balance.
T00G0008		Lang.	SF	EED	EBA	223-224	30	Commerce – Increases from \$500,000 to \$900,000 the amount restricted to provide Preservation of Cultural Arts grants to certain organizations; modifies the amount going to one organization; and adds organizations receiving grants.				Adopt House with modification to reduce the restriction to \$600,000 and alter funding for various organizations.
U00A1001		Lang.	GF	T&E	PST	229-230	31	MDE – Restricts \$100,000 pending a report on authorized and actual funding for the Enhanced Nutrient Removal upgrade of the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission Water's Blue Plains Advanced Wastewater Treatment Plant.				Adopt House with modification to add reporting requirements on building energy performance standards and energy use intensity costs.
W00A0103		Reduction	GF	PSA	PST	240	32	MSP – Increases turnover expectancy for 28 new positions to 25%.	0	-319,844	-319,844	Adopt House
W00A0104		Reduction	GF	PSA	PST	241-242	33	MSP – Increases turnover expectancy for 6 new positions to 25%.	0	-74,570	-74,570	Adopt House
Section 19		Lang.	GF	APP	SBT	250-251	34	Section 19 – Makes further reductions to fiscal 2024 including \$2 million of PAYGO for the Institute of Health Computing and \$4 million of cybersecurity funds (the cyber funds are added back in Section 20).	-24,900,000	-30,900,000	-31,125,000	Adopt House with modification to make additional reductions and amend Section 31 to alter authorized amounts to be transferred from the Rainy Day Fund, and add a new section to authorize certain transfers from the Rainy Day Fund.
Section 20		Lang.	GF	APP	SBT	251-252	35	Section 20 – Increases funding for fiscal 2024 for cybersecurity for the Comptroller of Maryland.	25,650,000	28,650,000	31,039,000	Adopt House with modification to add funding for various purposes.

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Section 21		Lang.	GF	APP	SBT	252-274	36	Section 21 – Reallocates funding available through reductions to legislative priorities and makes a technical amendment. (General Funds)	194,750,000	208,250,000	212,708,000	Adopt House with modification to alter and add funding for various purposes.
Section 21		Lang.	SF	APP	SBT	252-274	36 Cont.	Section 21 – Reallocates funding available through reductions to legislative priorities and makes a technical amendment. (Special Funds)	5,240,000	10,390,000	16,490,000	Adopt House with modification to alter and add funding for various purposes.
Section 39		Lang.	GF	EED	EBA	291-292	37	Section 39 – Restricts \$110,000 each for MSDE and Commerce pending a report on a blind survey of private and public prekindergarten and child care providers.				Adopt House
Technical		Lang.	N/A	N/A	N/A	293	38	Technical amendment renumbering sections.				Adopt House
D18A01.01		Reduction	GF	#N/A	#N/A		CCSA1	Governor’s Office – Reduces overbudgeted funds for fringe benefits for new positions.			-808,872	Adopt
R00A03.04		Lang.	SF	#N/A	#N/A		CCSA2	FEO – Adds language to Aid to Non-Public Schools program specifying eligibility requirements for a grant.				Adopt
Technical		Lang.	N/A	N/A	N/A		CCTA	Technical amendment				Adopt
Technical		Lang.	N/A	N/A	N/A		CCSTA	Technical amendment				Adopt

## Conference Committee Amendments

### Conference Committee Amendment No. 1

On page 60 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading Department of Service and Civic Innovation, in program I00A01.01 Service and Civic Innovation, adopt Amendment 8, and in line 5 strike “16,201,829” and substitute “18,401,829”; in line 8 strike “23,070,422” and substitute “25,270,422”; and on the same page in program I00A01.02 Maryland Corps Program, in line 13 strike “8,099,409” and substitute “8,649,409”; and in line 16 strike “27,320,157” and substitute “27,870,157”.

### Conference Committee Amendment No. 2

On page 67 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading Motor Vehicle Administration, in program J00E00.01 Motor Vehicle Operations, adopt Amendment 9, and on page 61 after line 1 insert “It is the intent of the General Assembly that new or increased transportation revenue resulting from enactment of the Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act of 2024 be used only for the following purposes:”

- (1) highway user aid to local governments in accordance with Title 8, Subtitle 4 of the Transportation Article;
- (2) locally operated transit system grants awarded in accordance with Section 4-322 of the Transportation Article;
- (3) Maryland Transit Administration operating;
- (4) Maryland Transit Administration state of good repair and capital projects;
- (5) State Highway Administration system preservation projects for highways, roads, and bridges;
- (6) State Highway Administration highway, road, and bridge projects that were removed from or deleted in the Development and Evaluation Program and Construction Program in the Consolidated Transportation Program;
- (7) continued planning and developing for Maryland’s future transportation needs, including the Red Line and other significant capital projects; and
- (8) costs related to shifting roadwork on I-695 or any other State road project to nighttime to minimize traffic impacts following the collapse of the Key Bridge.”.

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### Conference Committee Amendment No. 3

On page 112 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading Health Regulatory Commissions, in program M00R01.03 Maryland Community Health Resources Commission, adopt Amendment 15, and in line 37, strike “33,000,000” and substitute “63,000,000”; and on page 112 of the committee reprint, in line 36, insert “Further provided that no more than \$12,000,000 of this appropriation made for the purpose of the Maryland Consortium on Coordinated Community Supports may be used to reimburse the Medical Care Programs Administration within the Maryland Department of Health for school-based behavioral health services provided on a fee-for-service basis through a Medicaid waiver.”; and on page 111 of the Committee Reprint, in program M00R01.02 Health Services Cost Review Commission, in line 27 strike beginning with “Further” down through “recommendations” on page 112 in line 8.

### Conference Committee Amendment No. 4

On page 124 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading Office of the Secretary, in program P00A01.01 Executive Direction, adopt Amendment 20, and in line 5 strike “14,452,081” and substitute “16,452,081”; and in line 8 strike “21,556,680” and substitute “23,556,680”.

### Conference Committee Amendment No. 5

On page 143 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading State Department of Education Headquarters, in program R00A01.01 Office of the State Superintendent, adopt Amendment 22, and on page 146, in line 17 following “committees” insert “. Further provided that \$250,000 of this appropriation made for the purpose of administrative expenses may not be expended until the Maryland State Department of Education submits a report on the implementation of the new financial reporting system required in Chapter 55 of 2021, Blueprint for Maryland’s Future – Revisions. The report shall include information on the deployment of the financial reporting system required under Section 5-234 of the Education Article, including the expenditures to date and a timeline for both system deployment and provision of the Financial Reporting Manual for Maryland Public Schools to local education agencies. The report shall be submitted by August 1, 2024, and the budget committees shall have 45 days from 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 page 149 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading Aid to Education, in program R00A02.06 Prekindergarten, in line 9 following “Appropriation” insert “. provided that the appropriation made for the purpose of the Maryland State Prekindergarten Grant Program shall be reduced by \$7,176,896 contingent on enactment of SB 362 or HB 352, delaying the phase-in schedule for including Tier II children in prekindergarten enrollment.”; and on page 154 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading Funding for Educational Organizations, in program R00A03.04 Aid to Non-Public Schools, in line 13 strike “more tuition to”; and in line 14, following “student” insert “more”; and in line 14 following “than”

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strike “the” and substitute “a net tuition average that is greater than the”; and in line 21, following “department” insert “including students attending schools with nonpublic placements”.

### Conference Committee Amendment No. 6

On page 175 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading Maryland Higher Education Commission, in program R62I00.03 Joseph A. Sellinger Formula for Aid to Non-Public Institutions of Higher Education, adopt Amendment 28, and in line 7 strike “\$724,131” and substitute “\$749,959”; and in line 9 strike “\$2,980,081” and substitute “\$3,086,371”; and in line 11 strike “\$3,527,558” and substitute “\$3,653,375”; and in line 14 strike “\$19,056,308” and substitute “\$19,735,989”; and in line 16 strike “\$12,341,425” and substitute “\$12,781,606”; and in line 19 strike “\$3,975,565” and substitute “\$4,117,361”; and line in 21 strike “\$5,783,477” and substitute “\$5,989,757”; and in line 24 strike “\$5,362,648” and substitute “\$5,553,917”; and in line 27 strike “\$1,804,893” and substitute “\$1,869,268”; and in line 29 strike “\$1,644,938” and substitute “\$1,703,607”; and in line 31 strike “\$8,543,209” and substitute “\$8,847,919”; and in line 34 strike “\$1,445,243” and substitute “\$1,496,790”; and on page 176, in line 2 strike “\$2,904,588” and substitute “\$3,008,186”.

### Conference Committee Amendment No. 7

On page 176 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading Maryland Higher Education Commission, in program R62I00.03 Joseph A. Sellinger Formula for Aid to Non-Public Institutions of Higher Education, adopt Amendment 29, and in line 3 strike “70,094,064” and substitute “72,594,106”; and on page 177, under the heading Maryland Higher Education Commission, in program R62I00.10 Educational Excellence Awards in line 8 strike “114,240,000” and substitute “112,240,000”.

### Conference Committee Amendment No. 8

On page 193 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading Division of Tourism, Film and the Arts, in program T00G00.08 Preservation of Cultural Arts Program, adopt Amendment 30, and in line 13, strike “\$900,000” and substitute “\$600,000”; and on the same page, in line 19, strike “\$50,000” and substitute “\$30,000”; and on the same page, in line 21, strike “\$50,000” and substitute “\$30,000”; and on the same page in line 23, strike “\$50,000” and substitute “\$30,000”; and on the same page, in line 26, strike “\$50,000” and substitute “\$30,000”; and on the same page in line 26, strike “Identity, Inc.” and substitute “BlackRock Center for the Arts”; and on the same page, in line 27, strike “\$100,000” and substitute “\$80,000”; and on the same page, in line 30, strike “\$100,000” and substitute “\$60,000”; and on the same page, in line 32, strike “\$10,000” and substitute “\$6,000”; and on the same page, in line 34, strike “\$40,000” and substitute “\$24,000”; and on page 194, in line 1, strike “\$50,000” and substitute “\$30,000”; and on the same page, in line 3, strike “\$50,000” and substitute “\$30,000”; and on the same page, in line 5, strike

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“\$150,000” and substitute “\$100,000”; and on the same page, in line 11, following “Education;” insert “ and”; and on the same page, in line 12, strike beginning with “\$50,000” down through “(15)” in line 15.

### Conference Committee Amendment No. 9

On page 200 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading Coordinating Offices, in program U00A10.01 Coordinating Offices, adopt Amendment 31, and on page 199, under the heading Air and Radiation Administration, in program U00A07.01 Air and Radiation Administration, following line 10 insert “Provided that, except for the purpose of completing the tasks listed in items (1) through (2) below, funds appropriated for the purpose of final development and submission of energy use intensity targets and standards regulations to the Joint Committee on Administrative, Executive, and Legislative Review may not be expended until the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) submits the following to the budget committees; the Senate Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee; and the House Environment and Transportation Committee:”

- (1) a confirmatory letter that indicates that required building energy performance standard actions have been taken, and that describes the outcome of each action based on the criteria provided in subparagraph (a) through (c) of this paragraph:
  - (a) calculate building benchmarks based on MDE’s analysis of the results of the direct emissions data reported by the owners of covered buildings as required by Section 2-1602(b) of the Environment Article;
  - (b) promulgate special provisions or exceptions to account for building age, regional differences, unique needs of particular building or occupancy types, and the use of district energy systems and biofuels by covered buildings as required by Section 2-1602(c)(2)(ii) of the Environment Article;
  - (c) consider the needs of owners of covered buildings who are not responsible for or do not have access to or control over building energy systems of tenants as provided in Section 2-1602(c)(2)(iii) of the Environment Article; and
- (2) a report on energy use intensity costs and alternatives to energy use intensity for meeting greenhouse gas emission targets, which shall include:
  - (a) an assessment of the energy use intensity requirement compliance cost to owners of covered buildings;
  - (b) a recommendation for an alternative compliance fee for energy use intensity on building owners, after taking into account any financial incentives offered to the covered building owners;

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- (c) an evaluation of mechanisms other than energy use intensity to meet greenhouse gas emission targets; and
- (d) an economic feasibility study of meeting energy use intensity standards, which shall:
  - (i) consider factors including, but not limited to, building age, technological limitations, and limits of building resources; and
  - (ii) include recommendations addressing covered buildings and underresourced buildings that, after considering all possible incentives, including avoided penalties and fees, would still result in building noncompliance with greenhouse gas emission regulations and targets.

The confirmatory letter shall be submitted within 30 days following the completion of the required actions, and the report shall be submitted within 30 days following the submission of the confirmatory letter. The budget committees shall have 45 days from the date of the receipt of the report to review and comment on both the confirmatory letter and the report.

Further provided that it is the intent of the General Assembly that the building energy performance regulations, as otherwise proposed by MDE, may continue subject to the conditions above.”.

### Conference Committee Amendment No. 10

On page 278 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading Section 19, adopt Amendment 34, and in line 12 strike “and”; and on the same page in line 17 following “Campus” strike “.” and substitute “; (6) \$125,000 in general funds is reduced from the fiscal 2024 appropriation for program D28A03.41 General Administration within the Maryland Stadium Authority that was made for the purpose of conducting a market and economic feasibility study for amphitheaters in Charles County, which was to include at a minimum, exploring the costs, benefits, and concerns of pursuing these projects; and (7) \$100,000 in general funds is reduced from the fiscal 2024 appropriation for program S00A24.01 Neighborhood Revitalization within the Department of Housing and Community Development that was for the purpose of assisting the Little Italy Neighborhood Association in creating a Business Improvement District, with the intent that the district receive safety services from the Waterfront Partnership of Baltimore.”; and on page 306 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading Section 31, in line 30 strike “\$65,000,000” and substitute “\$90,000,000”; and on the same page, in line 38 following “program.” insert “Further provided that the total amount transferred in (1) and (2) above may not exceed \$199,000,000.”; and on page 310 of the Committee Reprint, in line 36 following “committees.” insert “SECTION 40. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Governor is authorized to process budget amendments in fiscal 2024 and fiscal 2025 to transfer a combined total of no more than \$275,000,000 from the Y01A01.01 Revenue Stabilization Account to the Maryland Department of Labor, the Department of Commerce, and the State Reserve Fund’s Economic



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Development Opportunities Program Account for the purpose of implementing the provisions of SB 1188 or HB 1526 contingent on enactment of SB 1188 or HB 1526.”.

### Conference Committee Amendment No. 11

On page 279 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading Section 20, adopt Amendment 35, and on page 278 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading Section 20, in line 21 strike “\$20,000,000” and substitute “\$22,000,000”; and on page 279, in line 9 following “Fund;” strike “and”; and on the same page in line 14 following “DPA” strike “:” and substitute “; (7) \$164,000 in general funds is added to the fiscal 2024 appropriation for program T00G00.08 Preservation of Cultural Arts Program for the purpose of funding planned grant awards to arts 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; (8) \$125,000 in general funds is added to the fiscal 2024 appropriation for program D28A03.41 General Administration within the Maryland Stadium Authority for the purpose of conducting a market and economic feasibility study for a Sports and Wellness Center in Charles County, which at a minimum, explores the costs, benefits, and concerns of pursuing these projects. 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 (9) \$100,000 in general funds is added to the fiscal 2024 appropriation for program Y01A02.01 Dedicated Purpose Account within the State Reserve Fund for the purpose of assisting the Little Italy Neighborhood Association in creating a Business Improvement District, with the intent that the district receive safety services from the Waterfront Partnership of Baltimore.”.

### Conference Committee Amendment No. 12

On page 279 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading Section 21, adopt Amendment 36, and in line 17 strike “92,961,700” and substitute “89,061,700”; and on the same page in line 20 strike “46,961,700” and substitute “43,061,700”; and on page 279 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading Section 21, in line 34 strike “S00A25.05 Rental Services Programs- Division of Development Finance” and substitute “S00A24.01 Neighborhood Revitalization- Division of Neighborhood Revitalization”; and on page 280 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading Section 21, in line 2 strike “\$4,600,000” and substitute “\$3,600,000”; and on the same page, in line 4 following “counsel.” strike beginning with “Further” down through “program.” in line 6; and on page 280 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading Section 21, in line 15, following “special funds” insert “from the Safe Schools Fund”; and on page 280 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading Section 21, in line 27 strike “M00A01.01 Executive Direction within the Office of the Secretary” and substitute “M00F02.01 Office of Population Health Improvement”; and on the same page, in line 28 following “purpose of” strike beginning with “providing” down through “nursing” in line 29 and substitute “supplementing the appropriation for the Maryland Loan Assistance Repayment Program for Nurses and Nursing Support Staff”; and on page 280 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading Section 21, in

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line 39, strike beginning with "\$2,000,000" down through "General Fund;" in line 8 on page 281 and substitute \$3,600,000 in special funds from the Senior Prescription Drug Assistance Program Fund is added to the appropriation for program F10A02.08 Statewide Expenses within the Department of Budget and Management for the purpose of increasing the amount that the State will deposit into health reimbursement accounts in calendar 2025 to implement Chapter 767 of 2019, which requires the State to establish a reimbursement program for retirees enrolled in Medicare Part D who were hired before July 1, 2011, and retired on or before January 1, 2020 contingent on the enactment of SB 362 authorizing the use of the Senior Prescription Drug Assistance Program Fund for certain health reimbursement accounts;"; and on page 282 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading Section 21, in line 23 following "by" strike "American Robotics" and substitute "a Maryland-based Small Unmanned Aircraft System company that has a drone that has received a Federal Aviation Administration Type Certification/Airworthiness R00033LA with integrated control station/hangar, ability to autonomously change batteries and payloads and received a Beyond Visual Line of Sight waiver to ensure the highest level of safety and support"; and on page 283 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading Section 21, in line 17 following "grant to" strike "the Baltimore Jewish Council" and substitute "The Associated: Jewish Federation of Baltimore"; and on page 283 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading Section 21, in line 29 following "Center" strike beginning with "contingent" down through "HB 489" in line 30; and on page 284 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading Section 21, in line 23 following "SB 859" insert "or HB 1163"; and on page 284 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading Section 21, in line 26 strike "\$550,000" and substitute "\$1,000,000"; and on page 285 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading Section 21, in line 11 strike beginning with "D21A01.05" down through "Headquarters" in line 12 and substitute "D21A01.01 Administrative Headquarters"; and on page 285 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading Section 21, in line 32, strike "\$500,000" and substitute "\$1,500,000"; and on page 288 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading Section 21, in line 6 strike "D52A01.01 Maryland Department of Emergency Management (MDEM) within MDEM" and substitute "R62I00.07 Educational Grants within the Maryland Higher Education Commission"; and on the same page, in line 7 following "of providing" strike beginning with "grants to" down through "colleges" in line 9 and substitute "scholarships for emergency medical services staff and firefighters including volunteer firefighters"; and on page 290 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading Section 21, in line 10 strike "\$250,000" and substitute "\$350,000"; and on page 290 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading Section 21, in line 17 strike "S00A24.02 Neighborhood Revitalization – Capital Appropriation" and substitute "S00A24.01 Neighborhood Revitalization"; and on the same page, in line 20 following "Corporation" strike beginning with "for the" down through "Heights" in line 21; On page 291 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading Section 21, in line 26 strike "\$161,000" and substitute "\$209,000"; and on the same page, in line 30 strike "\$56,863" and substitute "\$107,225"; and on the same page in line 34 strike "\$104,137" and substitute "\$101,775"; and on the same page, in line 36 following "SB 978" strike beginning with "and for" down through "portal" in line 37; and on page 292 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading Section 21, in line 19 following "hiring" strike ", contingent on the enactment of SB 910"; and on page 294 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading Section 21, in line 29 following "grant to" strike "Light House Bistro" and substitute "The Light House, Inc."; and on page 297 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading Section 21, in line 12 following "Grant Fund." insert

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“Further provided that funds unneeded for the development of the public, centralized database shall be used for ENOUGH grants.”; and on the same page in line 12 following “expended for” strike “this added purpose” and substitute “these added purposes”; and on page 300 of the Committee Reprint, in line 9 following “Fund,” strike “and”; and on the same page, in line 14 following “Fund” strike “.” and substitute “; (138) \$1,000,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program R00A01.01 Office of the State Superintendent within the Maryland State Department of Education Headquarters within the Maryland State Department of Education for the purpose of providing funding for the Access to Attorneys, Advocates, and Consultants for Special Education (AACSE) Program contingent on the enactment of SB 797 or HB 903 establishing the AACSE Program and AACSE Fund. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall be deposited into the AACSE Fund; (139) \$2,000,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program P00A01.01 Executive Direction within the Maryland Department of Labor for the purpose of funding start-up costs for joint or group registered apprenticeships or to pay per apprentice to scale existing joint or group registered apprenticeships. Further provided that these restricted funds may be used to match funds provided for apprenticeships from fund sources external to the Maryland Department of Labor, including but not limited to American Rescue Plan Act and Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act funds available to local workforce development boards. 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; (140) \$2,000,000 in special funds from the Need-Based Student Financial Assistance Fund is added to the appropriation for R62I00.10 Educational Excellence Awards within the Maryland Higher Education Commission for the purpose of need-based awards; (141) \$2,000,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program D25E03.02 Interagency Commission on School Construction– Capital Appropriation for the purpose of a deposit into the Prince George’s County Public–Private Partnership Fund established under § 4–126.2 of the Education Article; (142) \$1,500,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program R75T00.01 Support for State Operated Institutions for Higher Education for R30B28 University of Baltimore for the purpose of providing funding to the Schaefer Center for Public Policy. 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; (143) \$500,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program D21A01.02 Local Law Enforcement Grants within GOCPP for the purpose of providing grants to State’s Attorney’s Offices to establish or improve automated case management systems. Further provided that for a State’s Attorney’s Office to access these funds, its newly established or improved case management system shall be required to collect, at a minimum, the following data points:

- (a) charges at arrest;
- (b) filed charges;
- (c) final disposition of all charges;
- (d) whether a plea offer was made;

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- (e) if the case was dismissed, the reason for dismissal;
- (f) if the case was declined, the reasons for the declinations;
- (g) dates for decision points (a) through (f);
- (h) the referring law enforcement agency;
- (i) the assigned prosecutor(s);
- (j) defendant characteristics (e.g., race/ethnicity, age, gender, zip code); and
- (k) victim characteristics (e.g., race/ethnicity, age, gender, zip code).

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; (144) \$500,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program R75T00.01 Support for State Operated Institutions for Higher Education for R30B21 University of Maryland, Baltimore Campus for the purpose of funding The Levitas Initiative for Sexual Assault Prevention at the Francis Carey School of Law and the School of Social Work. 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; (145) \$500,000 in special funds from the Transportation Trust Fund is added to the appropriation for program J00A01.02 Operating Grants-In-Aid within The Secretary's Office within the Maryland Department of Transportation for the purpose of providing Baltimore County and Montgomery County each a grant of \$250,000 to develop pilot projects to increase transportation opportunities for K-12 students not already being bused by public school systems. Jurisdictions should prioritize using the funds for the demonstration of congestion relief around schools. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall be canceled; (146) \$500,000 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 a grant to The Downtown Sailing Center. 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; (147) \$500,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program T00F00.05 Office of Strategic Industries and Entrepreneurship within the Department of Commerce for the purpose of providing funds for a grant to the Maryland Tech Council for a Biohub Maryland 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; (148) \$250,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program N00I00.07 Office of Grants Management within the Family Investment Administration within the Department of Human Services for the purpose of providing a grant to A Wider Circle. 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; (149) \$200,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program R75T00.01 Support for State Operated Institutions of Higher Education for R30B26 Frostburg State University for this purpose of providing funding to the

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Mary E. Clapsaddle Merit Scholarship. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise and shall revert to the General Fund; (150) \$100,000 in general funds is added to program R00A01.01 Office of the State Superintendent within the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) Headquarters within MSDE for the purpose of conducting a study on career and technical education pathways and apprenticeships for high school students for careers in driving in coordination with the Maryland Department of Labor and the Motor Vehicle Administration within the Maryland Department of Transportation. 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; (151) \$100,000 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 Maryland Council on Economic 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; (152) \$50,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program S00A24.02 Neighborhood Revitalization – Capital Appropriation within the Division of Neighborhood Revitalization within DHCD for the purpose of providing a grant to A Strong Foundation LLC for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of properties in the neighborhoods of 4x4, Darley Park, and Berea. 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; (153) \$25,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program L00A12.10 Marketing and Agriculture Development within the Maryland Department of Agriculture for the purpose of providing a grant to the Montgomery County Office of Agriculture for tourist wayfinding signs. 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; (154) \$25,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program D21A01.02 Local Law Enforcement Grants within GOCPP for the purpose of providing a grant to Montgomery County for the purpose of supporting the Olney Police Satellite Station. 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; (155) \$10,000 in general funds is added to the appropriation for program D11A04.01 Executive Direction within the Office of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing for the purpose of interpretation services necessary to support the Workgroup for the Deaf, Deafblind, and Hard of Hearing contingent on the enactment of HB 1069 or SB 1084 establishing the workgroup. 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 (156) \$500,000 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 funds to the Chesapeake Regional Information System for our Patients for services from DrFirst. 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.”.

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### Conference Committee Supplemental Budget Amendment No. 1

On page 6 of Supplemental Budget No. 2, under the heading Executive Office – Office of the Governor, in item 11, program D10A01.01, General Executive Direct and Control, strike each occurrence of “1,355,372” and substitute “546,500”; and strike each occurrence of “2,167,495” and substitute “1,358,623”; and strike each occurrence of “2,183,495” and substitute “1,374,623”.

### Conference Committee Supplemental Budget Amendment No. 2

On page 24 of Supplemental Budget No. 2, under the heading State Department of Education, in Item 106, program R00A03.04, Aid to Non-Public Schools – Funding for Educational Organizations, add the following language to the special fund appropriation “provided that the funds may only be expended for grants to nonpublic schools that participated in fiscal 2024 in the Broadening Options and Opportunities for Students Today (BOOST) Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) R00A03.05, for the purpose of school nurses, other health services, and for school security. MSDE shall establish an award process and a timeline for these awards. Any funds remaining after awards are made for school nurses, other health services, and for school security shall be made available for schools that participated in the BOOST program in fiscal 2024 for textbooks under the Aid to Non-Public Schools program. Funds not expended for this added purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall be canceled.”.

### Conference Committee Technical Amendment No. 1

On page 98 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading Behavioral Health Administration, in program M00L01.01 Program Direction, in line 40 following “provided for” strike “fiscal 2024” and substitute “fiscal 2025” and on page 310 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading Section 40, in line 37 following “SECTION” strike “40.” and substitute “42.”; and on page 311 of the Committee Reprint, under the heading Section 41, in line 1 following “SECTION” strike “41.” and substitute “43.”.

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On page 31 of Supplemental Budget No. 2, under the heading Amendments to Senate Bill 360/House Bill 350 (First Reading File Bill), in Amendment No. 18, following “insert”, strike “SECTION 21” and substitute “SECTION 41”.