

- (1) This section shall not apply to budget amendments for the sole purpose of:
  - (a) appropriating funds available as a result of the award of federal disaster assistance;
  - (b) transferring funds from the State Reserve Fund – Economic Development Opportunities Fund for projects approved by the Legislative Policy Committee; and
  - (c) appropriating funds for Major Information Technology Development Project Fund projects approved by the budget committees.
- (2) Budget amendments increasing total appropriations in any fund account by \$100,000 or more may not be approved by the Governor until (i) that amendment has been submitted to the Department of Legislative Services and (ii) the budget committees or the Legislative Policy Committee have considered the amendment or 45 days have elapsed from the date of submission of the amendment. Each amendment submitted to the Department of Legislative Services shall include a statement of the amount, sources of funds and purposes of the amendment, and a summary of impact on budgeted or contractual position and payroll requirements.
- (3) Unless permitted by the budget bill or the accompanying supporting documentation or by other authorizing legislation, and notwithstanding the provisions of Section 3-216 of the Transportation Article, a budget amendment may not:
  - (a) restore funds for items or purposes specifically denied by the General Assembly;
  - (b) fund a capital project not authorized by the General Assembly provided, however, that subject to provisions of the Transportation Article, projects of the Maryland Department of Transportation shall be restricted as provided in Section 1 of this Act;
  - (c) increase the scope of a capital project by an amount 7.5 percent or more over the approved estimate or 5 percent or more over the net square footage of the approved project until the amendment has been submitted to the Department of Legislative Services and the budget committees have considered and offered comment to the Governor or 45 days have elapsed from the date of submission of the amendment. This provision does not apply to the Maryland Department of Transportation; and
  - (d) provide for the additional appropriation of special, federal, or higher education funds of more than \$100,000 for the reclassification of a position or positions.
- (4) A budget may not be amended to increase a federal fund appropriation by \$100,000 or more unless documentation evidencing the increase in funds is provided with the amendment and fund availability is certified by the Secretary of Budget and Management.