

- (5) No expenditure or contractual obligation of funds authorized by a proposed budget amendment may be made prior to approval of that amendment by the Governor.
- (6) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, any federal, special, or higher education fund appropriation may be increased by budget amendment upon a declaration by the Board of Public Works that the amendment is essential to maintaining public safety, health or welfare, including protecting the environment or economic welfare of the State.
- (7) Further provided that the fiscal 2007 appropriation detail as shown in the Governor's budget books submitted to the General Assembly in January 2007 and the supporting electronic detail, shall not include appropriations for budget amendments that have not been signed by the Governor, exclusive of the Maryland Department of Transportation PAYGO capital program.
- (8) Further provided that it is the policy of the State to recognize and appropriate additional special, higher education, and federal revenues in the budget bill as approved by the General Assembly:
- (a) To implement this policy the following restrictions shall apply:
- (i) no amendment may be processed to appropriate revenues, grants, balances, or funding sources if the availability of those funds was known to the administering agency on or before March 15, 2006, except with approval of the Board of Public Works after review and comment as provided under this section;
- (ii) no amendment may be processed from special funds or current unrestricted revenues for State supported activities with the effect of increasing the total appropriation for a program receiving the funds by more than 2.5 percent;
- (iii) the Governor may request a deficiency appropriation in the budget submitted to the 2007 General Assembly for any item barred under this paragraph.
- (b) This paragraph shall not apply to:
- (i) the appropriation of federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families dollars by the Department of Human Resources;
- (ii) the appropriation of federal funds to backfill for general or special funds reduced by the General Assembly due to the availability of unappropriated federal funds; or
- (iii) budget amendments expressly authorized by the General Assembly or necessary to implement legislation enacted from the 2006 session.
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