

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

Article — State Finance and Procurement

~~7-311.~~

(a) (1) ~~In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.~~

(2) ~~“Account” means the Revenue Stabilization Account.~~

(3) ~~“Estimated General Fund revenues” means the estimated General Fund revenues stated in the annual report of the Board of Revenue Estimates submitted to the Governor under § 6-106 of this article.~~

(b) ~~The Revenue Stabilization Account is established to retain State revenues for future needs and reduce the need for future tax increases by moderating revenue growth.~~

(c) ~~The Account is a continuing, nonlapsing fund which is not subject to § 7-302 of this subtitle.~~

(d) ~~The Account consists of:~~

(1) ~~moneys appropriated in the State budget to the Account; and~~

(2) ~~interest or other income earned from the investment of any portion of this Account or any other account in the State Reserve Fund.~~

(e) ~~Except as provided in subsection (f) of this section, for each fiscal year:~~

(1) ~~if the Account balance is below 3% of the estimated General Fund revenues for that fiscal year, the Governor shall include in the budget bill an appropriation to the Account equal to at least \$100,000,000; and~~

(2) ~~if the Account balance is at least 3% but less than 5% of the estimated General Fund revenues for that fiscal year, the Governor shall include in the budget bill an appropriation to the Account equal to at least the lesser of \$50,000,000 or whatever amount is required for the Account balance to exceed 5% of the estimated General Fund revenues for that fiscal year.~~

(f) ~~The appropriations required by subsection (e) of this section are not required when the Account balance exceeds 5% of the estimated General Fund revenues.~~

(g) ~~If authorized by an act of the General Assembly or specifically authorized in the State budget bill as enacted, the Governor may transfer funds from the Account to General Fund revenues.~~

(h) ~~If the budget bill as submitted to the General Assembly includes a transfer of funds from the Account pursuant to subsection (g) of this section, the budget bill as enacted by the General Assembly may provide for a reduction of the amount of the transfer from the Account by an amount up to the amount of the reductions made by the General Assembly in the General Fund appropriations.~~