

SUMMARY

Total General Fund Appropriation .....	17,900,358
Total Special Fund Appropriation .....	747,440
Total Federal Fund Appropriation.....	30,732,385

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Total Appropriation .....	49,380,183
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LOCAL DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS

N00G00.01 Foster Care Maintenance Payments

General Fund Appropriation, provided that funds appropriated herein may be used to develop a broad range of services to assist in returning children with special needs from out-of-state placements, to prevent unnecessary residential or institutional placements within Maryland and to work with local jurisdictions in these regards. Policy decisions regarding the expenditures of such funds shall be made jointly by the Special Secretary for Children, Youth, and Families, the Secretaries of Health and Mental Hygiene, Human Resources, Juvenile Services, Budget and Management and the State Superintendent of Education.

Further provided that \$500,000 of this appropriation may not be expended for any program or purpose except that the funds may be expended to develop, implement, and monitor a program, in accordance with the State's procurement regulations, through which qualified licensed child placement agencies may enter into contracts with the State to provide adoption placement services for Maryland children in public foster care who have no identified permanency resource.