

the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene budget.

General Fund Appropriation ..... 2,690,632

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, ~~That: That in order to carry out the provisions of these appropriations the Secretary of Budget and Management is authorized:~~

(a) ~~To allot all or any portion of the funds herein appropriated to the various departments, boards, commissions, officers, schools and institutions by monthly, quarterly or seasonal periods and by objects of expense and may place any funds appropriated but not allotted in contingency reserve available for subsequent allotment. Upon the Secretary's own initiative or upon the request of the head of any State agency, the Secretary may authorize a change in the amount of funds so allotted. The Secretary shall, before the beginning of the fiscal year, file with the Comptroller of the Treasury a schedule of allotments, if any. The Comptroller shall not authorize any expenditure or obligation in excess of the allotment made and any expenditure so made shall be illegal.~~

(b) ~~To allot all or any portion of funds coming into the hands of any department, board, commission, officer, school and institution of the State, from sources not estimated or calculated upon in the budget.~~

(c) (1) Prior to July 1, 2005, the Department of Budget and Management shall file with the Comptroller of the Treasury a list of the appropriations for each program in the State budget.

(2) Prior to July 1, 2005, the Presiding Officers of the General Assembly shall submit to the Comptroller of the Treasury a list of the appropriations restricted in this Act. The Comptroller of the Treasury shall place the restricted appropriations into a contingency reserve until such time as the Comptroller of the Treasury receives written notification from the chairmen of the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee and House Committee on Appropriations that the funds may be released from the contingency reserve and made available to the appropriate department, board, commission, officer, school, or institution.

(3) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this section, the Comptroller of the Treasury may not authorize any expenditure or obligation that requires use of funds in the contingency reserve and any expenditure so made shall be illegal.

(4) The Secretary of Budget and Management is authorized to fix the number and classes of positions, including temporary and permanent regular positions, or person years of authorized employment for each agency, unit, or program thereof, not inconsistent with the Public General Laws in regard to classification of positions. The Secretary shall make such determination before the beginning of the fiscal year and shall base them on the positions or person years of employment authorized in the budget as amended by approved budgetary position actions. No payment for salaries or wages nor any request for or certification of personnel shall be