

(6) The Secretary of Budget and Management shall provide to the budget committees a list of abolished vacant positions by eight digit budget code on or before July 1, 2005.

(1) For fiscal 2006 the total number of full-time equivalent (FTE) regular positions may not exceed 52,686 in Executive Branch agencies and the number of FTE contractual positions, as reported in the State Budget Books, may not exceed 2,779 in Executive Branch agencies. For the purposes of this section, Executive Branch agencies shall exclude the University System of Maryland, St. Mary's College of Maryland, Morgan State University, and Baltimore City Community College.

(2) The Governor shall submit to the Board of Public Works not later than June 15, 2005, a schedule for aligning the authorizations in Section 1 of this Act to the levels established in paragraph (1) of this section, and shall take such actions as necessary to implement any necessary reductions. This schedule may only alter position authorizations for agencies of the Executive Branch, excluding the University System of Maryland, St. Mary's College of Maryland, Morgan State University, and Baltimore City Community College.

(3) In implementing this section, the Governor shall abolish the number of vacant positions in Executive Branch agencies, excluding the University System of Maryland, St. Mary's College of Maryland, Morgan State University, and Baltimore City Community College, necessary to reach the limit. At least 100 of the positions abolished shall be in the executive or management service in the State Personnel and Management System and in the executive service or the commission plan in the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT). The most recent service status assigned to a vacant position shall be used to determine eligible positions in MDOT.

(4) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this budget, positions shall not be created in the executive service, management service, or commission plan nor shall existing positions be reclassified into or transferred from one agency, office, or department to another for the purpose of increasing, overall or within any agency, office, or department, the number of positions in the executive service, management service, or the commission plan during fiscal 2006.

(5) The number of exempt or non-State funded positions added in fiscal 2005 after December 9, 2004, through the Board of Public Works in non-higher education agencies, under the authority of Section 18 of the 2004 budget bill (Chapter 429, Acts of 2004) shall not count under the limit established in paragraph (1).

(6) Funding for salaries and wages in Comptroller objects other than 0152 (Health Insurance) and 0154 (Retiree Health Insurance) for non-higher education agencies of the Executive Branch shall be reduced by not less than \$6,400,000 in general funds and \$9,650,000 in total funds in accordance with a schedule determined by the Governor. This reduction may be allocated to any object or subobject of expenditure, with the exception of Comptroller