PART I. DEFINITIONS; GENERAL PROVISIONS.

7-101. DEFINITIONS.

(A) IN GENERAL.

IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection is new language used as the standard introductory language to a definition section.

(B) PROPOSED BUDGET.

"PROPOSED BUDGET" MEANS:

(1) THE BUDGET BILL; AND

(2) THE BUDGET BOOKS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS THAT SUPPORT THE BUDGET BILL.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection is new language added to allow concise reference to the budget bill and its supporting documents.

While Md. Constitution, Art. III, § 52 refers to the "Budget" and "Budget Bill", the use of the term "budget" to encompass solely the supporting documents creates problems. Former Art. 15A, § 20(a) required submission of specified supporting documents "in book form" and required distribution of those books to each member of the General Assembly. However, the Secretary of Budget and Fiscal Planning has indicated that the supporting documents now are voluminous and that information not contained in the "budget books" is submitted to the General Assembly, through its staff agencies, on magnetic tape and in other forms. Nonetheless, all of this information comprises the "complete plan of proposed expenditures and estimated revenues" that Md. Constitution, Art. III, § 52(3) states must be contained in the "Budget".

To preserve the statutory requirement that certain information be presented "in book form", the term "budget books" is used in provisions of this subtitle that relate to that information.

(C) SECRETARY.

"SECRETARY" MEANS THE SECRETARY OF BUDGET AND FISCAL PLANNING.