

The requirements of the constitutional provisions would apply in any event. However, the addition of this section clarifies the scope of certain former sections that seemed to allow disbursements without an appropriation. See § 7-217 of this subtitle.

Defined term: "Appropriation act" § 7-201

7-203. RESERVED.

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PART II. SCHEDULE.

7-205. REQUIRED.

EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN § 7-212 OF THIS SUBTITLE, AN APPROPRIATION MAY BE DISBURSED ONLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CURRENT SCHEDULE FOR APPORTIONMENT AND DISBURSEMENT OF THE APPROPRIATION.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from the first clause of the second sentence of former Art. 15A, § 8(a).

It is revised as a separate section to clarify its applicability to a lump sum appropriation. See § 7-206(b) of this subtitle.

The introductory language of this section, "[e]xcept as provided in § 7-212 of this subtitle," is added as a general reference to the authority of the Boards of Regents of Morgan State University and the University of Maryland and the Boards of Trustees of St. Mary's College and the State Universities and Colleges.

The word "current" is added to modify the word "schedule", to reflect §§ 7-208 through 7-210 of this subtitle, which provide for amendment of a schedule, and § 7-213 of this subtitle, which provides for reduction of a schedule.

7-206. INITIAL SCHEDULE.

(A) IN GENERAL.

THE INITIAL SCHEDULE FOR APPORTIONMENT AND DISBURSEMENT OF AN APPROPRIATION CONSISTS OF THE ITEMS AND AMOUNTS SET FORTH IN THE APPROPRIATION ACT. HOWEVER, THE SCHEDULE MAY BE AMENDED OR REDUCED AS PROVIDED IN THIS SUBTITLE.

(B) LUMP SUM APPROPRIATION.

FOR A LUMP SUM APPROPRIATION, THE INITIAL SCHEDULE CONSISTS OF THE ITEMS AND AMOUNTS APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS UNDER § 7-207 OF THIS SUBTITLE.