

references are consistent with Md. Constitution, Art. III, § 52(11), which requires the Governor to include in a proposed budget, without revision, the estimate that the presiding officers certify "for the Legislative Department" and that the Comptroller certifies for the "Judiciary".

In subsection (b)(2)(i) of this section, the reference to payment of "the principal" is substituted for the former reference to "retirement" of the State debt, to conform to the terminology in Title 8, Subtitle 1 of this article.

In subsection (b)(3) of this section, the reference to an "employee in the classified or unclassified service" is substituted for the former, ambiguous reference to "merit system employees". The substituted language is based on Art. 64A, § 30(a) of the Code, which enables the Secretary of Personnel to increase or decrease pay rates for employees in either service, with the approval of the Governor.

7-214. RESERVED.

7-215. RESERVED.

PART III. WARRANTS.

7-216. EXPENDITURES.

(A) GENERAL AUTHORITY.

SUBJECT TO THE LIMITATIONS IN THIS SUBTITLE, AN OFFICER OR UNIT OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT MAY SPEND AN APPROPRIATION TO THE OFFICER OR UNIT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CURRENT SCHEDULE FOR APPORTIONMENT AND DISBURSEMENT OF THE APPROPRIATION.

(B) SUBMISSION OF BILL.

(1) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, WHENEVER AN OFFICER OR A UNIT OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT SPENDS ANY PART OF AN APPROPRIATION, THE OFFICER OR UNIT PROMPTLY SHALL SEND THE BILL TO THE COMPTROLLER FOR PAYMENT.

(2) SUBJECT TO THE LIMITATIONS IN THIS SUBTITLE, THE COMPTROLLER, THE CHIEF DEPUTY COMPTROLLER, OR A DEPUTY COMPTROLLER MAY ISSUE A WARRANT FOR PAYMENT OF THE BILL.

(C) EXEMPTION.

(1) THE COMPTROLLER SHALL EXEMPT AN OFFICER OR UNIT OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION IF THE COMPTROLLER DETERMINES THAT THE EXEMPTION WOULD BE IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST.