

(c) To the extent that funds are available in the State budget, the Treasurer shall provide sufficient self-insurance, purchased insurance, or both to cover the liability of the State and its units and personnel under the Maryland Tort Claims Act.

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(a) Subject to the limitations in this section, the Treasurer shall pay a unit of the State government for a loss that is covered under § 9-105 of this title, without regard to whether the unit is funded wholly or partly from general, special, or federal funds.

(b) (1) The unit of the State government that had State property at the time of its loss or damage and the [Department of General Services] ~~CASUALTY-CLAIMS-UNIT~~ TREASURER jointly shall determine the value of the property. ~~The [Department of General Services]-CASUALTY-CLAIMS-UNIT shall certify the value to the Treasurer.~~

(2) The Office of the Attorney General shall determine and certify to the Treasurer the value of a liability claim against the State.

(3) The Treasurer may not pay from the Fund any money for loss or liability in excess of the value certified under this subsection.

(c) Notwithstanding any other provision of this title, the 1st \$1,000 of value of each loss, damage, or liability occurrence of a unit shall be paid from its appropriations in the State budget unless, on recommendation of the Secretary of Budget and Fiscal Planning, the Treasurer reduces the amount.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the employees of the Department of General Services performing claims servicing shall be transferred to the Office of the State Treasurer without any changes or loss of rights or status, and shall retain their merit system and retirement system status. Appropriations in the Department of General Services for claims servicing may be transferred to the State Treasurer by approved budget amendment.

~~SECTION--2-~~ SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1988.

Approved May 2, 1988.