notification is provided to the eommittees; and

(4) Notwithstanding these provisions, the department may increase the special fund appropriation for operating grants-in-aid by up to \$100,000 to either provide funds for a new grantee or to expand funding for an existing grantee. The department shall provide notification to the budget committees of the allocation of funds under this provision. committees.

Whereas Maryland's share of the Appalachian Regional Commission funding is based on a three-year average of transportation related expenditures in Maryland, the department may increase funding for the Appalachian Regional Commission if Maryland's share of transportation funding is above the legislative appropriation, and the department provides notification to the budget committees to justify the need for additional expenditures, and the committees provide review and comment or 45 days elapse from the date such notification is provided to the committees.

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Special Fund Appropriation, provided that funding for the Real Estate Advisory Group (REAG) may not exceed \$474,100 \$571,872 \$474,100 Further provided that no appraisals may be obtained unless the department has received specific proposals on surplus property or has plans to dispose of assets. The Maryland Department of Transportation shall provide a report to the budget committees on the status of the activities of the Real Estate Advisory Group, including the number and type of disposed real estate assets. For each parcel, an appraised value should be provided and compared with the