

(a) restore funds for items or purposes specifically denied by the General Assembly;

(b) fund a capital project not authorized by the General Assembly provided, however, that subject to provisions of the Transportation Article, projects of the Maryland Department of Transportation shall be restricted as provided in Section 1;

(c) increase the scope of a capital project by an amount 7.5% or more over the approved estimate or 5% or more over the net square footage of the approved project until the amendment has been submitted to the Department of Legislative Services and the budget committees have considered and offered comment to the Governor or 45 days have elapsed from the date of submission of the amendment. This provision does not apply to the Maryland Department of Transportation.

(3) A budget may not be amended to increase a federal fund appropriation by \$100,000 or more unless documentation evidencing the increase in funds is provided with the amendment and fund availability is certified by the Secretary of Budget and Management.

(4) No expenditure or contractual obligation of funds authorized by a proposed budget amendment may be made prior to approval of that amendment by the Governor.

(5) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, any federal, special, or higher education fund appropriation may be increased by budget amendment upon a declaration by the Board of Public Works that the amendment is essential to maintaining public safety, health or welfare, including protecting the environment or economic welfare of the State.

(6) This section shall not apply to budget amendments for the sole purpose of appropriating funds available as a result of the award of federal disaster assistance.

(7) This section shall not apply to budget amendments for the sole purpose of transferring funds from the State Reserve Fund – Economic Development Opportunities Fund for projects approved by the Legislative Policy Committee.

SECTION 30. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That pursuant to any action by the federal government to provide State aid in the form of block grants, the Governor shall provide the General Assembly with 30 days, for each agency affected, to review and comment on any plans to accept federal funds as block grants.

SECTION 31. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That it is the intent of the General Assembly that, in the budget submitted at the 2000 session, funds may be expended to implement provisions of collective bargaining agreements invoked under Executive Order 01.01.1996.13 or legislation enacted at the 1999 session only to the extent that:

(1) the direct and indirect cost of implementing the provisions, including the cost of additional employee compensation and fringe benefits developed in