

~~PROPOSED BUDGET AMENDMENT HAS BEEN SUBMITTED TO THE SENATE BUDGET AND TAXATION COMMITTEE AND THE HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR APPROVAL.~~

(2) THE BOARD SHALL BE COMPOSED OF 13 MEMBERS AS FOLLOWS:

(I) 11 MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE AS FOLLOWS:

1. TWO REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF STATE GOVERNMENT;

2. ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE CHILD WELFARE ADVOCACY COMMUNITY OR A PROVIDER;

3. ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE STATEWIDE HEALTH ADVOCACY COMMUNITY, OR A PROVIDER, WITH EXPERTISE IN PROVIDING HEALTH CARE TO ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED CITIZENS OF THE STATE;

4. ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE STATEWIDE HUNGER AND HOMELESS ADVOCACY COMMUNITY OR A PROVIDER TO THE HUNGRY OR THE HOMELESS;

5. THREE REPRESENTATIVES FROM MULTI-ISSUED ORGANIZATIONS WITH A HISTORY OF ADVOCACY ON ISSUES THAT AFFECT THE POOR; AND

6. THREE REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC;

(II) ONE REPRESENTATIVE APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE OF MARYLAND; AND

(III) ONE REPRESENTATIVE APPOINTED BY THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES.

(3) THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD SHALL REFLECT THE GEOGRAPHIC, RACIAL, AND GENDER MAKEUP OF THE STATE.

(4) (I) THE TERM OF A MEMBER IS 4 YEARS.

(II) THE TERMS OF MEMBERS SHALL BE STAGGERED AS REQUIRED BY THE TERMS PROVIDED FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD ON JULY 1, 1999.

(III) AT THE END OF A TERM, A MEMBER CONTINUES TO SERVE UNTIL A SUCCESSOR IS APPOINTED AND QUALIFIES.

(IV) A MEMBER WHO IS APPOINTED AFTER A TERM HAS BEGUN SERVES ONLY FOR THE REST OF THE TERM AND UNTIL A SUCCESSOR IS APPOINTED AND QUALIFIES.

(V) A MEMBER MAY BE REMOVED ONLY FOR CAUSE.

(VI) THE GOVERNOR SHALL DESIGNATE A CHAIRMAN FROM AMONG THE MEMBERS.