

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.

(8) This section shall not apply to budget amendments for the sole purpose of appropriating funds for Information Technology Investment Fund projects approved by the budget committees.

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 funds appropriated by this bill for cost-of-living adjustments for members of each of the nine collective bargaining units may not be expended until the conclusion of the negotiating session and the ratification of the memorandum of understanding by a majority of the votes cast by the employees of that bargaining unit.

SECTION 32. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That any agreements between State agencies and any public higher education institution involving an expenditure of more than \$100,000 shall be published in the Maryland Register and reported to the budget committees.

SECTION 33. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That in the expenditure of federal funds appropriated in this budget or subsequent to the enactment of this budget by the budget amendment process:

(1) State agencies shall administer these federal funds in a manner that recognizes that federal funds are taxpayer dollars that require prudent fiscal management, careful application to the purposes for which they are directed, and strict attention to budgetary and accounting procedures established for the administration of all public funds.

(2) For fiscal 2001, except with respect to capital appropriations, to the extent consistent with federal requirements:

(i) when expenditures or encumbrances may be charged to either State or federal fund sources, federal funds shall be charged before State funds are charged; this policy does not apply to the Department of Human Resources with respect to federal funds to be carried forward into future years for child care, child welfare, or welfare reform activities or to the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene with respect to funds to be carried forward into future years for the purpose