

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.

(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 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 2002, except with respect to capital appropriations, to the extent consistent with federal requirements:

(a) 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