

(B) To assist in the implementation of this section, the secretary of each principal department of the Executive Branch of State government, the Chancellor of the University System of Maryland, presidents of other public higher education institutions, and heads of independent agencies with more than 10 authorized positions, shall submit to the Governor a reorganization, reengineering, and position reduction plan not later than ~~May~~ *October* 15, 2003. These plans shall provide for the continued performance of the core missions of the departments and for a reduction of not less than 2.5 percent in the total number of regular and contractual positions authorized in Section 1 of this Act and for reductions of not more than 6 percent of such positions.

(C) The Governor shall submit to the Board of Public Works not later than ~~June~~ *November* 15, 2003, a schedule for aligning the authorizations in Section 1 of this Act to the levels established in paragraph (A) of this section, and shall take such actions as necessary to implement any necessary reductions. This schedule may only alter position authorizations for agencies of the Executive Branch.

(D) In implementing this section the Governor shall take into account:

- (1) the abundance of vacant positions resulting from the hiring freeze;
- (2) opportunities for improved efficiency through the elimination of unnecessary layers of administration and consolidation of administrative units; and
- (3) the need to maintain high quality services for vulnerable populations and promote public safety.

(E) Operation of this section shall also cause a reduction in ~~general fund~~ appropriations to the agencies of the Executive Branch of not less than ~~\$20,000,000~~ *\$24,913,000*. This reduction shall consist of at least *\$20,000,000* in general funds and *\$4,913,000* in special funds in the Maryland Department of Transportation. This reduction may be allocated to any object or subobject of expenditure.

(F) The Secretary of the Department of Budget and Management shall provide to the budget committees a list of abolished positions by eight-digit budget code on or before ~~July~~ *December* 1, 2003.

SECTION ~~43~~ 42. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

- (1) a reduction of \$61,900 is made in this budget for Office of Administrative Hearings' (OAH) services (Comptroller object 0172);
- (2) the Governor shall develop a schedule for allocating this reduction across the various State departments and agencies that utilize OAH's services and across all funds appropriated for the purpose of conducting administrative hearings based upon the percentage of cases referred to OAH by these departments and agencies; and
- (3) the reduction under this section shall equal at least the amounts indicated for the budgetary fund types listed:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
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