

(1) Budget amendments increasing total appropriations in any fund account by \$100,000 or more may not be approved by the Governor until (a) that amendment has been submitted to the Department of Legislative Services and (b) the budget committees or the Legislative Policy Committee have considered the amendment or 45 days have elapsed from the date of submission of the amendment. Each amendment submitted to the Department of Legislative Services shall include a statement of the amount, sources of funds and purposes of the amendment, and a summary of impact on budgeted or contractual position and payroll requirements.

(2) Unless permitted by the budget bill or the accompanying supporting documentation or by other authorizing legislation, and notwithstanding the provisions of Section 3-216 of the Transportation Article, a budget amendment may not:

(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; and

(d) provide for the additional appropriation of special, federal, or higher education funds of more than \$100,000 for the reclassification of a position or positions.

(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: