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OFFICE OF TECHNOLOGY FOR HUMAN SERVICES

LOCAL DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS

N00G00.01 Foster Care Maintenance Payments

Provided that all appropriations provided for Program N00G00.01 Foster Care Maintenance Payments are to be used only for the purposes herein appropriated, and there shall be no budgetary transfer to any other program or purpose except that funds may be transferred to program N00G00.03 Child Welfare Services.

Further provided that it is the intent of the General Assembly that the subsidy for subsidized adoptions finalized during fiscal 2008 be equal to the foster care rate in effect for that child at the time the adoption is finalized.

General Fund Appropriation, provided that funds appropriated herein may be used to develop a broad range of services to assist in returning children with special needs from out-of-state placements, to prevent unnecessary residential or institutional placements within Maryland and to work with local jurisdictions in these regards. decisions regarding Policy expenditures of such funds shall be made jointly by the Executive Director of the Governor's Office for Children, the Secretaries ofHealth and Mental Hygiene, Human Resources, Juvenile Services, Budget and Management, and the State Superintendent of Education.

Further provided that \$500,000 of this appropriation may only be used to pay