shall not expend funds for any job or position of employment approved in this budget in excess of 1.071 1.258 1.253 positions, including full-time equivalent special payments, contractual positions (defined as the quotient of the sum of the days worked by all such employees in the fiscal year divided by 245) of the total authorized amount established in the budget for the State Department of Education at any one time during the fiscal year 1993. The State Superintendent of Schools shall utilize her prerogatives under the Education Article, Section 2-103, to implement this provision, provided, however, that any authorized job or position to be filled above the ceiling, including all  $\overline{1,071}$  1,258 1,253 full-time equivalent positions, as detailed above, is approved by the Board of Public Works and counted against the limitation imposed by the General Assembly. The establishment of new jobs or positions not authorized in the fiscal year 1993 budget shall be subject to the State Finance and Procurement Article, Section 7–236 and the limitation imposed by the General Assembly.

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General Fund Appropriation, provided that the Staff Specialist III contractual position appropriated for the Maryland's Tomorrow program shall be used for no other purpose.

Further provided that \$200,000 of the funds herein appropriated may be used only for a study of variation in the cost of education across Maryland jurisdictions. This study shall consider variations in cost of living and shall be conducted under contract with the Department of Fiscal Services.

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