

that fiscal year up through the last day of the second month preceding the date on which the report is to be submitted and a comparison to data applicable to those periods in the preceding fiscal year;

(4) Reports shall be submitted to the budget committees, the Department of Legislative Services, the Department of Budget and Management, and the Comptroller on November 1, 1998, March 1, 1999, and June 1, 1999; and

(5) It is the intent of the General Assembly that general funds appropriated for fiscal 1998 to the programs specified which have not been disbursed within a reasonable period, not to exceed 12 months from the end of the fiscal year, shall revert.

SECTION 28. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Secretary of the Department of Budget and Management shall continue to provide a quarterly report to the Department of Legislative Services detailing agency spending for contractual salaries and additional assistance.

SECTION 29. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That any budget amendment to increase the total amount of special, federal, or higher education (current restricted and current unrestricted) fund appropriations made in Section 1 shall be subject to the following restrictions:

(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, 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.

(3) A budget may not be amended to increase a federal fund