

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 appropriating funds available as a result of the award of federal disaster assistance.

(7) This section shall not apply to budget amendments for the sole purpose of transferring funds from the State Reserve Fund - Economic Development Opportunities Fund for projects approved by the Legislative Policy Committee.

SECTION 30. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That pursuant to any action by the federal government to provide State aid in the form of block grants, the Governor shall provide the General Assembly with 30 days, for each agency affected, to review and comment on any plans to accept federal funds as block grants.

SECTION 31. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That it is the intent of the General Assembly that, in the budget submitted at the 1999 Session, funds may be expended to implement a provision of a collective bargaining agreement under Executive Order 01.01.1996.13 only to the extent that:

(1) the direct and indirect cost of implementing that provision is expressly identified in the budget bill; and

(2) the amount indicated is approved by the General Assembly through its actions on the budget bill.

SECTION 32. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Department of Budget and Management shall provide budget programs and objects in the fiscal 2000 budget submission to account for the retirement costs of all local positions for whom the State pays the retirement costs and for whom there are currently no programs or objects. The department shall allocate to those objects the retirement costs associated with all such positions, as calculated by multiplying the salary of each position by the appropriate employer pension contribution rate.

SECTION 33. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the following general fund appropriations, made for the purpose of funding the Community Court, may not be expended until the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) has jointly prepared and submitted a report to the budget committees which addresses the provisions outlined under subsections (1) and (2) through (3) of this section: