

**SB0284/873528/1**

BY: Budget and Taxation Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 284  
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 12, after the first “programs;” insert “authorizing the Secretary of Health to establish the retention period for prescription monitoring data and naloxone medication data through regulation by repealing the 3-year retention requirement in statute;”; strike beginning with “requiring,” in line 12 down through “counties;” in line 14 and substitute “requiring the Executive Director of the Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention and Policy, the Secretary of Budget and Management, and the Comptroller to take certain actions related to the noncompliance of a county or qualifying municipality with certain State laws;”; strike beginning with “requiring” in line 14 down through “books;” in line 15; in line 21, after “tax;” insert “increasing for a certain tax year, and reducing for a certain tax year, the total amount of the Student Loan Debt Relief Tax Credits that the Maryland Higher Education Commission may certify;”; strike beginning with “altering” in line 21 down through “year;” in line 22 and substitute “delaying the effective date of certain provisions of law related to hotel rental taxes;”; and in line 26, strike “, 10-401(a), (d), and (e), and 10-402(a)”.

On page 2, in line 2, strike “and 10-407(d)”; in line 7, strike “and 13-601(a) and (c)”; in line 12, strike “and 13-611(b)(3)”; in line 17, strike “, 7-414.1(a), (b), and (f)(1) and (5), and 7-447.1(p)(1) and (3)”; in line 22, strike “, 7-414.1(f)(4), and 7-447.1(p)(9)(vi)” and substitute “and 7-1A-01(l)”; in line 27, after “Section” insert “11-602(a) and (c).”; in line 28, strike “18-3602(a) and (b),”; in line 33, after “Section” insert “11-602(j).”; in the same line, strike “18-3605,”; and in line 39, after “16-512(b)(1)(xv)” insert “and (xvi)”.

On page 3, in line 4, strike the second “and” and substitute a comma; in the same line, after “10-6A-03(a) and (b)” insert “, 21-2A-02(a), and 21-2A-04(a) and (b)(1) and

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(9)”; in line 9, strike “and”; in the same line, after “13–1015” insert “, and 21–2A–04(b)(8)”; and in line 34, strike “16–501(a) and”.

On pages 3 and 4, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 37 on page 3 through line 2 on page 4, inclusive.

On page 4, after line 2, insert:

“BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Local Government

Section 20–403(a), (b)(1) and (2), and (c)(1) and 20–434(a), (b), and (d)(1)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2013 Volume and 2025 Supplement)

(As enacted by Chapter 638 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2025)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Local Government

Section 20–403(d) and 20–434(e)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2013 Volume and 2025 Supplement)

(As enacted by Chapter 638 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2025)”;

strike in their entirety lines 3 through 7, inclusive; in line 10, strike “5–903(a)(2)(i) and (i) and 8–709(e)” and substitute “5–903(i)”; in line 15, strike “1–308(a) and (b)(1)” and substitute “4–501(a), (e), and (k), 4–503(a), and 4–504(a) through (c)”; strike in their entirety lines 18 through 22, inclusive; in line 25, strike “1–308(b)(2)(xii)” and substitute “4–510”; in line 30, strike “5A–303(a)(1) and (30) and (d)(1), (2)(i), and (4)(i) and (ii)1., 7–115(a)” and substitute “5A–330(a)(1) through (5), (8), and (9), (b)(1) and (2), and (c)(1), (3), and (5)”; in line 31, strike “and 7–317(a), (g)(1), and (i)” and substitute “7–317(a), (g)(1), and (i), and 7–330(b)”; in line 36, strike “5A–303(d)(4)(iv), 7–115(b)” and substitute “5A–330(c)(6) and (h)”; and in the same line, strike “and 7–317(g)(6) and (h)” and substitute “7–317(g)(6) and (h), and 7–330(g) and (k)”.

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On page 5, in line 7, after “Section” insert “9–120(b)(1)(iv).”; in line 27, after “2–606(b)” insert “and 10–740(a), (b), and (i)”; in line 32, strike “and 10–210.1” and substitute “, 10–210.1, and 10–740(c) and (g)”; and in line 37, strike “13–209(a), (b), (e), and (h)” and substitute “13–209(h)”.

On page 6, in line 3, strike “13–209(c), (d), and (g)(3)” and substitute “13–209(g)(3)”; in line 8, strike “and 17–106(a), (b), (c), (d), and (e)(1)”; in line 13, strike “and 17–106(e)(2)”; strike in their entirety lines 16 through 18, inclusive; and after line 18, insert:

“BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Chapter 638 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2025  
Section 2”.

On page 42, in lines 19 and 34, strike “6.” and “7.”, respectively, and substitute “7.” and “8.”, respectively.

On page 43, in lines 15 and 26, strike “9.” and “10.”, respectively, and substitute “10.” and “11.”, respectively.

On page 44, after line 15, insert:

“SECTION 16. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 4 of this Act shall take effect July 1, 2027, the effective date of Chapter 638 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2025. If the effective date of Chapter 638 is amended, Section 4 of this Act shall take effect on the taking effect of Chapter 638.”;

in line 16, strike “16.” and substitute “17.”; and in line 17, strike “Section 15” and substitute “Sections 15 and 16”.

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On pages 6 and 7, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 31 on page 6 through line 10 on page 7, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 8, strike in their entirety lines 8 through 28, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 9, after line 5, insert:

“7-1A-01.

(1) “Tier II child” means a child:

(1) Who is 4 years old;

(2) (i) In fiscal year 2026, whose family income is more than 300% but not more than 360% of the federal poverty level; [and]

(ii) **IN FISCAL YEAR 2027, WHOSE FAMILY INCOME IS MORE THAN 300% BUT NOT MORE THAN 450% OF THE FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL; AND**

(iii) In fiscal year [2027] 2028 and in each fiscal year thereafter, whose family income is more than 300% but not more than 600% of the federal poverty level; and

(3) Whose family chooses to enroll the child in full-day prekindergarten.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 9, strike in their entirety lines 6 through 15, inclusive.

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On page 9, after line 15, insert:

“11-602.

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(a) In this section, “Fund” means the Legal Representation Fund for Title IX Proceedings.

(c) The purpose of the Fund is to provide funds for reasonable costs and attorney’s fees for students provided with counsel under § 11–601 of this subtitle.

(j) Beginning in fiscal year 2021, the Governor shall include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of at least \$250,000 to the [Fund] PROGRAM.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 10, in line 22, strike “**YEAR 2027 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER**” and substitute “**YEARS 2027 THROUGH 2029**”; in line 21, strike “**AND**”; and in line 27, after “**ARTICLE**” insert “**; AND**”

**(XVI) IN FISCAL YEAR 2030 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER, NOT LESS THAN AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO 68.5% OF THE STATE FUNDS PER FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT STUDENT APPROPRIATION TO THE 4-YEAR PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE STATE AS DESIGNATED BY THE COMMISSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADMINISTERING THE JOSEPH A. SELLINGER PROGRAM UNDER TITLE 17 OF THIS ARTICLE”.**

AMENDMENT NO. 8

On pages 12 and 13, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 23 on page 12 through line 12 on page 13, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 9

On page 16, after line 10, insert:

“21-2A-02.

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(a) There is a Prescription Drug Monitoring Program in the Department.

21-2A-04.

(a) The Secretary, in consultation with the Board, shall adopt regulations to carry out this subtitle.

(b) The regulations adopted by the Secretary shall:

(1) Specify the prescription monitoring data and naloxone medication data required to be submitted under § 21-2A-03 of this subtitle;

(8) Establish requirements for Program retention of prescription monitoring data and naloxone medication data [for 3 years]; and

(9) Require that:

(i) Confidential or privileged patient information be kept confidential; and

(ii) Records or information protected by a privilege between a health care provider and a patient, or otherwise required by law to be held confidential, be filed in a manner that, except as otherwise provided in §§ 21-2A-06 and 21-2A-06.1 of this subtitle, does not disclose the identity of the person protected.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 10

On page 18, strike in their entirety lines 1 through 21, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 11

On page 19, strike in their entirety lines 7 through 26, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 12

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On pages 19 and 20, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 28 on page 19 through line 16 on page 20, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 13

On page 20, after line 16, insert:

“4–501.

(a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

(e) “Executive Director” means the Executive Director of the Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention and Policy.

(k) “Qualifying municipality” means a municipality that:

(1) (i) has expenditures for police protection that exceed \$5,000; and

(ii) employs at least one full–time qualified police officer; or

(2) (i) has expenditures for police protection that exceed \$80,000;

and

(ii) employs at least two part–time qualified police officers from a county police department or county sheriff’s department.

4–503.

(a) There is a State Aid for Police Protection Fund.

4–504.

(a) The Executive Director shall administer the Fund.

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(b) The Executive Director shall:

(1) certify to the Comptroller, counties, and qualifying municipalities the amount of payments under this subtitle to the counties and qualifying municipalities; and

(2) adopt regulations and require reports that are necessary to certify the amounts.

(c) In administering the Fund, the Executive Director shall:

(1) make a continuing effort to establish standards of police protection adequate to the various local situations; and

(2) subject to § 2-1257 of the State Government Article, report periodically to the General Assembly on progress in establishing and meeting those standards, including the payment amounts certified under subsection (b) of this section and any other relevant fiscal information.

**4-510.**

**(A) IN THIS SECTION, “IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT AGREEMENT” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 5-104.1 OF THE CRIMINAL PROCEDURE ARTICLE.**

**(B) IF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FINDS THAT A COUNTY OR QUALIFYING MUNICIPALITY IS NOT COMPLYING WITH STATE LAW RELATED TO IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT AGREEMENTS, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SHALL NOTIFY THE COUNTY OR QUALIFYING MUNICIPALITY OF THE NONCOMPLIANCE.**

(C) IF A COUNTY OR QUALIFYING MUNICIPALITY DISPUTES THE FINDING IN THE NOTICE ISSUED UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER THE ISSUANCE OF THE NOTICE, THE DISPUTE SHALL BE PROMPTLY REFERRED TO THE SECRETARY OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT, WHO SHALL MAKE A FINAL DETERMINATION.

(D) ON RECEIPT OF CERTIFICATION OF NONCOMPLIANCE BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OR THE SECRETARY OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT, THE COMPTROLLER SHALL SUSPEND, UNTIL NOTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE IS RECEIVED, PAYMENT OF:

(1) ANY FUNDS DUE THE COUNTY OR QUALIFYING MUNICIPALITY FOR THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR UNDER § 4-506 OF THIS SUBTITLE; AND

(2) ANY ENHANCED OR DISCRETIONARY FUNDING FOR POLICE PROTECTION DUE THE COUNTY OR QUALIFYING MUNICIPALITY FOR THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 14

On pages 20 and 21, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 18 on page 20 through line 21 on page 21, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 15

On page 21, after line 21, insert:

“5A-330.

(a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

(2) “AAHP Grant Fund” means the African American Heritage Preservation Grant Fund of the Trust.

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(3) “African American Heritage Grant” means a grant made under the Program for an African American Heritage Preservation Project or that is an African American Heritage Preservation Noncapital Grant.

(4) “African American Heritage Preservation Noncapital Grant” means a grant awarded under this section for the purpose of preserving or sharing African American history or culture in the State.

(5) “African American Heritage Preservation Project” means a capital project that:

(i) preserves buildings, communities, and sites of historical and cultural importance to the African American experience in the State; and

(ii) is for:

1. the acquisition of land or buildings; or

2. the construction or improvement of land or buildings.

(8) “Program” means the African American Heritage Preservation Program.

(9) “Secretary” means the Secretary of Planning.

(b) (1) There is an African American Heritage Preservation Program in the Trust.

(2) The purpose of the Program is to identify and preserve buildings, communities, and sites of historical and cultural importance to the African American experience in the State.

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(c) (1) There is an African American Heritage Preservation Grant Fund in the Trust.

(3) The AAHP Grant Fund may be used only for African American Heritage Grants.

(5) The AAHP Grant Fund consists of:

(i) money appropriated in the State budget to the Program;

(ii) investment earnings of the AAHP Grant Fund;

(iii) grants and donations to the AAHP Grant Fund;

(iv) any other money from any other source accepted for the benefit of the AAHP Grant Fund; and

(v) money received from the sale of State general obligation bonds.

(6) For each fiscal year, the Governor shall include in the annual operating or capital budget an appropriation of \$5,000,000 to the AAHP Grant Fund **TO BE USED FOR AFRICAN AMERICAN HERITAGE PRESERVATION PROJECTS.**

(h) (1) The Secretary shall:

(i) review each grant application submitted under subsection (d) or (g) of this section and the recommendations of the Trust and the Commission;

(ii) consider:

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1. the applications and recommendations under the criteria set forth in subsection (f)(2) of this section; and

2. if the grant was submitted under subsection (g) of this section, the nature of the emergency; and

(iii) subject to paragraphs (2) and (3) of this subsection, make the final decision to award the grant or deny the application.

(2) Subject to paragraph (3)(ii) of this subsection, the Secretary may award a grant under the Program funded by money received under subsection [(c)(5)(i), (ii), (iv), or (v)] (C)(5)(II), (IV), OR (V) of this section only for an African American Heritage Preservation Project.

(3) (i) The Secretary may award a grant funded by money received under subsection (c)(5)(iii) of this section as an African American Heritage Preservation Noncapital Grant.

(ii) If, after the award of all eligible grants under subparagraph (i) of this paragraph have been made, there is additional money in the AAHP Grant Fund received under subsection (c)(5)(iii) of this section, the Secretary may award a grant funded by money received under subsection (c)(5)(iii) of this section for an African American Heritage Preservation Project.

**(4) THE SECRETARY MAY AWARD A GRANT UNDER THE PROGRAM AS AN AFRICAN AMERICAN HERITAGE PRESERVATION NONCAPITAL GRANT FROM THE MONEY RECEIVED UNDER SUBSECTION (C)(5)(I) OF THIS SECTION, IF THE AMOUNT RECEIVED IS MORE THAN THE \$5,000,000 REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (C)(6) OF THIS SECTION.”**

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On page 21, strike in their entirety lines 22 through 26, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 17

On page 23, after line 23, insert:

“7-330.

(b) There is a Fiscal Responsibility Fund.

(g) (1) Except as provided in [paragraph] PARAGRAPHS (2) AND (3) of this subsection, the Fund may be used only to provide pay-as-you-go capital funds for:

(i) public school construction and public school capital improvement projects, in accordance with Title 5, Subtitle 3 of the Education Article;

(ii) capital projects at public community colleges; and

(iii) capital projects at four-year public institutions of higher education.

(2) For fiscal year 2023 only, money in the Fund shall be used to provide, beginning July 1, 2022, a cost-of-living adjustment of up to 4.5% for permanent employees in the Executive Branch of State government who are in a bargaining unit that is represented by the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO, excluding a bargaining unit represented by the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO Local 1859.

**(3) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026 ONLY, MONEY IN THE FUND MAY BE USED FOR MAJOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS, AS DEFINED IN § 3.5-301(K) OF THIS ARTICLE, THAT ARE FUNDED BY THE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY INVESTMENT FUND ESTABLISHED UNDER § 3.5-309 OF THIS ARTICLE.**

(k) [At] EXCEPT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 APPROPRIATION DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (G)(3) OF THIS SECTION, AT the end of a fiscal year, the unspent balance of each appropriation that was made for that fiscal year from the Fund reverts to the Fund.”.

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AMENDMENT NO. 18

On page 23, after line 24, insert:

“9–120.

(b) (1) By the end of the month following collection, the Comptroller shall deposit, cause to be deposited, or pay:

(iv) after June 30, 2021, into the Racing and Community Development Financing Fund established under § 10–657.2 of the Economic Development Article from the money that remains in the State Lottery Fund, after the distribution under subsection (a) of this section[.]:

1. FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026, AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO \$13,400,000; AND

2. FOR EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER, an amount equal to at least \$17,000,000 [in each fiscal year] until the bonds issued for a racing facility have matured;”.

AMENDMENT NO. 19

On page 24, in line 5, strike “AND”; in line 8, strike “ENVIRONMENTAL”; in the same line, after the first “OF” insert “APPLICATIONS FOR”; in the same line, after “PUBLIC” insert “CONVENIENCE AND”; in line 9, after “CONSTRUCTION” insert “AS”; and in line 10, after “ARTICLE” insert “; AND

(III) THE ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW PROGRAM WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, INCLUDING TO SUPPORT THE REVIEW OF NATURAL RESOURCE IMPACTS OF PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS ON STATE AND PRIVATE LANDS”.

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On page 25, strike beginning with “THE” in line 5 down through “(VI)” in line 22; in line 23, after “GRANTS” insert “IN ANY RESEARCH FIELD AND NOT LIMITED TO ENERGY-RELATED RESEARCH”.

AMENDMENT NO. 20

On page 29, in line 11, strike “2025” and substitute “2026”.

On page 43, after line 10, insert:

“SECTION 9. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, notwithstanding any other provision of law, on or before June 30, 2026, the Governor may transfer to the General Fund \$380,000,000 from the Local Income Tax Reserve Account established under § 2-606 of the Tax – General Article.”

AMENDMENT NO. 21

On pages 29 and 32, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 20 on page 29 through line 2 on page 32, inclusive.

On page 43, in line 20, after “Article;” insert “and”; and strike beginning with the semicolon in line 22 down through “Article” in line 25.

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On pages 34 and 35, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 22 on page 34 through line 9 on page 35, inclusive.

On pages 36 through 40, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 34 on page 36 through line 8 on page 40, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 23

On pages 35 and 36, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 12 on page 35 through line 3 on page 36, inclusive.

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AMENDMENT NO. 24

On page 42, after line 5, insert:

“10-740.

- (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.
- (2) “Commission” means the Maryland Higher Education Commission.
- (3) “Qualified taxpayer” means an individual who has:
- (i) incurred at least \$20,000 in undergraduate or graduate student loan debt or both; and
- (ii) has at least \$5,000 in outstanding undergraduate or graduate student loan debt or both when submitting an application under subsection (c) of this section.
- (b) Subject to the limitations of this section, a qualified taxpayer may claim a credit against the State income tax for the taxable year in which the Commission certifies a tax credit under this section.
- (c) (1) (i) By September 15 of each year, an individual shall submit an application to the Commission for the credit allowed under this section.
- (ii) The individual shall submit with the application an assurance that the individual will use any credit approved under this section for the repayment of the individual’s undergraduate or graduate student loan debt or both as soon as practicable.
- (iii) 1. The total amount of the credit claimed under this section shall be recaptured if the individual does not use the credit approved under this

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section for the repayment of the individual's undergraduate or graduate student loan debt or both within 3 years from the close of the taxable year for which the credit is claimed.

2. The individual who claimed the credit shall pay the total amount of the credit claimed as taxes payable to the State for the taxable year in which the event requiring recapture of the credit occurs.

(2) By December 15 of each year the Commission shall certify to the individual the amount of any tax credit approved by the Commission under this section, not to exceed \$5,000.

(3) (i) For tax year 2025, the total amount of tax credits approved by the Commission under this section may not exceed [\$9,000,000] \$16,000,000.

**(II) FOR TAX YEAR 2026, THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF TAX CREDITS APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION UNDER THIS SECTION MAY NOT EXCEED \$9,000,000.**

[(ii)] (III) For any taxable year after [2025] 2026, the total amount of tax credits approved by the Commission under this section may not exceed \$18,000,000.

(4) (i) Except as provided in subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph, the Commission shall reserve \$9,000,000 of the tax credits authorized under paragraph (3) of this subsection for the following individuals in the following order of priority:

1. State employees who graduated from institutions of higher education in the State where at least 40% of the attendees are eligible to receive federal Pell Grants; and

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2. all other State employees not described under item 1 of this subparagraph.

(ii) If the total amount of tax credits applied for by individuals described under subparagraph (i) of this paragraph is less than \$9,000,000 for a taxable year, the Commission may make available the unused amount of credits for use by other qualified taxpayers.

(5) To claim the tax credit allowed under this section, an individual shall attach a copy of the Commission's certification of the approved credit amount to the income tax return.

(g) (1) On or before January 1 each year, the Commission shall report to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly on:

(i) the number of applicants for the tax credit authorized under this section;

(ii) the number and amounts of tax credits awarded under this section to qualified taxpayers;

(iii) a breakdown of the age, gender, race, income, and counties of residency of qualified taxpayers who receive the credit; and

(iv) any additional information that the Commission deems relevant.

(2) On or before [January] **DECEMBER** 1, 2026, the Commission shall report to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly recommendations for changes to statute or regulations that would better target the allocation of tax credits under this program.

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(i) The tax credit under this section shall be referred to as the Student Loan Debt Relief Tax Credit.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 25

On page 42, in line 31, strike “and”; in line 33, after “Article” insert “;

(6) \$2,000,000 from the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission Fund established under § 3–206.1 of the Public Safety Article; and

(7) \$1,000,000 from the Non–Depository Special Fund established under § 2–120 of the Financial Institutions Article”.

AMENDMENT NO. 26

On page 42, strike in their entirety lines 6 through 13, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 27

On page 42, after line 13, insert:

“SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

**Article – Local Government**

20–403.

(a) Except as provided in § 20–404 of this subtitle, a county may impose, by resolution, a hotel rental tax.

(b) (1) This subsection applies only to Calvert County, Charles County, and St. Mary’s County.

(2) The governing body of a county shall hold a public hearing before imposing a hotel rental tax.

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(c) (1) Subject to subsection (d) of this section, Titles 1, 2, and 11 and Title 13, Subtitle 3 of the Tax – General Article and this title shall prevail to the extent of any conflict with any local law, ordinance, or resolution relating to the county hotel rental tax.

(d) Beginning January 1, [2028] 2029, Titles 1, 2, and 11 and Title 13, Subtitle 3 of the Tax – General Article and this title shall prevail to the extent of any conflict with an agreement between a county and an accommodations intermediary.

20-434.

(a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, a municipality that imposes a hotel rental tax may:

(1) provide for the administration and collection of the tax; and

(2) impose penalties for failure to collect, report, or pay the tax.

(b) The Comptroller shall:

(1) collect the municipal hotel rental tax from accommodations intermediaries in the same manner as the county hotel rental tax under this subtitle; and

(2) distribute to a municipality, before the last day of the next month, the hotel tax revenue that is collected on behalf of the municipality from an accommodations intermediary during the preceding month.

(d) (1) Subject to subsection (e) of this section, Title 11 and Title 13, Subtitle 3 of the Tax – General Article and this title shall prevail to the extent of any conflict with any local law, ordinance, or resolution relating to a municipal hotel rental tax.

(e) Beginning January 1, [2028] 2029, Title 11 and Title 13, Subtitle 3 of the Tax – General Article and this title shall prevail to the extent of any conflict with an agreement between a municipality and an accommodations intermediary.

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SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, [2027] 2028.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 28

On page 42, after line 18, insert:

“SECTION 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, notwithstanding any other provision of law, on or before June 30, 2026, the Governor may transfer to the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange (D78Y01) \$250,000 from the Child Care Capital Support Revolving Loan Fund established under § 9.5–113.1 of the Education Article to conduct an outreach campaign to help child care workers enroll in health insurance and conduct a survey of the landscape and availability of health insurance among child care providers.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 29

On page 42, in line 25, strike “\$187,609,007” and substitute “\$119,151,120”.

AMENDMENT NO. 30

On page 42, strike beginning with “Maryland” in line 29 down through “Article” in line 31 and substitute “Nurse Support Program Assistance Fund established under § 11–405 of the Education Article”.

AMENDMENT NO. 31

On page 43, in line 1, strike “\$1,038,910” and substitute “\$1,243,484”; in line 9, strike the second “and”; and in line 10, after “System” insert “;

(8) \$197,530 to rebuild State government and modernize human resources practices; and

(9) \$7,044 for food banks”.

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AMENDMENT NO. 32

On page 43, strike in their entirety lines 11 through 14, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 33

On page 43, in line 21, strike "\$13,068,000" and substitute "\$7,011,156".

AMENDMENT NO. 34

On pages 43 and 44, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 32 on page 43 through line 2 on page 44, inclusive.