

and, subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the Department of Legislative Services, for information only, a summary of the transfers among programs made during the fiscal year.

(e) Section 7-209 of this subtitle does not apply to a transfer under this section.

§7-213.

(a) (1) Subject to paragraph (2) of this subsection and except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, with the approval of the Board of Public Works, the Governor may reduce, by not more than 25%, any appropriation:

(i) that the Governor considers unnecessary; or

(ii) that is subject to budgetary reductions required under the budget bill as approved by the General Assembly.

(2) At least 3 business days before the Board of Public Works may approve a proposed reduction of an appropriation under this subsection, the Secretary of Budget and Management shall:

(i) publish on the Department of Budget and Management's Web site, in a machine-readable format, notice of the proposed reduction, including:

1. the name of the State agency or program for which the appropriation is intended and a brief narrative summary of the impact of the proposed reduction on the State agency or program;

2. the amount of the proposed reduction in both dollar and percentage values;

3. the fund source of the appropriation subject to the proposed reduction; and

4. any projected reductions in workforce as a result of the proposed reduction;

(ii) provide the notice required under subparagraph (i) of this paragraph to the Board of Public Works for publication, in a machine-readable format, on the Board's Web site; and

(iii) provide written notice of the proposed reduction, including the items specified under subparagraph (i) of this paragraph, to:

1. the Legislative Policy Committee;
2. the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee; and
3. the House Appropriations Committee.

(b) (1) The Governor may not reduce an appropriation to the Legislative Branch or the Judicial Branch of the State government.

(2) The Governor may not reduce an appropriation for:

- (i) payment of the principal of or interest on the State debt;
- (ii) public schools, including the Maryland School for the Deaf;
- (iii) the Maryland School for the Blind; or
- (iv) the salary of a public officer, during the term of office.

(3) Except as provided in § 8–109 of the State Personnel and Pensions Article, the Governor may not reduce an appropriation for the salary of any nontemporary employee in the State Personnel Management System.

§7–216.

(a) Subject to the limitations in this subtitle, an officer or unit of the State government may spend an appropriation for a program of the officer or unit in accordance with the current appropriation.

(b) (1) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, whenever an officer or a unit of the State government spends any part of an appropriation, the officer or unit promptly shall send the bill to the Comptroller for payment.

(2) Subject to the limitations in this subtitle, the Comptroller, the Chief Deputy Comptroller, or a deputy comptroller may issue a warrant for payment of the bill.

(c) (1) The Comptroller shall exempt an officer or unit of the State government from the requirements of subsection (b) of this section if the Comptroller determines that the exemption would be in the public interest.

(2) Subject to the limitations in this subtitle, the Comptroller, the Chief Deputy Comptroller, or a deputy comptroller may issue warrants from time to