

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE FOR CHILDREN



Response to Issues and Recommended Actions of the Department of Legislative Services

D18A18 GOVERNOR'S OFFICE FOR CHILDREN and R00A04 CHILDREN'S CABINET INTERAGENCY FUND

**Senate Budget & Taxation Committee
The Honorable Edward J. Kasemeyer, Chair
February 14, 2012**

**House Appropriations Committee
The Honorable Norman H. Conway, Chair
February 17, 2012**

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1. **Adopt the following narrative:**

Out-of-home Placements: To facilitate evaluation of Maryland's family preservation programs in stemming the flow of children from their homes, the Governor's Office for Children (GOC), on behalf of the Children's Cabinet, is requested to prepare and submit to the budget committees a report on out-of-home placements containing data on the total number of out-of-home placements and entries by jurisdiction over the previous three years and similar data on out-of-state placements. The report should also provide information on the costs associated with out-of-home placements, the reasons for new placements, and an evaluation of data derived from the application of the Maryland Family Risk Assessment. Data should also be collected concerning indicated findings of child abuse and neglect occurring while families are receiving family preservation services or within one year of case closure. Each agency or administration that funds or places children and youth in out-of-home placements is requested to work closely with GOC and comply with any data requests necessary for the production of the report. The report should be submitted to the committees by December 15, 2012.

Response:

GOC, on behalf of the Children's Cabinet, concurs with the recommended action and will submit the report as required by December 15, 2012.

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2. Add the following section:

**Section XX Local Management Board and Local Health Aid Fund Split
Allocations**

SECTION XX. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the general fund appropriation for program R00A04.01 Children’s Cabinet Interagency Fund (CCIF) intended for the purpose of providing grants to Local Management Boards (LMBs) for Early Intervention and Prevention programs and for LMB administrative expenses is reduced by \$854,349. Further provided that the general funds remaining in the CCIF for grants to LMBs for Early Intervention and Prevention programs and for LMB administrative expenses may only be allocated as follows:

Local Management Board	Allocation
Allegany	\$0
Anne Arundel	1,041,539
Baltimore City	1,712,646
Baltimore	569,279
Calvert	53,311
Caroline	0
Carroll	508,783
Cecil	149,707
Charles	272,065
Dorchester	0
Frederick	273,977
Garrett	195,112
Harford	218,897
Howard	356,860
Kent	0
Montgomery	0

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Prince George' s	0
Queen Anne' s	36,314
St. Mary' s	236,593
Somerset	251,653
Talbot	333,643
Washington	511,513
Wicomico	717,654
Worcester	464,647
Total	\$7,904,193

It is the intent of the General Assembly that the funding available to each LMB in fiscal 2013 for Early Intervention and Prevention Programs and for LMB Administrative Support be equal to the allocation it received for these purposes in fiscal 2012 with the difference between those allocations and the General Fund amount indicated above to be provided through use of funds from each LMB's Retained Earnings account.

Further provided that the General Fund appropriation for program M00F02.07 Core Public Health Services for the purpose of providing local health aid grants to the counties and to Baltimore City is reduced by \$5,525,076 and shall be allocated as follows:

Jurisdiction	Reduction
Allegany	\$149,405
Caroline	94,019
Dorchester	373,542
Kent	177,918
Montgomery	510,572
Prince George's	4,219,620

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Total **\$5,525,076**

It is the intent of the General Assembly that the local health aid funding reduced above be replaced through use of funds in the LMB Retained Earnings account for each respective jurisdiction.

Response:

GOC, on behalf of the Children's Cabinet, respectfully disagrees with the recommended action. We fully support the Governor's budget as submitted for the Children's Cabinet Interagency Fund and the local health aid grants.

In relation to the non-budgeted fund income of \$7.3 million included in the Governor's FY2013 budget, the method for allocating the recovery per jurisdiction is based on a straight percent of the current unobligated earned reinvestment fund balance.