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**PAYMENTS TO CIVIL DIVISIONS OF THE STATE  
FY 2017 BUDGET HEARING**

**Testimony of  
David R. Brinkley, Secretary  
Department of Budget and Management**

**Senate Budget and Taxation Committee  
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Chairman Kasemeyer and members of the Committee, thank you for this opportunity to comment on the Department of Legislative Services (DLS) analysis of Payments to Civil Divisions of the State.

The Administration concurs with the DLS recommendation to fund the Disparity Grants and the Teacher Retirement Supplemental Grants at the level provided in the Governor's FY 2017 proposed budget.

Both the Disparity Grants and the Teacher Retirement Supplemental Grants are part of the Governor's proposed \$7.4 billion for local government aid in FY 2017. The grants reflect the Administration's strong commitment to helping local governments across our State meet the needs of Maryland residents.

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