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**Comptroller of Maryland
Fiscal Year 2021 Operating Budget
Response to Department of Legislative Services Budget Analysis**

**Senate Budget and Taxation Committee
Education, Business, and Administration Subcommittee
Senator Craig Zucker
Thursday, February 20, 2020**

**House Appropriations Committee
Public Safety and Administration Subcommittee
Delegate Keith Haynes
Monday, February 24, 2020**

Recommended Actions

1. Add the following language:
Provided that 3 regular positions and \$165,300 in general funds and \$6,084 in special funds are reduced.

Response:

The Comptroller's Office concurs with the analyst recommendation.

2. Reduce special fund support for the Integrated Tax System Major Information Technology Project because of available fund balances due to greater project funding than costs in prior years. A corresponding reduction of \$2.0 million in general funds is made in the Department of Information Technology budget.

Response:

The Comptroller's Office respectfully disagrees with the analyst recommendation. While special funds have been appropriated in prior fiscal years for the Integrated Tax System, special funds not spent in that fiscal year are cancelled at the end of each fiscal year they were appropriated and do not carry forward as a fund balance. Each fiscal year the special fund request is for the anticipated spending plan for that fiscal year

3. Report on the Integrated Tax System: The committees request quarterly reports on the current status, cost projections, and timeline for the Integrated Tax System (ITS) Major Information Technology Development Project. The report should include details on the use of fiscal 2021 funding and ITS project development costs.

Response:

The Comptroller's Office concurs with the analyst recommendation.