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By: Senator Rosapepe

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Assigned to: Rules

A BILL ENTITLED

State Operating Budget - Step Increases for State Employees - Reporting

- 3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Governor to report to the General Assembly on a certain
- date the reasons why an appropriation sufficient to provide certain step increases for
- 5 State employees was not included in the annual budget bill under certain
- 6 circumstances; and generally relating to step increases for State employees.
- 7 BY adding to

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- 8 Article State Finance and Procurement
- 9 Section 7–114.4
- 10 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 11 (2021 Replacement Volume)
- 12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND.
- 13 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

14 Article – State Finance and Procurement

- 15 **7–114.4.**
- 16 (A) IF THE GOVERNOR DOES NOT INCLUDE IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET BILL
- 17 AN APPROPRIATION SUFFICIENT TO PROVIDE STEP INCREASES FOR STATE
- 18 EMPLOYEES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE APPLICABLE PAY PLAN, THE GOVERNOR
- 19 SHALL REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2–1257 OF
- 20 THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE REASONS WHY AN APPROPRIATION FOR
- 21 THE STEP INCREASES WAS NOT INCLUDED IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET BILL.
- 22 (B) THE GOVERNOR SHALL SUBMIT THE REPORT REQUIRED UNDER
- 23 SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION ON THE DATE ON WHICH THE ANNUAL BUDGET
- 24 BILL IS SUBMITTED TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.



SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 2 $\,$ 1, 2022.