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October 15, 2025

The Honorable Pamela Beidle
Chair, Senate Finance Committee
3 East Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis MD 21401-1991

The Honorable Ben Barnes
Chair, House Appropriations Committee
121 House Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Chair Beidle and Chair Barnes:

Section 5-304(b) (3) of the Human Services Article requires the Secretary of Budget and Management, with the assistance of the Secretary of Human Services (DHS) to report annually to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Appropriations Committee on the number of recipients of benefits through the Family Investment Program (FIP), children of current or former FIP recipients, foster youth, and child support obligors hired and retained by the principal departments within the Executive Branch of State government.

The attached chart presents the data as reported by DHS. The chart includes the number of recipients hired by principal departments within the Executive Branch since 1999, including 117 additional recipients hired in FY 2025. The chart also provides the number of those recipients who are still employed by the state. A total of 15 children of a former recipient, 1 child support obligor, and 1 foster care youth were hired and retained by Executive Branch principal departments in FY 2025. There were no children of a current recipient hired.

If you would like additional information, please contact Neal Desai, Chief HR Officer, Office of Personnel Services and Benefits at 410-767-4715 or neal.desai@maryland.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Marc L. Nicole".

Marc L. Nicole
Acting Secretary

Enclosure

**Number of Family Investment Program Benefits Recipients Hired and Retained by State Executive Branch Principal Departments
Fiscal 2025**

Department	Hired	Retained¹
Aging	8	0
Agriculture	12	1
Budget and Management	15	1
Commerce	2	1
Disabilities	2	0
Education	29	4
Environment	11	2
General Services	16	5
Housing and Community Development	17	3
Human Services	667	182
Information Technology	2	0
Juvenile Services	180	24
Maryland Department of Health	566	81
Maryland Department of Labor	59	15
Maryland Department of Transportation	676	178
Maryland State Police	16	4
Natural Resources	56	6
Public Safety and Correctional Services	497	81
Veterans Affairs	6	0
TOTAL	2,837	588

¹ The “Retained” column reflects the number of benefits recipients since 1999 who are still employed with the State as of June 30, 2025.