

SENATE BILL 844

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ENROLLED BILL
-- Finance/Appropriations --

Introduced by **Senator McFadden**

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this
____ day of _____ at _____ o'clock, ____ M.

President.

CHAPTER 191

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Employee and Retiree Health and Welfare Benefits Program -**
3 **~~Employees of Qualifying Not-for-Profit Organizations~~ Employees of Legal**
4 **Aid Bureau, Inc.**

5 FOR the purpose of altering the definition of "qualifying not-for-profit organization"
6 to include ~~a certain~~ the Legal Aid Bureau, Inc., thereby authorizing that
7 ~~organizations that receive State funds from the Department of Human~~
8 ~~Resources and to alter the amount of the organizations' operating expenses that~~
9 ~~must be covered by State funds for employees of the organizations to be eligible~~
10 ~~to enroll and organization to~~ participate in the State Employee and Retiree
11 Health and Welfare Benefits Program; providing for the termination of this Act;
12 and generally relating to eligibility of employees of qualifying not-for-profit
13 organizations to enroll and participate in the State Employee and Retiree
14 Health and Welfare Benefits Program.

15 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
16 Article - State Personnel and Pensions

1 Section 2-501
 2 Annotated Code of Maryland
 3 (1997 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

4 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 5 Article - State Personnel and Pensions
 6 Section 2-512
 7 Annotated Code of Maryland
 8 (1997 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

9 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
 10 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

11 **Article - State Personnel and Pensions**

12 2-501.

13 (a) In this subtitle the following terms have the meanings indicated.

14 (b) "Program" means the State Employee and Retiree Health and Welfare
 15 Benefits Program.

16 (c) "Satellite organization" means any organization or entity whose employees
 17 are eligible to participate in the State Employee and Retiree Health and Welfare
 18 Benefits Program as a separate account.

19 2-512.

20 (a) In this section, "qualifying not-for-profit organization" means an
 21 organization that:

22 (1) ~~(I)~~ receives State funds from the Department of Health and Mental
 23 Hygiene ~~OR THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES~~ that cover more than
 24 ~~{one-third}~~ 25% of the organization's operating expenses; and

25 ~~(2)~~ (II) is:

26 ~~(i)~~ 1. described in § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code; and

27 ~~(ii)~~ 2. exempt from income tax under § 501(a) of the Internal
 28 Revenue Code; OR

29 (2) IS THE LEGAL AID BUREAU, INC.

30 (b) The Secretary shall adopt regulations for the enrollment and participation
 31 of employees of a qualifying not-for-profit organization to participate in the Program
 32 as a satellite organization.

1 (c) A qualifying not-for-profit organization that participates in the Program
2 as a satellite organization shall:

3 (1) pay to the State:

4 (i) a premium in the amount determined by the Secretary; and

5 (ii) any costs, as determined by the Secretary, for the
6 administration of this Program; and

7 (2) determine the extent to which the organization will subsidize
8 participation by its employees in the Program.

9 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
10 October 1, 2002. It shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and, at the end of
11 September 30, 2004, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this
12 Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.