
By: **Delegate Niemann**

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Assigned to: Appropriations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Employee and Retiree Health and Welfare Benefits Program -**
3 **Employees of the Maryland Crime Victims' Resource Center - Participation**

4 FOR the purpose of expanding the definition of "qualifying not-for-profit
5 organization" to include the Maryland Crime Victims' Resource Center, thereby
6 authorizing employees of the Center to participate in the State Employee and
7 Retiree Health and Welfare Benefits Program; and generally relating to the
8 State Employee and Retiree Health and Welfare Benefits Program and the
9 employees of the Maryland Crime Victims' Resource Center.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

11 Article - State Personnel and Pensions

12 Section 2-512

13 Annotated Code of Maryland

14 (2004 Replacement Volume)

15 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF

16 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

17 **Article - State Personnel and Pensions**

18 2-512.

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

21 (1) (i) receives State funds from the Department of Health and Mental
22 Hygiene that cover more than one-third of the organization's operating expenses; and

23 (ii) is:

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

25 2. exempt from income tax under § 501(a) of the Internal

26 Revenue Code; [or]

1 (2) is the Legal Aid Bureau, Inc.; OR

2 (3) IS THE MARYLAND CRIME VICTIMS' RESOURCE CENTER.

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

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

8 (1) pay to the State:

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

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

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

14 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
15 July 1, 2005.