

SENATE BILL 98

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ENROLLED BILL

— Finance/Appropriations —

Introduced by **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Aging)**

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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 _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Senior Citizen Activities Center Operating Fund – Distributions – Alteration**

3 FOR the purpose of *increasing the amount of funding required to be included in the annual*
4 *State budget for the Senior Citizen Activities Operating Fund; requiring a certain*
5 *amount of the Fund to be distributed based on each county's share of the statewide*
6 *senior citizen population; requiring that each county receive a minimum amount of*
7 *funding; defining a certain term;* altering the qualification criteria for certain
8 need-based distributions from the Senior Citizen Activities Center Operating Fund
9 to certain counties; and generally relating to the administration of the Senior Citizen
10 Activities Center Operating Fund.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

12 Article – Human Services

13 Section 10–513 and 10–514

14 Annotated Code of Maryland

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.

Italics indicate opposite chamber/conference committee amendments.



1 (2007 Volume and 2015 Supplement)

2 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 3 Article – Human Services
 4 Section 10–516
 5 Annotated Code of Maryland
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7 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
 8 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

9 **Article – Human Services**

10 10–513.

11 (a) In this part the following words have the meanings indicated.

12 (b) “Fund” means the Senior Citizen Activities Center Operating Fund.

13 (c) “Senior citizen activities center” means a community or neighborhood facility
 14 in which a broad spectrum of services are organized and provided to seniors and their
 15 spouses, including health, social, nutritional, educational, and recreational services.

16 10–514.

17 (a) There is a Senior Citizen Activities Center Operating Fund.

18 (b) The Fund shall be used to supplement, but may not be used to supplant, any
 19 existing funding for senior citizen activities centers in the State budget.

20 10–516.

21 **(A) IN THIS SECTION, “DISTRESSED COUNTY” MEANS A COUNTY:**

22 **(1) WITH AN AVERAGE RATE OF UNEMPLOYMENT FOR THE MOST**
 23 **RECENT 24-MONTH PERIOD FOR WHICH DATA ARE AVAILABLE THAT EXCEEDS:**

24 **(I) 150% OF THE AVERAGE RATE OF UNEMPLOYMENT FOR THE**
 25 **STATE DURING THAT PERIOD; OR**

26 **(II) THE AVERAGE RATE OF UNEMPLOYMENT FOR THE STATE**
 27 **DURING THAT PERIOD BY AT LEAST 2 PERCENTAGE POINTS;**

28 **(2) WITH AN AVERAGE PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME FOR THE MOST**
 29 **RECENT 24-MONTH PERIOD FOR WHICH DATA ARE AVAILABLE THAT IS EQUAL TO OR**

1 LESS THAN 67% OF THE AVERAGE PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME FOR THE STATE
 2 DURING THAT PERIOD; OR

3 (3) THAT NO LONGER MEETS EITHER CRITERION STATED IN ITEM (1)
 4 OR (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION BUT HAS MET AT LEAST ONE OF THE CRITERIA AT SOME
 5 TIME DURING THE PRECEDING 24-MONTH PERIOD.

6 ~~(B)~~ (B) The Fund is a continuing, nonlapsing fund that is not subject to §
 7 7-302 of the State Finance and Procurement Article.

8 ~~(C)~~ (C) (1) The Fund consists of appropriations that are made to the Fund
 9 from the State budget.

10 (2) (I) For each fiscal year, the Governor shall include in the annual
 11 State budget an appropriation of ~~\$500,000~~ \$750,000 for the Fund.

12 (II) IN ADDITION TO THE FUNDS PROVIDED UNDER
 13 SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, THE GOVERNOR SHALL PROVIDE
 14 SUFFICIENT FUNDS TO ENSURE THAT EACH COUNTY RECEIVES AT LEAST \$5,000
 15 UNDER ~~PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION~~ SUBSECTION (D)(2) OF THIS SECTION.

16 ~~(D)~~ (D) (1) ~~Subject to paragraph (2) of this subsection, money from~~
 17 \$100,000 OF the Fund shall be distributed to counties for senior citizen activities centers
 18 based on a competitive grant process administered by the Department.

19 (2) (I) \$400,000 OF THE FUND SHALL BE DISTRIBUTED TO
 20 COUNTIES BASED ON EACH COUNTY'S PROPORTIONAL SHARE OF THE STATEWIDE
 21 POPULATION OF SENIOR CITIZENS.

22 (II) A COUNTY SHALL RECEIVE AT LEAST \$5,000 UNDER THIS
 23 PARAGRAPH.

24 (3) At least ~~50%~~ \$250,000 of the Fund shall be distributed for senior
 25 citizen activities centers ~~on the basis of need, as determined by the Department, to counties;~~
 26 TO DISTRESSED COUNTIES AS FOLLOWS:

27 (I) \$150,000 SHALL BE DIVIDED EVENLY; AND

28 (II) \$100,000 SHALL BE DIVIDED PROPORTIONATELY BY EACH
 29 COUNTY'S SHARE OF THE TOTAL POPULATION OF SENIOR CITIZENS IN DISTRESSED
 30 COUNTIES.

31 [(i) that have developed and submitted a local strategic plan for
 32 economic development that has been approved by the Secretary of Commerce; and

1 (ii) for which:

2 1. the average rate of unemployment for the most recent
3 18-month period for which data is available is greater than 150% of the average rate of
4 unemployment for the entire State during that same period; or

5 2. the average per capita personal income for the most recent
6 24-month period for which data is available is equal to or less than 67% of the average
7 personal per capita income for the entire State during that same period.]

8 ~~(I) WITH AN AVERAGE RATE OF UNEMPLOYMENT FOR THE
9 MOST RECENT 24 MONTH PERIOD FOR WHICH DATA ARE AVAILABLE THAT EXCEEDS:~~

10 ~~1. 150% OF THE AVERAGE RATE OF UNEMPLOYMENT
11 FOR THE STATE DURING THAT PERIOD; OR~~

12 ~~2. THE AVERAGE RATE OF UNEMPLOYMENT FOR THE
13 STATE DURING THAT PERIOD BY AT LEAST 2 PERCENTAGE POINTS;~~

14 ~~(II) WITH AN AVERAGE PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME FOR THE
15 MOST RECENT 24 MONTH PERIOD FOR WHICH DATA ARE AVAILABLE THAT IS EQUAL
16 TO OR LESS THAN 67% OF THE AVERAGE PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME FOR THE
17 STATE DURING THAT PERIOD; OR~~

18 ~~(III) THAT NO LONGER MEET EITHER CRITERION STATED IN ITEM
19 (I) OR (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH BUT HAVE MET AT LEAST ONE OF THE CRITERIA AT
20 SOME TIME DURING THE PRECEDING 24 MONTH PERIOD.~~

21 ~~(d)~~ (E) The Fund shall be invested and reinvested in the same manner as other
22 State funds.

23 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
24 October 1, 2016.