

SENATE BILL 98

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

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Assigned to: Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

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

3 FOR the purpose of altering the qualification criteria for certain need-based distributions
4 from the Senior Citizen Activities Center Operating Fund to certain counties; and
5 generally relating to the administration of the Senior Citizen Activities Center
6 Operating Fund.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

8 Article – Human Services

9 Section 10–513 and 10–514

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2007 Volume and 2015 Supplement)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

13 Article – Human Services

14 Section 10–516

15 Annotated Code of Maryland

16 (2007 Volume and 2015 Supplement)

17 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

18 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

19 **Article – Human Services**

20 10–513.

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

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

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (c) "Senior citizen activities center" means a community or neighborhood facility
2 in which a broad spectrum of services are organized and provided to seniors and their
3 spouses, including health, social, nutritional, educational, and recreational services.

4 10-514.

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

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

8 10-516.

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

11 (b) (1) The Fund consists of appropriations that are made to the Fund from
12 the State budget.

13 (2) For each fiscal year, the Governor shall include in the annual State
14 budget an appropriation of \$500,000 for the Fund.

15 (c) (1) Subject to paragraph (2) of this subsection, money from the Fund shall
16 be distributed to counties for senior citizen activities centers based on a competitive grant
17 process administered by the Department.

18 (2) At least 50% of the Fund shall be distributed for senior citizen activities
19 centers on the basis of need, as determined by the Department, to counties:

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

22 (ii) for which:

23 1. the average rate of unemployment for the most recent
24 18-month period for which data is available is greater than 150% of the average rate of
25 unemployment for the entire State during that same period; or

26 2. the average per capita personal income for the most recent
27 24-month period for which data is available is equal to or less than 67% of the average
28 personal per capita income for the entire State during that same period.]

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

1 **1. 150% OF THE AVERAGE RATE OF UNEMPLOYMENT**
2 **FOR THE STATE DURING THAT PERIOD; OR**

3 **2. THE AVERAGE RATE OF UNEMPLOYMENT FOR THE**
4 **STATE DURING THAT PERIOD BY AT LEAST 2 PERCENTAGE POINTS;**

5 **(II) WITH AN AVERAGE PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME FOR THE**
6 **MOST RECENT 24-MONTH PERIOD FOR WHICH DATA ARE AVAILABLE THAT IS EQUAL**
7 **TO OR LESS THAN 67% OF THE AVERAGE PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME FOR THE**
8 **STATE DURING THAT PERIOD; OR**

9 **(III) THAT NO LONGER MEET EITHER CRITERION STATED IN ITEM**
10 **(I) OR (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH BUT HAVE MET AT LEAST ONE OF THE CRITERIA AT**
11 **SOME TIME DURING THE PRECEDING 24-MONTH PERIOD.**

12 (d) The Fund shall be invested and reinvested in the same manner as other State
13 funds.

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