
By: **Chairman, Environmental Matters Committee (Departmental - Aging,
Office on)**

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Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Office on Aging - Interagency Committee on Aging Services - Powers and**
3 **Duties**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Chairman of the Interagency Committee on Aging
5 Services to designate a certain number of meetings as executive meetings;
6 authorizing Committee members to designate representatives to attend certain
7 Committee meetings; and generally relating to the powers and duties of the
8 Interagency Committee on Aging Services.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
10 Article 70B - Office on Aging
11 Section 4A and 4B
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (1995 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
15 Article 70B - Office on Aging
16 Section 4C
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (1995 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

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

21 **Article 70B - Office on Aging**

22 4A.

23 There is an Interagency Committee on Aging Services in the Executive
24 Department.

1 4B.

2 (a) The Interagency Committee on Aging Services consists of the following
3 members:

4 (1) The Director of the Office on Aging;

5 (2) The Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene;

6 (3) The Secretary of Human Resources;

7 (4) The Secretary of Transportation;

8 (5) The Secretary of Housing and Community Development;

9 (6) The Secretary of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation;

10 (7) The Director of the Governor's Office for Individuals with
11 Disabilities;

12 (8) A representative from a local area agency on aging to be appointed by
13 the Governor from a list submitted by the Maryland Association of Area Agencies on
14 Aging; and

15 (9) A member of the general public to be appointed by the Governor.

16 (b) The representative from the local area agency and the general public
17 member shall serve a 2-year term and may be reappointed for 2 additional terms.

18 (c) The Governor shall appoint the Chairman of the Interagency Committee
19 on Aging Services from among the agency heads who serve on the Committee.

20 (d) An Executive Director shall serve as principal staff of the Interagency
21 Committee. The Executive Director shall be an employee of the Office on Aging. Each
22 member agency shall designate an employee as liaison with the Executive Director to
23 implement policies of the Committee and to monitor the expenditures of funds to
24 serve the elderly.

25 4C.

26 (a) In addition to any other powers granted and duties imposed by this
27 subtitle, the Interagency Committee on Aging Services has the powers and duties set
28 forth in this section.

29 (b) The Committee shall:

30 (1) [Meet at least quarterly during each year;

31 (2)] Develop and annually update a plan for providing coordinated health
32 services, social services, transportation, housing, and employment services to elderly
33 persons in this State consistent with the priorities established by the Office on Aging;

1 [(3)] (2) Establish appropriate interagency agreements and promulgate
2 necessary rules and regulations to:

3 (i) Implement and coordinate aging services consistent with the
4 Interagency Committee plan;

5 (ii) Maximize the sharing of agency resources for services to the
6 elderly;

7 (iii) Consolidate planning and evaluation efforts at the State and
8 local level; and

9 (iv) Coordinate and expedite the delivery of services to the elderly
10 by providing technical assistance to local agencies;

11 [(4)] (3) Assist county agencies to establish local interagency committees
12 composed of the directors of the local health department, department of social
13 services, area agency on aging, and officials from housing, transportation, mental
14 health, employment, and economic development agencies. These committees shall
15 coordinate and expedite the delivery of services to the elderly at the local level; and

16 [(5)] (4) Annually on or before a date set by the Governor, develop and
17 present to the Governor and the General Assembly a consolidated operating budget
18 for aging services that:

19 (i) Sets forth the relevant portions of the operating budget of any
20 agency responsible for aging services; and

21 (ii) Is consistent with the Interagency Committee plan for
22 providing coordinated health services, social services, transportation, housing, and
23 employment services to elderly persons in this State.

24 (c) (1) THE COMMITTEE SHALL MEET AT LEAST QUARTERLY DURING EACH
25 YEAR.

26 (2) THE CHAIRMAN SHALL DESIGNATE AT LEAST ONE MEETING EACH
27 YEAR AS AN EXECUTIVE MEETING.

28 (3) A COMMITTEE MEMBER MAY SEND A DESIGNEE TO REPRESENT THE
29 MEMBER AT ANY MEETING THAT IS NOT AN EXECUTIVE MEETING.

30 (D) In the event the members of the Interagency Committee should fail to
31 agree on a plan for services to elderly persons, the chairman of the Committee shall
32 refer the matter to the Governor for resolution.

33 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take
34 effect October 1, 1998.