
By: **Delegates Pitkin, Rawlings, Kopp, McIntosh, and Conway**
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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Employees - Telecommuting - Computer Loan Program**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Secretary of the Department of Budget and
4 Management to establish a computer loan program; requiring the program to
5 provide below-market fixed rate loans for the purchase or upgrade of computers
6 to certain State employees; requiring the Secretary to adopt certain regulations;
7 and generally relating to the establishment of a computer loan program to
8 enable State employees to participate in certain telecommuting programs.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article - State Personnel and Pensions
11 Section 10-401
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (1997 Replacement Volume)

14 BY adding to
15 Article - State Personnel and Pensions
16 Section 10-405
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (1997 Replacement Volume)

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

21 **Article - State Personnel and Pensions**

22 10-401.

23 (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section and [§ 10-404] §§
24 10-404 AND 10-405 of this subtitle, this subtitle applies to all employees of all units in
25 the Executive Branch of State government.

26 (b) Except as provided in [§ 10-404] §§ 10-404 AND 10-405 of this subtitle, this
27 subtitle does not apply to a unit with an independent personnel system.

1 10-405.

2 (A) THIS SECTION APPLIES TO ALL EMPLOYEES, EXCEPT TEMPORARY
3 EMPLOYEES, OF ALL UNITS IN THE EXECUTIVE, JUDICIAL, AND LEGISLATIVE
4 BRANCHES OF STATE GOVERNMENT, INCLUDING ANY UNIT WITH AN INDEPENDENT
5 PERSONNEL SYSTEM.

6 (B) (1) THE SECRETARY SHALL ESTABLISH A COMPUTER LOAN PROGRAM
7 WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT.

8 (2) THE PROGRAM SHALL PROVIDE BELOW-MARKET FIXED RATE LOANS
9 FOR THE PURCHASE OR UPGRADE OF A COMPUTER TO EMPLOYEES:

10 (I) WHO ARE ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN A TELECOMMUTING
11 PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OR BY ANY OTHER UNIT OF STATE
12 GOVERNMENT; AND

13 (II) WHO NEED TO PURCHASE OR UPGRADE A COMPUTER IN ORDER
14 TO PARTICIPATE IN THE TELECOMMUTING PROGRAM.

15 (C) THE SECRETARY BY REGULATION SHALL ESTABLISH:

16 (1) PROCEDURES FOR APPLYING FOR A LOAN;

17 (2) CRITERIA FOR DETERMINING ELIGIBILITY FOR A LOAN; AND

18 (3) TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR A LOAN, INCLUDING ANY LIMITATIONS
19 ON THE AMOUNT OF A LOAN, REPAYMENT TERMS FOR A LOAN, AND ANY REQUIRED
20 SECURITY FOR A LOAN.

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