

SENATE BILL 351

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ENROLLED BILL

-- Budget and Taxation/Appropriations --

Introduced by ~~Senator Hoffman~~ **Senators Hoffman, Ruben, Boozer, Currie,
Fry, Hogan, Kasemeyer, Lawlah, McFadden, Middleton, Munson, Neall,
Van Hollen, Hollinger, and Green**

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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 **Office on Aging - Senior Citizen Activities Centers - Grants**

3 FOR the purpose of increasing the limit on certain State grants awarded to the Office
4 on Aging for certain projects involving senior citizen activities centers; declaring
5 the intent of the General Assembly; and generally relating to senior citizen
6 activities centers and the Office on Aging.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article 70B - Office on Aging
9 Section 29(a)
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (1995 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

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

Article 70B - Office on Aging

29.

(a) Grants awarded under §§ 26 through 32 of this subtitle are subject to the following terms and conditions:

(1) Any federal grant that is received for an eligible project shall be applied first to the cost of the project;

(2) For the development of a comprehensive master plan, a State grant may not exceed the lesser of \$15,000 or 50 percent of the cost of development of the plan;

(3) Except as provided in paragraph (4) of this subsection, a State grant for a project may not exceed the lesser of [~~\$300,000~~ ~~\$700,000~~ \$600,000] or 50 percent of the cost of eligible work remaining unpaid after any federal grant has been applied; and

(4) At the discretion of the Board of Public Works a grant for a project may exceed 50 percent of the cost of eligible work remaining unpaid after any federal grant has been applied, if:

(i) The project involves the conversion, acquisition, renovation, construction, or improvement of a building for use as a senior citizen activities center;

(ii) The value of real property and existing improvements made available by the local government equals or exceeds the amount of the State grant; and

(iii) The residual value of the real property and existing improvements made available by the local government is in excess of:

1. Any prior amounts used for matching funds under this Program;
2. Outstanding State debt relating to the property from any program other than this;
3. Any prior grant under this Program; and
4. Any other tangible State investment in the property.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That it is the intent of the General Assembly that the Director of the Office on Aging and the Governor shall work cooperatively to ensure that the Governor's allowance for fiscal year 2000 and beyond include an appropriate level of funding so that the number of senior citizen activities centers projects funded each year is not affected as a result of increasing the maximum grant amount as authorized by this Act.

1 SECTION ~~2.~~ 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take
2 effect June 1, 1998.