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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education - Maryland After-School Opportunity Act**

3 FOR the purpose of providing for the Maryland After-School Opportunity Act;
4 creating the Maryland After-School Opportunity Fund Program; requiring the
5 Governor to include certain amounts in the annual State budget for the Fund
6 Program for a certain fiscal year; requiring the Department of ~~Education~~
7 Human Resources to administer the Fund, ~~adopt~~; establishing a certain
8 Advisory Board and a certain Executive Committee in the Program; requiring
9 the Executive Committee to adopt certain regulations and standards governing
10 the Maryland After-School Opportunity Fund Program, ~~and select a certain~~
11 ~~intermediary~~ to make grants from the Fund to certain applicants, prepare
12 certain comprehensive plans, and submit certain reports under certain
13 circumstances; requiring the ~~intermediary~~ Executive Committee to use certain
14 criteria in selecting grant recipients ~~and to provide certain assistance to~~
15 ~~after-school programs~~ under the Program; and generally relating to the
16 establishment of the Maryland After-School Opportunity Act and the creation of
17 the Maryland After-School Opportunity Fund Program to assist parents in
18 providing after-school care for children in the State.

1 BY adding to
2 Article ~~Education~~ 41 - Governor - Executive and Administrative Departments
3 Section ~~7-1101~~ 6-801 through ~~7-1109~~ 6-807, inclusive, to be under the new
4 subtitle "Subtitle ~~41~~ 8. Maryland After-School Opportunity Fund
5 Program"
6 Annotated Code of Maryland
7 (1997 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

8 Preamble

9 WHEREAS, Maryland has the opportunity to rise to the forefront of the nation
10 by fully investing in a well designed system of after-school opportunities for its youth;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, All children in the State should have the opportunity to engage in
13 productive, supervised activity when not in school; and

14 WHEREAS, Eighty percent of school children across the nation need
15 nonparental supervision because their parents work and at least one-third of these
16 students are left unsupervised; and

17 WHEREAS, Almost half of juvenile crime takes place between 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.
18 each day and the after-school hours also are the most frequent time when students
19 are victims of crime and accidents; and

20 WHEREAS, Many parents need advice and financial assistance if they are to
21 locate and afford quality after-school programs; and

22 WHEREAS, A State fund of \$10 million in fiscal year 2001 can largely begin to
23 address the problem of children who are unsupervised after school in Maryland; and

24 WHEREAS, Some local governments need time to make effective plans to invest
25 State funding for after-school programs and may benefit from training grants; and

26 WHEREAS, The long-term financial viability of after-school programs depends
27 on continued State investment, combined with local, private, and parental support;
28 now, therefore,

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

1 Article - Education 41 - Governor - Executive and Administrative
2 Departments

3 SUBTITLE ~~44~~ 8. MARYLAND AFTER-SCHOOL OPPORTUNITY FUND PROGRAM.

4 ~~7-1101. 6-801.~~

5 (A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS
6 INDICATED.

7 (B) "ADVISORY BOARD" MEANS THE ADVISORY BOARD ON AFTER-SCHOOL
8 OPPORTUNITY PROGRAMS.

9 ~~(B)~~ ~~(1)~~ "AFTER-SCHOOL" MEANS ANY TIME THAT A CHILD SPENDS OUT OF
10 SCHOOL.

11 ~~(2)~~ (C) "AFTER-SCHOOL OPPORTUNITY PROGRAMS" INCLUDES MEANS
12 ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS FOR SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN THAT TAKE PLACE:

13 ~~(1)~~ (1) BEFORE SCHOOL STARTS EACH DAY AND AFTER SCHOOL
14 ENDS EACH DAY;

15 ~~(2)~~ (2) ON WEEKENDS;

16 ~~(3)~~ (3) ON HOLIDAYS;

17 ~~(4)~~ (4) DURING VACATIONS; AND

18 ~~(5)~~ (5) DURING SUMMER BREAK.

19 (D) "DEPARTMENT" MEANS THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES.

20 (E) "EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE" MEANS THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE
21 ADVISORY BOARD.

22 ~~(F)~~ (F) (1) "FUND" MEANS THE MARYLAND AFTER-SCHOOL OPPORTUNITY
23 FUND.

24 (2) "FUND" DOES NOT INCLUDE MONEY PROVIDED UNDER THE
25 PURCHASE OF CHILD CARE PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE CHILD CARE
26 ADMINISTRATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES.

27 ~~(D)~~ "INFRASTRUCTURE ISSUES" INCLUDES EXPANDING THE USE OF EXISTING
28 PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS.

29 ~~(E)~~ "INTERMEDIARY" MEANS A GOVERNMENTAL OR NONGOVERNMENTAL
30 ENTITY SELECTED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

31 ~~(F)~~ (G) "PROGRAM" MEANS THE MARYLAND AFTER-SCHOOL OPPORTUNITY
32 FUND PROGRAM.

1 ~~(G)~~ (H) "TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE" INCLUDES ASSISTANCE IN THE
 2 IDENTIFICATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF EFFECTIVE PRACTICES FOR
 3 AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS.

4 ~~7-1102. 6-802.~~

5 (A) THERE IS A MARYLAND AFTER-SCHOOL OPPORTUNITY FUND PROGRAM.

6 (B) THERE IS A MARYLAND AFTER-SCHOOL OPPORTUNITY FUND IN THE
 7 PROGRAM.

8 (C) THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE ADVISORY
 9 BOARD, SHALL ADMINISTER THE PROGRAM.

10 (D) THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SHALL CONSULT WITH THE MARYLAND
 11 PARTNERSHIP FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES IN DEVELOPING THE
 12 PROGRAM'S STANDARDS AND IN OPERATING THE PROGRAM.

13 ~~7-1103. 6-803.~~

14 ~~(A)~~ ~~THE PROGRAM SHALL BE ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT IN~~
 15 ~~CONSULTATION WITH AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE.~~

16 (A) THERE IS AN ADVISORY BOARD ON AFTER-SCHOOL OPPORTUNITY
 17 PROGRAMS IN THE PROGRAM.

18 (B) THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE BOARD SHALL CONSIST OF 15 INDIVIDUALS
 19 DETERMINED AS FOLLOWS THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS:

20 (1) THE GOVERNOR OR THE GOVERNOR'S DESIGNEE;

21 ~~(1)~~ (2) THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE OF MARYLAND OR THE
 22 PRESIDENT'S DESIGNEE;

23 ~~(2)~~ (3) THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES OF MARYLAND
 24 OR THE SPEAKER'S DESIGNEE;

25 ~~(3)~~ (4) THE SECRETARIES OF EDUCATION, JUVENILE JUSTICE, AND
 26 HUMAN RESOURCES OR THEIR DESIGNEES;

27 ~~(4)~~ (5) ~~ONE REPRESENTATIVE~~ THE SPECIAL SECRETARY OF THE
 28 OFFICE OF FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES DESIGNATED BY THE GOVERNOR
 29 OR THE SPECIAL SECRETARY'S DESIGNEE;

30 ~~(5)~~ (6) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE OFFICE OF CRIME CONTROL
 31 AND PREVENTION DESIGNATED BY THE GOVERNOR; AND

32 ~~(6)~~ (7) ~~EIGHT~~ TWELVE INDIVIDUALS SERVING 2-YEAR TERMS, TO BE
 33 APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR, AS FOLLOWS:

1 (I) TWO MEMBERS WHO REPRESENT THE CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY
2 COMMUNITY AND ARE NOT EMPLOYED BY AN ORGANIZATION THAT IS OR MAY BE A
3 RECIPIENT OF MONEY FROM THE FUND;

4 (II) TWO MEMBERS ~~WHO REPRESENT THE INTERESTS~~ OF THE
5 AFTER-SCHOOL PROVIDER COMMUNITY WHO REPRESENT PROVIDERS NOT
6 INCLUDED IN ITEMS (VI) AND (VII) OF THIS SUBSECTION;

7 (III) TWO MEMBERS WHO ARE PARENTS OF STUDENTS ENROLLED
8 IN THE STATE IN KINDERGARTEN THROUGH GRADE 12; ~~AND~~

9 (IV) TWO MEMBERS WHO ARE STUDENTS ENROLLED IN THE STATE
10 IN GRADES 6 THROUGH 12;

11 (V) ONE TEACHER WHO IS WORKING IN A SCHOOL IN THE STATE;

12 (VI) ONE MEMBER WHO IS A REGISTERED FAMILY CHILD CARE
13 PROVIDER WHO SERVES SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN;

14 (VII) ONE MEMBER WHO IS A STAFF MEMBER OF A LICENSED CHILD
15 CARE CENTER THAT SERVES SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN; AND

16 (VIII) ONE MEMBER WHO REPRESENTS THE CONCERNS OF
17 DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED CHILDREN.

18 ~~(C) THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE SHALL SELECT A CHAIR TO SERVE FOR A~~
19 ~~TERM OF 2 YEARS.~~

20 (C) (1) THERE IS AN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ADVISORY BOARD.

21 (2) THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING
22 INDIVIDUALS:

23 (I) THE GOVERNOR OR THE GOVERNOR'S DESIGNEE;

24 (II) THE SECRETARY OF HUMAN RESOURCES OR THE SECRETARY'S
25 DESIGNEE;

26 (III) THE SECRETARY OF EDUCATION OR THE SECRETARY'S
27 DESIGNEE;

28 (IV) THE SECRETARY OF JUVENILE JUSTICE OR THE SECRETARY'S
29 DESIGNEE; AND

30 (V) THE SPECIAL SECRETARY OF THE OFFICE FOR CHILDREN,
31 YOUTH, AND FAMILIES OR THE SPECIAL SECRETARY'S DESIGNEE.

32 (D) (1) THE GOVERNOR SHALL SERVE AS THE CHAIR OF THE ADVISORY
33 BOARD AND OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

1 (2) THE GOVERNOR MAY DESIGNATE THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OR
2 ONE OF THE SECRETARIES SERVING ON THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND THE
3 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO ACT AS CHAIR IN THE GOVERNOR'S ABSENCE.

4 7-1104.

5 ~~THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT AND ENFORCE MANDATORY LICENSING~~
6 ~~REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE PROGRAM THAT:~~

7 (1) ~~ARE DEVELOPMENTALLY APPROPRIATE;~~

8 (2) ~~ENSURE THE BASIC HEALTH AND SAFETY OF CHILDREN~~
9 ~~PARTICIPATING IN AN AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM; AND~~

10 (3) ~~ARE BASED ON THE CHILD CARE LICENSING STANDARDS~~
11 ~~ESTABLISHED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES BY REGULATION~~
12 ~~UNDER TITLE 7, SUBTITLE 4 OF COMAR.~~

13 7-1105: 6-804.

14 (A) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADMINISTER THE FUND AS DIRECTED BY THE
15 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

16 (B) (1) ~~THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ISSUE A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR AN~~
17 ~~INTERMEDIARY.~~

18 (2) ~~IN SELECTING THE INTERMEDIARY, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL~~
19 ~~CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:~~

20 (I) ~~THE PRIOR EXPERIENCE OF THE APPLICANT IN THE~~
21 ~~PROMOTION OF EFFECTIVE AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS;~~

22 (II) ~~THE PRIOR EXPERIENCE OF THE APPLICANT IN RAISING FUNDS~~
23 ~~FROM NONGOVERNMENTAL SOURCES; AND~~

24 (III) ~~THE AMOUNT OF MONEY THE APPLICANT SEEKS TO PERFORM~~
25 ~~ITS FUNCTIONS.~~

26 (3) ~~IN PREPARING THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL AND SELECTING THE~~
27 ~~INTERMEDIARY, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ACT IN CONSULTATION WITH THE~~
28 ~~ADVISORY COMMITTEE.~~

29 (4) ~~THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PREPARE AND PUBLISH AN ANNUAL~~
30 ~~EVALUATION OF THE PROGRAM, THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE INTERMEDIARY, THE~~
31 ~~QUALITY OF PROPOSALS FUNDED BY THE INTERMEDIARY, AND THE EVIDENCE OF~~
32 ~~IMPACT OF AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS FUNDED THROUGH GRANTS AWARDED BY~~
33 ~~THE INTERMEDIARY.~~

34 (B) PRIOR TO FINAL ACTION BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, THE ADVISORY
35 BOARD SHALL REVIEW AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ON:

1 (1) PROGRAM STANDARDS;

2 (2) REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS; AND

3 (3) CRITERIA FOR AWARDING GRANTS.

4 (C) (1) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 15 OF EACH YEAR, THE EXECUTIVE
5 COMMITTEE, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE ADVISORY BOARD, SHALL REVIEW AND
6 UPDATE THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF AFTER-SCHOOL OPPORTUNITY PROGRAMS
7 AS DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION.

8 (2) THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN SHALL ADDRESS AT LEAST THE
9 FOLLOWING ISSUES:

10 (I) INTEGRATION OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE FUNDING SOURCES;

11 (II) MAXIMIZATION OF FEDERAL FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES;

12 (III) CONSIDERATION OF THE SPECIAL NEEDS OF
13 DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED CHILDREN, INCLUDING NEEDED SERVICES,
14 SUPPORTS, AND APPROPRIATE PROVIDER TRAINING;

15 (IV) PROMOTION OF THE USE OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS AND LOCAL
16 PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION RESOURCES FOR AFTER-SCHOOL OPPORTUNITY
17 PROGRAMS;

18 (V) WHERE APPLICABLE, USE OF THE LOCAL CHILD CARE
19 RESOURCE AND REFERRAL CENTERS OF THE MARYLAND CHILD CARE RESOURCE
20 NETWORK FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PURPOSES;

21 (VI) PROMOTION OF CONTINUED EXPANSION OF HIGH QUALITY
22 AFTER-SCHOOL OPPORTUNITY PROGRAMS IN THE STATE; AND

23 (VII) CONSIDERATION OF IMPLEMENTING THE FULL RANGE OF
24 OPTIONS FOR IMPROVING THE DELIVERY OF AFTER-SCHOOL OPPORTUNITY
25 PROGRAMS, INCLUDING THE POTENTIAL EXPANSION OF THE PURCHASE OF CARE
26 VOUCHER SYSTEM.

27 ~~(C)~~ (D) (1) EACH FISCAL YEAR, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE DEPARTMENT
28 CONSULTATION WITH THE ADVISORY BOARD AND SUBJECT TO THE AVAILABILITY OF
29 MONEY IN THE FUND, THE ~~INTERMEDIARY~~ EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SHALL ISSUE A
30 REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS UNDER THE STATE PROCUREMENT LAW SOLICITING BIDS
31 FOR A GRANT FROM THE FUND.

32 ~~(2)~~ IN ANY FISCAL YEAR, THE INTERMEDIARY:

33 (I) MAY NOT AWARD A GRANT TO MORE THAN ONE PROPOSAL IN
34 EACH COUNTY;

35 (II) MAY NOT AWARD A GRANT FOR A COUNTY THAT EXCEEDS 25%
36 OF THE MONEY DISTRIBUTED IN THAT FISCAL YEAR;

1 (III) ~~SHALL ENSURE THAT AT LEAST 85% OF EACH GRANT WILL BE~~
2 ~~USED SOLELY FOR AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS IN THE COUNTY AND NO MORE THAN~~
3 ~~15% OF THE GRANT WILL BE USED FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE OR~~
4 ~~INFRASTRUCTURE; AND~~

5 (2) THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MAY AWARD A GRANT FROM THE FUND
6 TO AN APPLICANT ONLY AFTER CONSULTATION WITH THE ADVISORY BOARD AND
7 UPON A FAVORABLE VOTE OF AT LEAST FOUR MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE
8 COMMITTEE.

9 (3) IN ANY FISCAL YEAR, THE TOTAL GRANTS AWARDED TO APPLICANTS
10 OPERATING WITHIN A PARTICULAR COUNTY OR BALTIMORE CITY MAY NOT EXCEED
11 25% OF THE TOTAL GRANTS AWARDED IN THAT FISCAL YEAR.

12 ~~(IV)~~ (4) THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MUST IDENTIFY AND
13 ENSURE THAT A RESPONSIBLE ORGANIZATION WILL ADMINISTER THE ANY GRANT
14 AWARDED FROM THE FUND.

15 ~~(D)~~ (E) IN SELECTING AN ORGANIZATION TO ADMINISTER A GRANT FROM
16 THE FUND, THE INTERMEDIARY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SHALL SELECT THE
17 RESPONSIVE AND RESPONSIBLE BIDDER WHOSE APPLICATION BEST INCORPORATES
18 FEATURES THAT: WILL HAVE A MEASURABLE IMPACT ON ONE OR MORE OF THE
19 CONDITIONS OF WELL-BEING FOR MARYLAND CHILDREN AND YOUTH IDENTIFIED
20 BY THE MARYLAND PARTNERSHIP FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES.

21 (1) ~~INVOLVE A BROAD-BASED ASSORTMENT OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE~~
22 ~~ORGANIZATIONS;~~

23 (2) ~~USE SCHOOL BUILDINGS FOR AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS WHERE~~
24 ~~POSSIBLE;~~

25 (3) ~~USE LOCAL PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION RESOURCES TO SUPPORT~~
26 ~~AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS WHERE POSSIBLE;~~

27 (4) ~~COORDINATE THE GRANT FROM THE FUND WITH MONEY FROM THE~~
28 ~~COUNTY AND PRIVATE SOURCES FOR AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS;~~

29 (5) ~~INCREASE THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS WHO PARTICIPATE IN~~
30 ~~AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS WHERE POSSIBLE;~~

31 (6) ~~ADHERE TO THE LICENSING REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY THE~~
32 ~~DEPARTMENT UNDER § 7-1104 OF THIS SUBTITLE;~~

33 (7) ~~ADHERE TO THE STANDARDS OF QUALITY ESTABLISHED BY THE~~
34 ~~INTERMEDIARY UNDER § 7-1107 OF THIS SUBTITLE;~~

35 (8) ~~ALLOW FOR AN ANNUAL EVALUATION BY THE DEPARTMENT OF THE~~
36 ~~ORGANIZATION'S AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM;~~

1 (9) ~~INCORPORATE A SLIDING SCALE OF FEES THAT AFFORDS~~
2 ~~SUBSTANTIAL FINANCIAL RELIEF TO PARENTS BASED ON INCOME; AND~~

3 (10) ~~DEMONSTRATE ABILITY TO PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO~~
4 ~~AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS.~~

5 (E) ~~THE INTERMEDIARY MAY CONSIDER A REQUEST TO EXTEND FUNDING~~
6 ~~FOR A PROGRAM BEYOND ITS INITIAL YEAR, SUBJECT TO:~~

7 (1) ~~THE AVAILABILITY OF MONEY IN THE FUND; AND~~

8 (2) ~~THE DEMONSTRATED SUCCESS OF THE GRANT RECIPIENT IN~~
9 ~~PROVIDING A HIGH QUALITY AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM TO AS MANY CHILDREN AS~~
10 ~~PRACTICABLE.~~

11 (F) ~~THE INTERMEDIARY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MAY AWARD A PLANNING~~
12 ~~GRANT FROM THE FUND TO ASSIST AN ORGANIZATION IN A COUNTY TO PREPARE AN~~
13 ~~APPLICATION FOR A GRANT FOR THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR.~~

14 (G) ~~THE INTERMEDIARY SHALL USE UP TO 15% OF THE FUND TO PROVIDE~~
15 ~~TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS, EITHER DIRECTLY OR BY~~
16 ~~FUNDING ORGANIZATIONS SELECTED THROUGH A COMPETITIVE PROCESS.~~

17 ~~7-1106.~~

18 ~~THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE MONEY IN THE STATE BUDGET FOR THE~~
19 ~~MARYLAND AFTER SCHOOL OPPORTUNITY FUND PROGRAM.~~

20 ~~7-1107.~~

21 ~~THE INTERMEDIARY SHALL DEVELOP STANDARDS OF QUALITY THAT ARE~~
22 ~~POLICIES AND PRACTICES THAT:~~

23 (1) ~~INCLUDE THE BASIC HEALTH AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS~~
24 ~~SPECIFIED UNDER THE LICENSING REGULATIONS ESTABLISHED UNDER § 7-1104 OF~~
25 ~~THIS SUBTITLE;~~

26 (2) ~~WHEN IMPLEMENTED PROPERLY, WILL SUCCESSFULLY~~
27 ~~ACCOMPLISH ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING GOALS:~~

28 (I) ~~IMPROVE ABILITY TO READ OR DO MATH AT GRADE LEVEL;~~

29 (II) ~~DEVELOP SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE NOT OTHERWISE~~
30 ~~DEVELOPED DURING THE REGULAR SCHOOL DAY; AND~~

31 (III) ~~REDUCE DELINQUENT BEHAVIOR, INCLUDING USE OF ILLEGAL~~
32 ~~DRUGS, ALCOHOL, OR TOBACCO, CRIMINAL ACTIVITY, AND UNPROTECTED SEXUAL~~
33 ~~ACTIVITY;~~

34 (3) ~~ENSURE COMPETENT, QUALIFIED, AND WELL TRAINED STAFF;~~

- 1 (4) ~~INCLUDE ACTIVITIES THAT ARE DEVELOPMENTALLY APPROPRIATE~~
2 ~~FOR CHILDREN OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, MIDDLE SCHOOL, AND HIGH SCHOOL AGE;~~
- 3 (5) ~~INCLUDE PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT;~~
- 4 (6) ~~INCLUDE EVALUATION AND RECORD KEEPING REQUIREMENTS; AND~~
- 5 (7) ~~ARE UNIFORM THROUGHOUT THE STATE, EXCEPT THAT A COUNTY~~
6 ~~MAY DEVELOP AND USE LOCAL STANDARDS OF QUALITY THAT MEET OR EXCEED~~
7 ~~THE STANDARDS OF QUALITY ESTABLISHED BY THE DEPARTMENT.~~

8 ~~7-1108. 6-805.~~

9 SUBJECT TO § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE ~~DEPARTMENT~~
10 ~~EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE~~ SHALL REPORT BY DECEMBER 31 OF EACH YEAR TO THE
11 GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAM, INCLUDING AN
12 EVALUATION OF THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE AFTER-SCHOOL OPPORTUNITY
13 PROGRAMS FUNDED BY GRANTS UNDER THE PROGRAM.

14 ~~7-1109. 6-806.~~

15 THE ~~DEPARTMENT~~ EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO
16 CARRY OUT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE.

17 ~~6-807.~~

18 THIS SUBTITLE MAY BE CITED AS THE MARYLAND AFTER-SCHOOL
19 OPPORTUNITY ACT.

20 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Governor shall
21 include ~~\$10 million~~ in the fiscal year 2001 State budget, funds for the Maryland
22 After-School Opportunity Fund Program established under this Act equal to the
23 amount provided for child care and after-school programs in the fiscal year 2000
24 budget plus \$10 million.

25 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Executive Committee
26 of the Advisory Board on After-School Opportunity Programs shall develop, in
27 consultation with the Advisory Board, the first comprehensive plan of after-school
28 opportunity programs, as specified in this Act, on or before December 15, 1999.

29 SECTION ~~3.~~ 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take
30 effect ~~October~~ July 1, 1999.

