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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Crime Prevention - Maryland Drug and Alcohol Grants Program Fund**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Maryland Drug and Alcohol Grants Program
4 Fund; specifying that the Fund shall provide money for grants for certain
5 neighborhood crime prevention, drug abuse, and alcohol abuse programs;
6 establishing the Fund as a special nonlapsing fund; establishing a funding
7 mechanism for the Fund; establishing procedures for holding moneys in the
8 Fund and accounting for the Fund; requiring that administrative expenditures
9 and disbursements be made only under certain conditions; allowing grant
10 recipients to expend grant money beyond a certain period under certain
11 circumstances; requiring the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention
12 to administer the Fund; defining a certain term; and generally relating to the
13 Maryland Drug and Alcohol Grants Program Fund.

14 BY adding to
15 Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments
16 Section 297D
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (1996 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

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

21 **Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments**

22 297D.

23 (A) IN THIS SECTION, "FUND" MEANS THE MARYLAND DRUG AND ALCOHOL
24 GRANTS PROGRAM FUND.

25 (B) (1) THERE IS A MARYLAND DRUG AND ALCOHOL GRANTS PROGRAM
26 FUND.

27 (2) THE FUND IS A SPECIAL NONLAPSING FUND THAT IS NOT SUBJECT
28 TO § 7-302 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE.

1 (3) THE FUND CONSISTS OF MONEY GIVEN TO THE FUND BY PUBLIC OR
2 PRIVATE SOURCES.

3 (4) (I) THE STATE TREASURER SHALL HOLD THE FUND SEPARATELY.

4 (II) THE STATE COMPTROLLER SHALL ACCOUNT FOR THE FUND.

5 (5) THE FUND SHALL BE INVESTED AND REINVESTED IN THE SAME
6 MANNER AS OTHER STATE FUNDS.

7 (6) ANY INVESTMENT EARNINGS SHALL BE RETAINED TO THE CREDIT
8 OF THE FUND.

9 (7) THE COMPTROLLER SHALL PAY OUT MONEY FROM THE FUND AS
10 DIRECTED BY THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF CRIME CONTROL AND PREVENTION OR AS
11 APPROVED IN THE STATE BUDGET.

12 (8) THE FUND IS SUBJECT TO AN AUDIT BY THE OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE
13 AUDITS AS PROVIDED FOR IN § 2-1220 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE.

14 (C) THE PURPOSE OF THE FUND IS TO PROVIDE GRANT MONEY FOR
15 NEIGHBORHOOD CRIME PREVENTION PROGRAMS AND DRUG AND ALCOHOL ABUSE
16 EDUCATION, PREVENTION, TREATMENT, ADJUDICATION, AND LAW ENFORCEMENT
17 PROGRAMS AS PROVIDED UNDER § 297C OF THIS SUBHEADING.

18 (D) (1) ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENDITURES UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE
19 MADE ONLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATE BUDGET.

20 (2) THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF CRIME CONTROL AND PREVENTION
21 SHALL ADMINISTER THE FUND.

22 (3) DISBURSEMENTS FROM THE FUND SHALL SUPPLEMENT AND MAY
23 NOT SUBSTITUTE FOR MONEY DESIGNATED IN THE STATE BUDGET FOR
24 NEIGHBORHOOD CRIME PREVENTION PROGRAMS AND DRUG AND ALCOHOL ABUSE
25 EDUCATION, PREVENTION, TREATMENT, ADJUDICATION, AND LAW ENFORCEMENT
26 PROGRAMS.

27 (4) IF THE TERMS OF A GRANT ALLOW, A RECIPIENT MAY EXPEND
28 GRANT MONEY BEYOND THE FISCAL YEAR IN WHICH THE GRANT IS RECEIVED.

29 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
30 July 1, 1999.